

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 21st June 2026



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



Parish Administrator:

Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

Chief Executive Officer:

Michael Darragh

Administration Officer:

Jennifer Oliver

Pastoral Associate:

Margaret Ryan

Church

Corner of East Street & Fourth Avenue, Sawtell

Parish Office - 02/6658 3544

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 5pm

Sunday 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation every Saturday
4:30pm, 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



MINISTRY NEWS

We are looking for friendly and eager parishioners who regularly attend 7:30 am Mass to sign up for ministries especially:

- Coordinators
- PowerPoint/Computer operators
- Welcomers

It's easier than you think, and training will be provided, including the provision of a support person to do the job with you until you are ready to 'fly solo'. Sign up sheets are at the door of the church, or give the Parish Office a call.



PARISH OFFICE TEAM IS EXPANDING

Please join us in a warm welcome for our newest member of the Parish Office staff - Ashleigh Holmes. Ashleigh is working 3 days a week as Assistant in Administration.

The Team now consists of...

Fr Joy, Evans, Jennifer, Margaret & Ashleigh



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

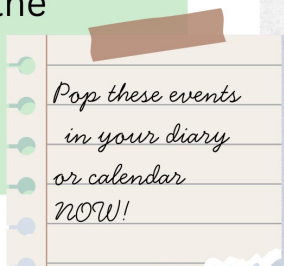


SAVE THE DATE DOUBLE CELEBRATION!

We are holding a dual celebration on Sunday 26th July. Not only is it 'The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly', but Sawtell Parish Family Groups are celebrating 40 wonderful years here in our parish!

And what a celebration it will be! There'll be a special Mass followed by a BBQ, delicious treats and games for the children.

We can't wait!



PARISH CONNECTIONS

Tea & Togetherness

At Marian Grove,
Rec Hall

On Wednesday,
24th June, after
the 9:30am Mass.
Come along for
some tasty treats.



SAMUT FAMILY GROUP NEWS

So far in 2026, the Samut Family Group has enjoyed excellent company (and plenty of good food if these photos are any indication!).

Want to know more about Family Groups in our parish? Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the bulletin to find out more.



men's Breakfast

When:

Saturday 27th June | 7:00am - 8:30am

Where:

The Link - Lakeside Room

What:

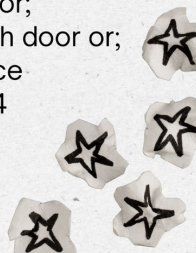
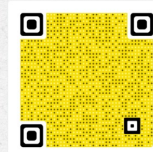
Breakfast, fellowship, and a chance to connect with other men of the parish.

Cost:

Gold coin donation at the event.

3 Easy Ways to RSVP:

Complete this form or;
Sign the sheet at the church door or;
Call the Parish Office
Phone: 6658 3544



Building faith, friendship, and community
-one breakfast at a time.

A SPECIAL INVITATION TO BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER

Our parish community is warmly inviting children to take a special role in our liturgy by becoming Altar Servers! Serving at the altar is a wonderful, hands-on way for young people to grow in their faith, learn more about the beauty of the Mass, and actively contribute to our community. It's a rewarding experience that builds confidence and a sense of belonging.

How to Join

We would love to welcome your child to this meaningful ministry. Training and gentle guidance will be provided for all new servers.



FR COLIN REINHARD'S 50TH & FR JOHN DACEY'S 70TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARIES

You are cordially invite to come and celebrate the ordination anniversaries of Fr Colin Reinhard (50th) and Fr John Dacey (70th). Mass at MHOC Church on Saturday, 29th August at 11am, followed by light refreshments in the annex. Please bring a plate to share.



TRAINING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Whether you are stepping into this role for the first time or have been serving faithfully for many years, Fr Joy will be hosting training sessions at the church for all new and existing Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. He will guide us through the practical guidelines and help us explore the deep significance behind each action.

Who Should Attend?

This training is essential for all ministers, including:

- Those serving at parish Masses (including OLOW Chapel).
- Those taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound.

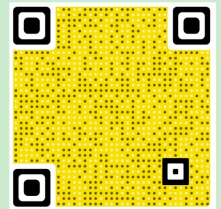
Session Times

Please come along to one of the following sessions:

- Wednesday, 1st July at 11:00AM
- Wednesday, 1st July at 5:00PM

Unable to attend? If you cannot make it on 1st July but wish to continue in this ministry, please call Margaret at the Parish Office.

Thank you to everyone who gives their time to this vital parish ministry.





GURMESH SINGH MP

Member for Coffs Harbour
Leader of the NSW Nationals
Shadow Minister for Regional NSW, Small Business, Trade and the North Coast

COMMUNITY RECOGNITION STATEMENT

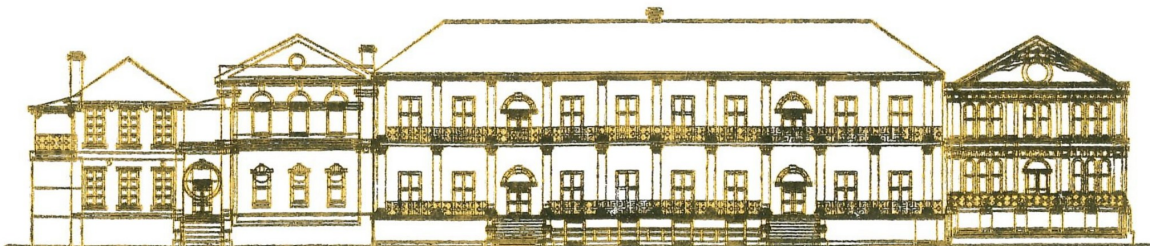
Legislative Assembly Hansard 14 May 2026

