



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY WEEKLY NEWS



Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
20 SEPTEMBER 2026**

TODAY'S READINGS *Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16*
NEXT WEEK (26th Sunday of Year A) *Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32*



THANK YOU

What a truly wonderful and memorable morning we shared in celebrating my **25th Anniversary of Ordination**.

I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined me for this very special occasion. To see the church filled with so many familiar faces — parishioners, friends and visitors — and to share the celebration of Mass together was a great joy and something I will remember for many years to come.

Thank you to everyone who so generously contributed towards the beautiful gift I received. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated.

My sincere thanks also to all those who brought along the wonderful plates of food to share, and especially to our **Filipino Support Group (FSG)** for the time, effort and care they put into preparing, serving and looking after the morning tea. It was a wonderful gathering and a lovely opportunity for us to continue the celebration together.

Most of all, I want to thank you, our parish community, for your prayers, friendship, encouragement and support — not only on this special day, but throughout my priestly ministry among you.

Twenty-five years of priesthood has brought

many blessings, and celebrating this milestone surrounded by such a warm and generous community was certainly one of them.

Thank you to everyone who helped make the day so joyful and memorable. I am very grateful to you all, and I pray that God will continue to bless our parish community and each of you.

With every blessing, Fr Michael and Zippy



Zippy's new ride

REFLECTION: No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius. This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could not be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world. **by Fr Michael Tate**



CARITAS AUSTALIA NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal.

To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

Women's Holy Hour A Time with Jesus

**Friday, 2 October
7.30pm – 8.30pm**

All women are warmly invited to spend an hour in the presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. A beautiful opportunity to step away from the busyness of life for quiet prayer, reflection, and spiritual refreshment.

The evening will include:



Communal Rosary



Silent Adoration:

a heart-to-heart conversation with Christ.



Benediction:

concluding the hour with a formal 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!

We hope to make this a regular event.

PARISH NEWS



PASTORAL CORNER

THANK YOU! A big shout out to these three men, John Storey, Pat Twohill and George Cranney who have been working tirelessly restoring our pews in the Church.

Several months ago John took it upon himself to work out a way in which to do this. The pews were damaged during Covid when we had to spray them continually with sanitizer.

Thank you to John and his team for their commitment. They look amazing!

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE STUDENTS MAKING THEIR SACRAMENTS: At 9am Mass this Sunday we will be celebrating 6 students from St Joseph's College, one being baptised and all receiving their First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Well done to the staff at St Joseph's College who have been with the students on this journey.

Kathy Twohill - Pastoral Associate

FEAST OF St Michael THE ARCHANGEL

The 29th September is the feast of **St Michael the Archangel**.

The Legion of Mary has some scapulars dedicated to this saint.

Investiture in this scapular will take place at

9.10am Mass

St Joseph's Church,
Tweed Heads.



Smart wearables & recording devices



As smart watches and glasses with recording capabilities become more common, we must protect the privacy and dignity of everyone in our parishes.

Recording people or conversations without consent is not permitted, especially in child-related and pastoral environments. Please check with your parish or ministry before using personal recording devices.

Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and respectful environment.



Interest Rate—4.15% (eff 1/8/2026)

For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

The recently deceased: Rosemary Immens, Betty Murphy, Fr Michael Mullane, Michael Allen, **Anniversaries:** Peter Bolster Mick Muldoon, Paul MacDonald, Amelia Mears, Julio Segorbi **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, Candice Weir

ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

TWEED HEADS

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A WELCOMING
COMMUNITY
WALKING
IN FAITH
TOGETHER



MASS TIMES & PARISH INFORMATION



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

All parish Mass times are
NSW time.

Saturday Vigil

5.30pm

Sunday

7.00am | 9.00am



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday

9.10am

Saturday

9.00am



ROSARY

Before Mass Monday to Friday
commencing at 8.40am

Saturday 8.30am



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.30 – 5.00pm
and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10.00am



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 07 5536 7522
or email tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ALL ARE WELCOME



ST JOSEPH · PRAY FOR US



LITURGY ROSTER

ROSTERS 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWENTY SIXTH 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: Jeannette Leach, Una Murphy

Communion: John Leach, J Dransfield

7AM MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Diane Paynter

Adult Servers: Sally Engle

Liturgy Coordinator: Iris Nathan

Commentator: Chris Clurey

Readers: Patricia Bolster, Paul Bolster

Communion: Iris Nathan, Paul Bolster

9AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese

Adult Server: Beena Kurian

Liturgy Coordinators: Frances Garland

Commentator: Sara Wilkinson

Readers: M O'Donohue, Marie Morrin

Communion: Arun Sankar, Helen Muldoon



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