

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY
WEEKLY NEWS

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A
15 NOVEMBER 2026

ST JOSEPH PRAY FOR US

ALL ARE WELCOME

TODAY'S READINGS Proverbs 31:10-13. 19-20. 30-31; Ps 127:1-5; 1Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30
NEXT WEEK Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17; Ps 22:1-3, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28; Matthew 25:31-46

Why One Collection for Planned Giving and Cash Donations

Traditionally, Catholic Masses in Australia have had two separate collections, one for the support of clergy and the second to support parish operations and pastoral work in the parish.

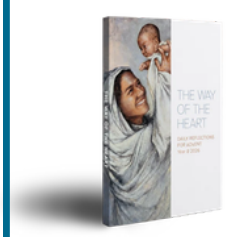
Why the change to one collection at St Joseph's?
There are a few reasons – both liturgical and practical reasons:

- **Liturgical simplicity** – the General Instruction on the Roman Missal places the collection during the Preparation of the Gifts and further recommends that the time after Communion be use for silent prayer, not a second collection. By combining the collections into one, we keep the sacred rhythm of the Mass intact.
- **Practical convenience** – one collection reduces the need to manage two separate processes.
- **Spiritual unity** – the single collection symbolises that all offerings – for clergy and for parish work – are part of the same act of giving, linking us to the Sacrifice of Christ and the mission of the Church.
- **Community and respect** – avoiding a second collection after Communion helps maintain the time for personal and communal prayers, which is considered important in the liturgy.

How it works?

- Even with one collection, you can still use your separate planned giving envelopes to distinguish your donations for clergy and parish needs. We still open and count all planned giving donations separating them for clergy and parish as printed on your envelopes.
- For those placing cash in the collection, this money is counted separately and will be split 50/50 between the clergy collection and the parish collection each week.

In summary
The shift to one collection is not a change in the Church's teaching, but a practical and liturgical adaptation to make the offering more dignified, to respect the rhythm of the Mass and to simplify the process for the faithful; the collectors and the parish team. We thank you for your continued financial support of our clergy and the parish. We are grateful to the volunteers who assist with collections at each Mass and to those who assist the parish team with counting the collections each week.



The Way of the Heart, Daily Reflections for Advent are available to purchase this weekend at the Information desk for $10. Limited copies.

Baptisms

We welcome Winona Mathews who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May God bless her, her family and her Godparents as she begins her journey of faith. We pray that she will always feel the love and support of our parish community.



PARISH NEWS

Pastoral Corner

Notes from Pastoral Council Meeting held on 5th November, 2026:

- Greeters were now up and running – very successful and well received.
- Gospel colouring in sheets to be available for children attending Mass and handed out by the greeters.
- Children's liturgy to be offered at 9 am Mass commencing February 2027.
- Perhaps bigger plates were needed now there is only one collection.
- Parish Web page to be looked at and updated.
- Father Nicholas would be looking after 'Pro Life Group'. Father Michael is to meet with the group.
- Family Mass was very successful.
- Name Badges – was there a need?

The Pastoral Council is now in recess until 4th March 2027.

Kathy Twohill - Pastoral Associate



National
Life Summit
2026

Cherishing every human life as a gift from God



A day to be encouraged, equipped and united in the Christian call to cherish and protect human life from conception to natural death.

Saturday 28 November 2026

8:30am – 4:30pm

Gold Coast, Queensland

Venue to be announced

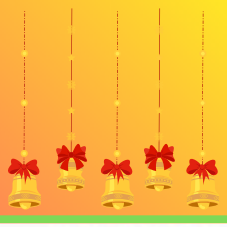
International keynote speakers:
Dr Dermot Kearney and
Lydia Taylor Davis

General admission $60 | Students & under 30 $45
Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea included

Book your place
drjoannahowe.com.au/lifesummit2026

PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY

17th December
3.30pm - 5.30pm in the Hall.
Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas.
Everyone welcome!!



Family Scripture

7pm-7.45pm every Thursday
in the Pollard Room ~ Parish Centre.
For more information contact:
Fr Nicolas Maurice
frnmaurice@gmail.com

PARISH NEWS

Men's Group

Join us for Christmas Lunch

Tuesday, 1st December at Club Tweed.
12.30pm
Please let Terry know if you are coming
0416 017 821

St Joseph's Ladies Group

Tuesday, 17th November
Join us for lunch - 11.30am
Coolangatta Tweed Heads Golf Club,
South Tweed.

