

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, 10th May 2026



THE BULLETIN

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Although this week's gospel passage comes from the Last Supper discourse, it is the perfect reading for this time in the liturgical cycle. In next week's liturgy we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord and the following week we celebrate Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples. This week's reading is the perfect precursor to these coming weeks. Prior to this section of the Last Supper discourse, Jesus has told the disciples that he will be leaving them. He alludes to that fact again in this section but also spells out that he will ask the Father to send to the disciples another advocate (sometimes translated as paraclete or counsellor). By referring to the Spirit as 'another' advocate or paraclete, Jesus names himself as having been an advocate.

The Spirit is to continue the work that Jesus has begun in and with the disciples, standing as witness and strength for them to help them when the world turns against them. Jesus says to the disciples that 'In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live.' Christian people believe that Christ continues to be present in the world even though he is no longer physically present. Jesus' reference to 'the world' is a reference to those who do not believe. It is only those who believe who continue to recognise and affirm his ongoing presence in the world. Whilst the Spirit, the advocate or paraclete, will act in the world to bring about the reign of God, it is in the hearts and minds of those who believe where the Spirit will act most strongly.

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



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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



Feast Day Celebrations

Change of Venue

Our Feast Day celebrations are just two weeks away! Sunday, 24th May - Join us for 9am Mass at the church followed by food and fun for all the family. We can't wait!

All Welcome!

Please note, due to the change of venue, the 7:30am Mass **will now be held** in the church as usual on our Feast Day.

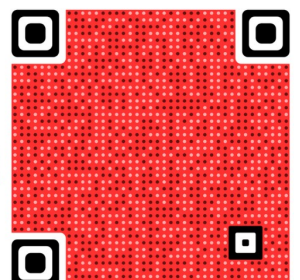
Sacrament of Confirmation

Registrations are open

You are invited to register your child/ren for the 2026 Confirmation Sacramental Program if they meet the following criteria:

They are in Year 3 or above
AND
They have been baptised in the Catholic Church or they were baptised in another Christian church and have been formally received into the Catholic Church.

Register via this QR code:



First Reading Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1
(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



Happy  Mother's Day



Do you know a Catholic man, aged between 18-35, whom God may be calling to the priesthood? Perhaps God is asking you to be the voice to prompt that man to consider the quiet whisper he already hears in his heart. Ask someone if they have considered the call.

vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au

The Ascension of the Lord - 17th May 2026

MASSES	Co-Ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	P/point Op	Snr Altar Server
Saturday 6pm	Greg Ryan	Shirley Hunt	Chris Sercombe	Les Michalik	Greg & Christine Baker	Trevor Cooper	Pam Conroy	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	John Hendriks	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Paul Daly	Lyn Hollyman	Peter & Brenda Graham	Norma Campbell	Sarah de Byl	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Wal Samut	Madonna & Marie	Bridgid Flannery	Yvonne Burton	*NEED VOLUNTEER*	Carol Pye	Marthese Baiada	Joe Baiada



Please pray for...

Recently Deceased:

Ann Gava

The Sick:

Jake Murphy

Helen Duyster

Yvonne Little

Sally Towns

Carolyn Mash

Peter Rose

Sue Garvey



Position Available

Parish Office - Flexible Part Time Admin Officer

This opportunity is ideal for someone seeking a welcoming, supportive workplace with the added benefit of flexible hours. As a valued member of the team, you will play an important role in supporting the administration of a vibrant Catholic community.

Responsibilities include a range of essential administrative tasks, such as:

Answering phone calls and responding to emails in a timely and professional manner, Greeting visitors with warmth, courtesy, and respect. Preparing the weekly bulletin. Creating social media content and general documents. Assisting with the preparation of liturgical resources. Managing Mass rosters and maintaining and updating the parish database

Email your resume to: recruitment@scca.net.au with the subject line Sawtell Catholic Parish - Admin Officer.

Women. Food. God.

Women's Fellowship Evening - Friday, 15th May 2026

The women of our parish are looking forward to Women - Food - God 2026! It's your last chance to register for the Fellowship Evening that will be held this Friday at The Link. But hurry; there are only a few places left. Call the Parish Office or register online via this QR code by Monday, 11th May.



Please also ensure your payment of \$20 has been received by this date to confirm your place.

EVERY TUESDAY
CENACLE ROSARY
3PM
IN THE CHURCH
ALL WELCOME



Thank You!

Big thanks goes to John & Evans

for their efforts this week to tidy up the bin area at the back of the church. They did a fantastic job. It was hard work, but they're still smiling!

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



Still underway....
 Week 2 of 4

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