

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY
WEEKLY NEWS

Let Your Light Shine (Matthew 5:16)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
YEAR A
22 NOVEMBER 2026

ST JOSEPH PRAY FOR US

ALL ARE WELCOME

TODAY'S READINGS Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17; Ps 22; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28; Matthew 25:31-46
NEXT WEEK Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8; Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Psalm 84:8; Mark 13:33-37

Gospel Reflection

"Whenever you serve the least of people, you serve Christ."

This week's gospel is the final passage in Matthew's gospel before the passion narrative – the death and resurrection of Jesus. As such, it provides a powerful end point to the teaching ministry section of the gospel. In many ways this passage can be seen as a summary of Jesus' vision for the Kingdom – a world in which the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned are treated with respect and dignity as a child of God. This is exactly what Jesus himself did throughout his ministry and it is what all Christian people are called to do.

Like the virtuous people of the passage, there are many times when we do not know the good work that we do. There are many times when our positive interaction with another person can be the difference between hope and despair for that person – and we may never know the difference we have made in their life. The challenge presented by Jesus is that whenever we see a person in need our response to them should be as if we were responding to Jesus himself.

But what of the times we fail to respond to the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked and the imprisoned? Who are they for us? … That irritating person who we've never been able to get along with? … That person who's just arrived in the country and can't speak the language properly? … That kid who always looks dirty and nobody talks to? … That girl who's no good at relating to other people and everyone avoids her? … The homeless man in the street who asks for money? … The asylum seeker fleeing their country who didn't go through all the right channels to immigrate? … Lord, when did we see you, and not come to your help?

Greg Sunter

PARISH NEWS

Pastoral Corner

A reminder that 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. Please also advise if you will be attending for catering purposes.

We will be setting up new rosters shortly for the many ministries in our parish. If you are happy to stay on the roster we will continue to add your name as is. If you wish to make a change please contact the parish office. If anyone is interested in joining a ministry, please contact the parish office. Training is provided. Everyone of us has something valuable to offer. Whether it is a little time, a helping hand, a welcoming smile or a willingness to serve, we all have a part to play in making our parish a living community of faith, hope and love. Many thanks for your support.

The year is moving quickly. Next week we begin Advent.

Kathy Twohill - Pastoral Associate

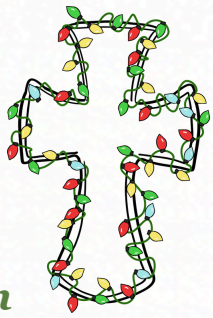
Parish Talk & Morning Tea
Pro-life

6 December at 10.00am
Parish Hall (Hoade Centre)

All are invited to a public talk on the topic What is pro-life? Fr Nicolas Maurice will present an introduction to the term pro-life. Enjoy morning tea and hear more about this important topic.

For more information contact the parish office.

Christmas Party



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

PARISH PANTRY

Over recent weeks we have seen a growing demand for pantry bags. **We are especially in need of** pasta, pasta sauce, cereal (boxes & multi packs for children), rice pots, long life milk, Up & Go's, fruit juice poppers, savoury biscuits, long-life milk and coffee sticks. Thank you for your continued support.





Baptisms

We welcome **Uriel Viscayno** and **Nash Judd** who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend. May God bless them, their families and their Godparents as they begin their journey of faith. We pray that they will always feel the love and support of our parish community.

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The Way of the Heart, Daily Reflections for Advent
Available to purchase at the Information desk for $10.

Red November

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, visit
rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

National Life Summitt 2026

Saturday, 28 November 2026
8:30am - 4:30pm
Gold Coast, venue TBC
International keynote speakers:
Dr Dermot Kearney & Lydia Taylor Davis
General admission $60
Students & under 30 $45
Morning tea and lunch included
To book visit:
drjoannahowe.com.au/lifesummit2026

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:
Philomena Zambelli
0414201940

St Joseph's Ladies Group



Christmas function
Friday, 4th December -
11.30am at Club Tweed
$31
RSVP Jan Keeler 0405 448 719

Men's Group Christmas Lunch

Tuesday, 1st December
Club Tweed at 12.30pm
RSVP to Terry 0416 017 821
All welcome



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently deceased: Peter Flynn, 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: Des Ellery, Eileen O'Brien
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

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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

28 / 29 November 2026

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR B

5.30 PM FR NICOLAS MAURICE
Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Junior Server: Stephen
Liturgy Coordinator: Maree Cargnoni
Greeters: H Hayes, M Barone
Commentator: Mary Lynch
Readers: Una Murphy, Mandy Barone
Communion: Karen Sanderson, Kylie Cane

7AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK
Sacristan: Diane Paynter
Adult Servers: Sally Engel, Phillip Marshall
Liturgy Coordinator: Iris Nathan
Commentator: Jennifer Welk
Readers: Bernadette Everson, Tina Lewis
Communion: Patricia Bolster, Paul Bolster

9AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE
Sacristan: Karen Watson
Adult Server: Karen Watson
Junior Server: David
Liturgy Coordinator: Mick O'Donohue
Greeters: M Godfrey, K Twohill
Commentator: George Cranney
Readers: Jan Rolph, Helen Gullison
Communion: Mick O'Donohue, Marion Godfrey