The Coffs Coast has hit global headlines for achievements in a most important area: caring for the older members of our community. Sawtell Catholic Care's CEO, Michael Darragh, director of people services, Melanie Lucock, and board chairman, David Robson, returned with pride from the fourteenth Asia Pacific Eldercare Innovation Awards in Singapore. Sawtell Catholic Care was crowned Operator of the Year - Ageing-in-Place, recognising the commitment to enabling older people to remain living independently in their own homes, supported by accessible, integrated health, care and social services that evolve with their needs. The organisation was a finalist in Innovation of the Year - Employee Wellbeing, recognising initiatives which strengthen staff experience through programs supporting wellbeing, engagement and workforce satisfaction. Sawtell Catholic Care was also a finalist for Facility of the Year - Community Engagement, for services actively connecting older people with their community, encouraging participation, inclusion and stronger social outcomes. I congratulate everyone at Sawtell Catholic Care on those outstanding accolades.

Gurmesh Singh MP



*What a great
achievement
for our Parish!*



REFLECTION

by Greg Sunter



‘Do not be afraid’ is one of the most commonly repeated sentences in the Bible. In one form or another, the command to ‘be not afraid’ or ‘fear not’ appears several hundred times throughout the Old and New Testaments. Today’s gospel passage is part of the sending out of the Twelve that occupies all of Chapter 10 in the gospel. It follows a little later in the chapter from last week’s reading in which Jesus called the Twelve and sent them out as Apostles. The remainder of the chapter provides an extended teaching on what it means and what it costs to take the message of Jesus out into the world. Jesus teaches the Twelve that the message they bear will not always be well received and there will be those who will seek to silence the Apostles through violent means. But then the teaching comes to the section of today’s passage and Jesus commands the Twelve, ‘Do not be afraid’.

The message to not be afraid is as much for the original intended audience of the gospel as it was for the apostles. The community for whom this gospel was written were on the verge of being ‘squeezed out’ and forced into secret. The passage reminds them to have courage and to have the courage of their convictions; to shout from the house-tops their message, not whisper it in darkness. It is a reminder of the abundant love of God who cares for them and sees all their efforts to continue to live out the message and ministry of Jesus.

It is equally a message for us, today. We are called to continue the spread of the gospel message; continuing the work of those early Christian communities, the Twelve and Jesus himself.

Gospel Focus – Fear

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of ‘do not be afraid’ or ‘fear not’, it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – From the house-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.

“So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.”

Matthew 10:31



First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

‘I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!” All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, “Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!”

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. *(R.)*

2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. *(R.)*

3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. *(R.)*

Second Reading Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation John 15:26. 27

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’



MASSES	Co-Ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Des Cassidy	Amber, Will & Patty	Greg Ryan	Cheryl Hughes	Christine & Greg Baker	Paula Sercombe	Cate Clark	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	NEW VOLUNTEER PLEASE	Kathy McWilliam	Greg Feltis	Lyn Hollyman	Brenda & Peter Graham	Norma Campbell	Paul Daly	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Michelle Harrison	Dolores Dal Pozzo	Liz Watts	Brigid Flannery	Maureen and Louise	Louise Thompson	?	

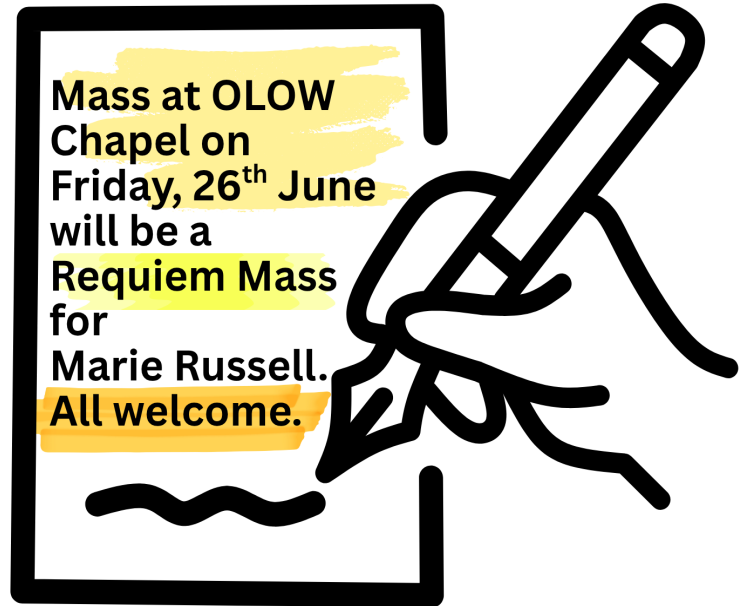
Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Sally Towns
Yvonne Little
Joan Windows
Marie Russell

The Sick

Jake Murphy
Helen Duyster
Carolyn Mash
Peter Rose
Sue Garvey
Boyd Gordon
Leo Rawlings



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Every few months, we review our parish sick list to ensure it remains current. We will be updating the list next on Wednesday, 1st July. If you have a family member who is unwell and you would like their name included in the weekly bulletin's prayers, or would like to add your own name, please contact the Parish Office via phone or email.

To respect the privacy of our parishioners, please ensure you have the permission of your family member before submitting their name to be printed publicly.

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



Cenacle Rosary
Every Tuesday at 3pm in
the Church. All welcome.

	Diocesan Investment Fund	Interest Rate—3.90% (as of 1/6/2026)
		For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516