

THE BULLETIN

Sunday, 26th April 2026



Fourth Sunday of Easter

REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate
The Shepherd's Voice

In Jesus' time, the shepherd lead from the front: the sheep followed the sound of his voice to reach good pasture. Jesus describes other voices who might try to mislead the sheep as 'thieves and brigands'. In John's gospel, Judas, the thief from the common purse of the disciples, led a group of temple guards and Roman soldiers to take Jesus by force. Barabbas was a brigand, a leader of an insurrection. Our Lord knew that armed rebellion against the Romans would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem. So, Jesus is warning his followers against the seductive voices of those who advocate the use of violence. In particular, the successor of Peter should echo the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and no other. Popes of the modern era seem to be listening more attentively to the Good Shepherd, as successors of St Peter who was instructed: 'Feed my lambs, feed my sheep'.

We could pause for a moment to attune our ears to the sound of the Shepherd's voice and follow Him so that He may lead us to pastures where we can have life, abundantly. Alleluia!

Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



Parish Administrator:

Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

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Margaret Ryan

Church

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

Regular Church Mass Times

Tuesday 9:30am

Thursday 9:30am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation every Saturday

5:30pm, no appointment necessary

Regular Chapel Mass Times

Our Lady of the Way at SCC

Marian Grove, Toormina

Wednesday 9:30am

Friday 9:30am



PARISH GIVING

First & Second

Collection + Donations

Women. Food. God

Fellowship Evening - 15th May, 2026

6pm -9pm at The Link Lakeside - Cost: \$20 including a meal and drinks.



Retreat Day - 8th August, 2026

9am-4pm at the SJPC Theatre - Cost: \$40 including morning tea and lunch plus a contribution towards the presenter's costs.

BSB: 032 592 ACCOUNT: 811 224 (Label the payment WFG and include your surname).

Or - Register and pay with cash at the parish office.

Your booking will be secure once payment is received.



We want everyone to be able to join us. If the cost is a concern, please reach out to the Parish Office.

Ministry of the Week

Bringing Holy Communion to the Sick or Housebound

Thank you to the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who are currently taking the Eucharist to our parishioners who are sick or housebound. We are currently updating our records of both our ministers and those receiving Holy Communion at home. If you are involved in this important ministry—even just occasionally—please contact the Parish Office so we can ensure our records are accurate.

Watch this space: We will soon be inviting all our existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to take part in formation and training. If you are interested in joining this ministry, leave your name on the Mass Ministry Sign-up Sheet at the door to the church, or contact the Parish Office.

Be Counted!

The 6th National Count of Attendance

will take place in May 2026. This year marks a significant milestone—25 years of national attendance data, beginning with the first count in 2001. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced attendance patterns in 2021.



First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading - 1 Peter 2:20-25

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Feast Day Notes

Bring a rug or chair for the lawn, it is an outside Mass. Afterwards there is a brief presentation and ceremony. Then a free BBQ, games and a few surprises! Park at the back of The Link - off Marian Place. Usual Sunday collection will take place during the offertory. Lots of other yummy food and drink to purchase on the day.

Gospel Acclamation John 10:14

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel John 10:1-10

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

Help needed!

**Please add your name
to the list at the entrance doors
to help on the day.**



Mary Help of Christians

Feast Day

Sunday, 24th May 2026
9am Mass at The Link

followed by BBQ,
games and festivities.
BYO chair or rug
for the outside Mass
on the lawns.

All Welcome!



MASSES	Co-Ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 6pm	Des Cassidy	Pam Conroy	Ann Brennan	Les Michalik	Cate & Graeme Clark	Jenny Triglone	Sue Newbury	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	John & Marie Hendriks	Kathy McWilliam	Lyn Hollyman	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Bernie Moroney	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Louise Thompson	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Lorraine Kirkaldy	Carolyn Tumminello	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Dawn Sillato	Sarah de Byl	Joe Baiada

**PLEASE LET US KNOW YOUR AVAILABILITY FOR NEXT ROSTER - JUNE, JULY & AUGUST
CALL/EMAIL THE OFFICE OR WRITE IT ON THE MASTER ROSTER AT THE FRONT DOORS**

Welcome to the Family!

Over the past month, we have been blessed to welcome these children into our parish family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Fraser Spagnolo
Hayze Duckett
Clancy Goodenough
Henry Goodenough



Please pray for...

Recently Deceased:
Frances Ahern

The Sick:
Jake Murphy
Helen Duyster
Yvonne Little
Sally Towns
Carolyn Mash
Peter Rose

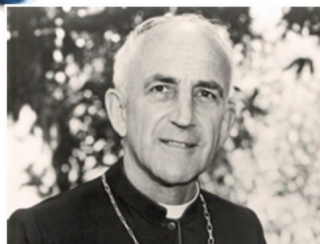


Congratulations

to Finn McDonald
Receiving your First Holy Communion last weekend.

*May God's grace always guide
these children
as they grow in faith
and walk in the light
of His love.*

EVERY TUESDAY
CENACLE ROSARY
3PM
IN THE CHURCH
ALL WELCOME



Bishop John Steven Satterthwaite 1928-2016

Fourth Bishop of Lismore.
Coadjutor bishop (1969-1970)
Bishop of Lismore (1971-2001)
May he rest in peace.

Bishop Satterthwaite's mortal remains were received into St Carthage's Cathedral on the evening of the 1st May, 47 years to the day after his ordination to the episcopate by Cardinal Gilroy in 1969.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office
the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office -
Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or
Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



Bishop Satterthwaite ordained 45 priests. All together he gave the Catholic church close to 60 years of official service, working diligently to build the Lismore congregation through difficult times. He helped build a new generation for the church.

DIF Diocesan Investment Fund
Interest Rate—3.65% (p/r 14/2024)
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516