

The Bulletin

Sunday, 12th April 2026

Second Sunday of EASTER

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



Parish Administrator:

Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

Chief Executive Officer:

Michael Darragh

Administration Officer:

Jennifer Oliver

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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 - cancelled

Thursday 9:30am - cancelled

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

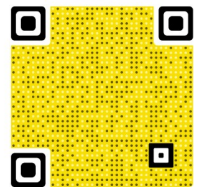


Parish Pastoral Council

PPC Thank you & Nominations open

A heartfelt thank you to our departing Parish Pastoral Council members as they conclude their four-year term. Their invaluable advice and tireless support behind the scenes have helped our parish flourish. We are incredibly grateful for their dedicated service.

Nominations are now open to fill the vacancies. Scan the QR code to enter your nomination or complete the form available at the front doors.



Louise

Michelle

Graeme

Trevor

For Your Diary

Upcoming Events - Save the Date!

- Diamond Jubilee. 60th Anniversary of the Foundation of Goonellabah Carmel in 1966 - special Mass at 10am on Sunday, 26th April.
- Women. Food. God - Women's Retreat 15th May (evening) & 8th August (day).
- MHOC Feast Day & Pentecost Sunday, 24th May at The Link (morning).

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Second Reading 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

Gospel Acclamation John 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Gospel John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.'

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

Mass Cancellation

Fr Joy away - Tuesday, 14th & Thursday 16th, April - 9:30am

Daylight Savings

No changes to Mass times
Just a reminder that there are no changes to the Saturday Vigil Mass times with daylight savings ending.



Third Sunday of Easter 19th April 2026

MASSES	Co-Ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 6pm	Greg Ryan	Shirley Hunt	Paula Sercombe	Les Michalik	Ivan & Judy Wheeler	Margaret Ryan	Pam Conroy	L Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	John Hendriks	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Paul Daly	Lyn Hollyman	Pete & Brenda Graham	Gwen Nyhan		L Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Don Kirkaldy	Madonna & Marie	Louise Thompson	Yvonne Burton	de Byl family	Brigid Flannery	Stephanie Devine	J 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**



Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Frances Ahern

Don Burridge

Michael Maxwell



The Sick

Jake Murphy

Helen Duyster

Yvonne Little

Sally Towns

Carolyn Mash

Peter Rose



Sister Berenice Kerr

2 October 1945 – 4 March 2026

MEMORIAL MASS – DIOCESE OF LISMORE

Thursday, 23 April 2026 – 11am

St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore

Sr Berenice Kerr rsm, died on 4th March 2026. A Memorial Mass for her, will be held at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore on Thursday 23rd April at 11.00am. Sr Berenice's funeral was held in Ballarat on 10th March and this Memorial Mass will provide an opportunity for our Diocesan Community to farewell her.

May she rest in peace

Please remember her family and the Sisters of Mercy in your prayers

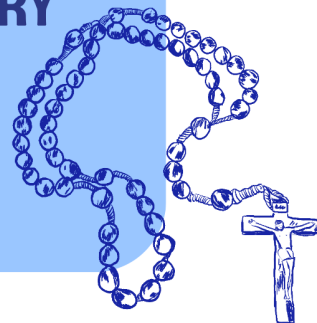
EVERY TUESDAY

CENACLE ROSARY

3PM

IN THE CHURCH

ALL WELCOME



Happy Easter

Thank you!

The Parish Office received so many lovely messages, in person, via telephone and email regarding the Easter Services. Thank you for your kind thoughts, praises and well wishes. The feeling is mutual - we think Sawtell Parishioners are pretty great too!

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



PLEASE NOTE:

Masses Cancelled

Tuesday, 14th & Thursday, 16th April
9:30am

DIF Diocesan Investment Fund
Interest Rate—3.65% (p/r 1/4/2026)
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516