



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY WEEKLY NEWS



Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
23 AUGUST 2026

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 22:19-23; Romans 11:33-36; Matthew 16:13-20
NEXT WEEK (22nd Sunday of Year A) Jeremiah 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

SILVER JUBILEE OF ORDINATION

14 SEPTEMBER 2001 – 14 SEPTEMBER 2026

You are invited

PLEASE JOIN US TO CELEBRATE

Fr Michael Alcock's
Silver Jubilee

25 YEARS OF PRIESTLY MINISTRY

We warmly invite you to
9:00am Mass on
at St Joseph's Catholic Church
Tweed Heads

SUNDAY
13 SEPTEMBER 2026

followed by
Morning Tea

AS WE CELEBRATE THIS SPECIAL
MILESTONE IN FR MICHAEL'S MINISTRY.

Let us give thanks to God for
Fr Michael's faithful service
and continue to keep him in our prayers.



"Preach the word of God
wherever you go, even use
words, if necessary."
– Francis of Assisi

Welcoming Fr Michael Home

It won't be long now until we welcome Fr Michael back to the parish on Sunday 30 August, following his well-earned break.

With his return approaching, this weekend will be the final opportunity to advertise our secret plans for contributing towards Fr Michael's E-Bike. Anyone still wishing to contribute is welcome to do so by using the "Special Appeal Envelopes" which can be found at the Welcome Table.

To celebrate this wonderful milestone together as a parish family, we will be

holding a Morning Tea following Mass on Sunday 13 September. Everyone is warmly invited to come along, enjoy some time together and help us celebrate Fr Michael's Silver Jubilee. (We will continue to advertise the morning tea).

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS



The recently deceased: Fr Michael Mullane, Michael Allen, Dulcie Maynard, Margaret Smith, Cyril Connor, **Anniversaries:** Darcy Cashin and those occurring at this time **AND For those who are sick:** Clarrie Williams, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer, Rae Bliss, Jonathon Muro, Derek Chapman, Cathy Morgan, Donovan Searle, Kay Young, Candice Weir

WOMEN'S HOLY HOUR

A Time with Jesus



Friday, 28 August



7.30pm – 8.30pm

All women are warmly invited to spend a peaceful hour with Jesus in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.



COMMUNAL
ROSARY



SILENT
ADORATION



BENEDICTION
concluding the hour
with a blessing.

“Could you not watch one hour with me?”

MATTHEW 26:40



Come as you are — and bring a friend.
Jesus looks forward to seeing you there! ♥



NORTHERN CLUSTER

PARISH COLLABORATION

A Reflection Day, was held on Saturday 8th August for the Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils of St Anthony's Kingscliff, St Joseph's Tweed Head and Sacred Heart Murwillumbah. The day, facilitated by Brother Bill Sullivan, Marist House of Light Lismore, provided an opportunity for council members to reflect on and nurture their Spiritual Life and how that supports them in their role as council members. It invited all present to make time in their lives for meditation, prayer and reflection; to give thanks at the end of each day for the blessings and the gifts received in their everyday lives, "The Golden Threads". It was a great opportunity for Council Members to meet one another.

Diocesan Art Prize



There is still time to submit your entry!

This year's theme is *The Face of Compassion*. Compassion is seen in Christ's encounters with the vulnerable, outcast, and broken, and it continues to be lived out in the Church today.

Categories: 0-7 years, 8-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years, and group. People's choice awards will also be given at each exhibition.



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lismorediocese.org/artprize

**The Pilgrimage
has begun**
Join Us

eucharist28.org



PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER: The Gospel tells of Peter recognising Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus praises Peter's faith and gives him a special role in leading the Church.

Jesus asks us "Who do you say I am?" inviting us to recognise Him and live our faith with courage.

With regard to Father Michael's celebration, it would be appreciated if you could please bring a plate of food to share. You can leave the food in the hall prior to the commencement of Mass. Our very thoughtful Filipino group of ladies will once again be helping with the organising of the cuppa. I don't know what I would do without them.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

...IMPORTANT NOTICE...

The parish office will be closed on Monday 24 August.

The Duty priest will be available for emergency calls, please stay on the line and follow the prompts.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Tai Chi Group

**Thursday 3.30pm
in the Parish Centre**

Donation appreciated



Are you
interested
in becoming
Catholic?

Our **RCIA** (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is coming up.

This program is designed for individuals who wish to become members of the Catholic Church, providing education and spiritual formation.

Contact **Kathy Twohill**
Pastoral Associate
at the parish office
to arrange a time
to meet for
further discussion.

A graphic for the RCIA program featuring a wooden cross, a lit candle with a cross on it, a bowl of water with a cross, and an open book with a blue ribbon that says 'RCIA'.

Murwillumbah
LEGION OF MARY
would like to extend an
Invitation
to Parishioners
to come along on a
BUS TRIP
to
Marian Valley
Saturday 5 September

Leaving Sacred Heart Church
Murwillumbah
approx. 7.45am

Enquiries
EVELYN 0423 394 622

A graphic for a bus trip to Marian Valley featuring a painting of the Virgin Mary in a blue and white robe, standing in a field of white lilies.

INVITATION

The Sawtell Parish warmly invites you to the **PLATINUM (70) & GOLDEN JUBILEE (50) PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY** OF Fr John Dacey & Fr Colin Reinhard **SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2026 11AM MASS** Mary Help of Christian's Sawtell

Light refreshments will be served afterwards in the annexe of the Church.

Please RSVP by 21 August to Sawtell Parish 6658 3544

Email: admin@mhocsawtell.org.au

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

*All parish Mass times are
NSW time.*

**SATURDAY VIGIL
@5.30PM**

**SUNDAY
@7AM @9AM**

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES
Monday to Friday
9.10AM
Saturday 9AM**

ROSARY

Before Mass Monday to Friday
Commencing at 8.40am
Saturday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30 - 5.00PM
and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish
office with any Baptism
enquiries.

SACRAMENTS AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Please contact the parish
office

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive the
weekly news or any upcoming
events and information via email
please contact the parish office
on 0755367522
Or email
tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ROSTERS 29/30 AUGUST 2026

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YR A

5.30PM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinators: Maree Cargnoni
Commentator: Mary Lynch
Readers: Una Murphy, Mandy Barone
Communion: Karen Sanderson, Kylie Cane

7AM MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: A & M Laarhoven
Adult Servers: Sally Engle
Liturgy Coordinator: Rosie Cutmore
Commentator: Paul Bolster
Readers: Iris Nathan, Jennifer Welk
Communion: Gavin Holmes, Helen Carlile

9AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Liturgy Coordinators: Pam & Jim Sullivan
Commentator: George Cranney
Readers: Jan Rolph & Helen Gullison
Communion: Mick O'Donohue, Marion Godfrey



Recruitment and Training

DIocese of LISMORE

Did you know?
The Diocese follows Policies and Guidelines when Recruiting for **paid** or **voluntary** personnel roles.

Personnel also participate in **Safeguarding training**, and this is reviewed every 3 years.

The Diocese Policies can provide guidance.

- ✓ Recruitment Policy
- ✓ Volunteer Engagement Policy
- ✓ Working with Children Check Policy
- ✓ Safeguarding Education and Training Policy

Creating a safe Church for everyone