

Mass Roster

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 1st February 2026

Please add your name on the sheet at the front doors if you can help

	6pm Mass	7:30am Mass	9am Mass
Co-Ordinator	Jeanette Walsh	C. Mash	D. Kirkaldy
Commentator			
Welcomer	Pat W.		
Ex. Minister			Wal Samut
Offertory	Roff family		
Reader		B. Moroney	Carol Pye
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Music			
Child. Liturgy			

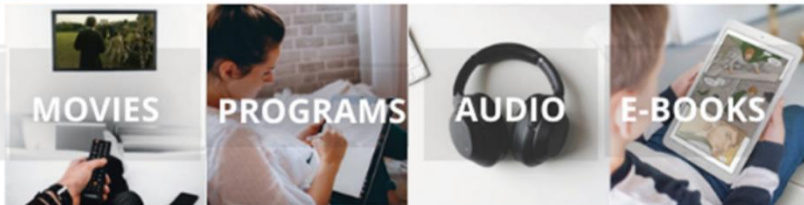
REGULAR EVENTS

**CENACLE ROSARY - EVERY TUESDAY
3PM IN THE CHURCH**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL [PPC] (MONTHLY)
AGENDA ITEMS SUBMITTED BY 1ST TUESDAY,
& MEETING 2ND WEDNESDAY,
6PM-MEETING ROOM**



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The Bulletin

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Sunday, 25th January 2026



In today's gospel passage we see the importance that the gospel of Matthew gives to portraying Jesus as the fulfilment of scripture. Throughout this gospel, the author is at pains to demonstrate that Jesus fulfils prophecy. The purpose in doing this was not only to tie Jesus into the prophecies of the Messiah but to demonstrate that Jesus was part of God's plan all along. This gospel was written at a time when there were growing tensions between early Christian communities and mainstream Jews. By highlighting the fulfilment of scripture, the author attempts to firstly reassure the Christian community in the face of aggression and resentment from the mainstream Jews and secondly, challenge those who oppose the Christian sect to see this movement as just another thread in the ancient story of their people.

Having established the credentials of Jesus, the gospel writer then provides a summary of the teaching that will be played out in the gospel, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' Repent had a far more powerful meaning than what we tend to ascribe to it today. Much more than simply being sorry, repent carried with it a sense of turning one's life around; making amends for past failures; and choosing a whole new direction for one's life. Literally, it meant a 'change of mind'. To demonstrate the urgency and strength of this teaching, Jesus calls his first four disciples who immediately drop what they are doing and set out on a new life with him. These disciples are the first of many to 'repent' and turn their lives around.

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

*Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community*



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Parish Office

1/44 Boronia Street, Sawtell NSW 2452. Office Hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 3pm.

Church Mass Times

Tuesday 9:30am

Thursday 9:30am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation every Saturday 5:30pm
no appointment necessary

Chapel Mass Times

Our Lady of the Way at SCC

Marian Grove, Toormina

Wednesday 9:30am

Friday 9:30am

PARISH GIVING

First & Second
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Notices

2026 Lenten Groups

Ash Wednesday is just around the corner, so it is time to begin thinking about our Lenten Prayer Groups. This year, we are providing the Archdiocese of Brisbane resource *The Journey Home*, with reflections by

Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge. If you are interested in hosting a prayer group, please add your name to the sheet at the front door of the church or call the Parish Office with your preferred venue, day and time. Sign up sheets to join one of these groups, will be available once groups are finalised.



A Special Gift for You

We are excited to offer Formed to our entire parish for free. Get thousands of enriching Catholic movies, programs, audio and books instantly when you sign up with our parish. We will be officially launching Formed with sign-up assistance on the weekend of 1st February. Bring your phone or tablet to Mass if you'd like assistance.

OR you can sign up now by scanning the QR code. When you are prompted to 'Find my parish' search for '2452' or 'Sawtell Parish'.



First Reading - Is 8:23 – 9:3

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase, they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; Before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord, for this I long, to live in the house of the Lord, all the days of my life, to savour the sweetness of the Lord, to behold his temple. (R.)

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

Gospel - Matthew 4:12-17

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali! Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan, Galilee of the nations! The people that lived in darkness has seen a great light; on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

SPECIAL NOTICE

Fr David King's last weekend with us is on Sunday, 1st February. Please stay after the 9am Mass for a farewell and thank you morning tea.