Christmas function
Friday, 4th December - 11.30am
Club Tweed
Payment of $31 by 17th November to:
Jan Keeler 0405 448 719



LEGION OF MARY

Annual General Reunion
12th December 2026
9.30am at Sacred Heart Church,
Murwillumbah.
~ Light lunch to follow ~
All are welcome.
Further information contact:
Philomena Zambelli 0414201940

Red November

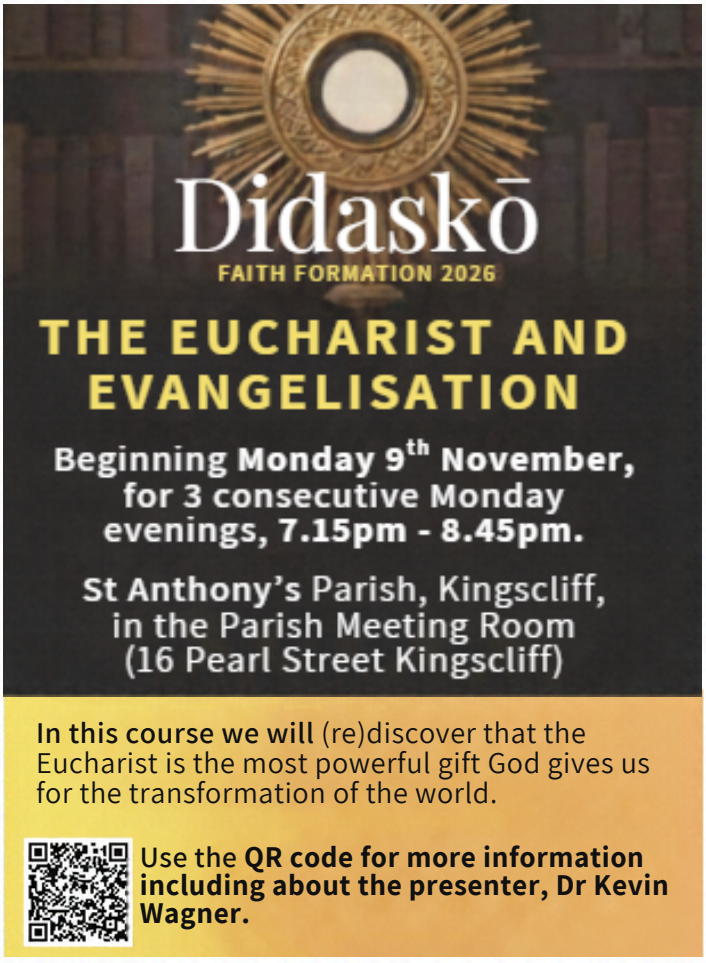
Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November.
Register today and receive a free prayer card and complimentary pair of Rosary beads, handmade by Christians in Syria.
To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary



SAVE THE DATE

Our annual Memorial Service will be held on Saturday 12th December followed by an afternoon tea.
If you wish to add a name of a deceased loved one to our list, please email or call the office with the details.
Can you also please advise if you will be attending for catering purposes.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: Florante Bautista, Bernie Smith, Ione Curry, Fr Bernard Frize, Denis Geary, Alan Oliver, Darcy Twohill, Pat Houlahan, Giancarlo Baffico, Victor Mallen, Girlie-Ann G.M. Puertas. **Anniversaries:** Richard Reid, Andrew O'Keefe, John Drainsfield, Johny Rushbrook, Jourgina Abella, Karla Rosevear, Christian Donez, Dorothy Ison, Alvin Lai, Mariano, Maria, Alipio and Pastora, Anthony and Rosalinda Corpus, Trevor Ison. **Those who are sick:** Clarrie Williams, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer, Rae Bliss, Jonathan Muro, Derek Chapman, Cathy Morgan, Donovan Searle and Candice Weir, Nick Thiel, Yvonne Williams.

Names will be removed after a considerable time. Please assist by advising changes to tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PARISH

TWEED HEADS

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PARISH CONTACTS

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR: Fr Michael Alcock.
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PHONE: 07 5536 7522 | PO Box 25, Tweed Heads 2485
Monday - Thursday 8.30am to 3.00pm

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**



LITURGY ROSTER

21 / 22 November 2026

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR A

5.30 PM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK
Sacristan: John Lindas
Adult Server: Len Searle
Junior Server: Zara
Liturgy Coordinator: Jenny Williams
Greeters: N McTaggart, M Lynch
Commentator: Kristy Hague
Readers: Jeanette Leach, Una Murphy
Communion: John Leach, Jenny Williams

7AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK
Sacristans: A&M Laarhoven
Adult Servers: Sally Engel, Phillip Marshall
Liturgy Coordinator: Rosie Cutmore
Commentator: Paul Bolster
Readers: Chris Burton, Philip Mulherin
Communion: Philip Mulherin, Christine Mulherin

9AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE
Sacristan: Kurian Vaghese
Adult Server: Beena Kurian
Junior Servers: Daniel and Tessa
Liturgy Coordinator: Frances Garland
Greeters: T O'Keefe, La Flor Aussieker
Commentator: Mick O'Donohue
Readers: Janita Thomson, Scott Thomson
Communion: Colleen Blake, Pam Sullivan