

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 28th June 2026



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

Our Mission:

Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



Parish Administrator:

Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

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Michael Darragh

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Jennifer Oliver

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Margaret Ryan

Church

Corner of East Street & Fourth Avenue, Sawtell

Parish Office - 02/6658 3544

1/44 Borenia 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



June Baptisms

This month, we welcomed these beautiful people into our parish family through Baptism:

- Lila Murphy
- Lola Matthews
- Alexandar Mangan
- Nickolaus Mangan
- Maddison Mangan



May God, who has welcomed you into His family through the waters of Baptism, fill your heart with the Holy Spirit and guide your steps in the light of Christ all the days of your life.



Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned giving envelopes are available for collection in the church annex for those who ordered them.

If you would like to know more about how to contribute to planned giving via direct debit, please contact the Parish Office.

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.



Margaret Johnson's 90th Birthday

Parish Connections

Tea & Togetherness at Marian Grove

Next Event is scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd July after the 9:30am Mass in the Marian Grove Rec Hall. All welcome!





Celebrating Family, Faith, & 40 Years of Connection!

World Day for Grandparents & The Elderly & Passionist Family Groups 40th Anniversary

You are warmly invited to a special double celebration on **Sunday, 26th July** as we honour our intergenerational bonds and mark two wonderful milestones for Sawtell Parish:

- **Honouring Our Elders:** Celebrating the wisdom, love, and guidance of our seniors.
- **40 Years of Passionist Family Groups:** Marking four decades of building a supportive, deeply connected parish family.

Schedule of Events:

- **9:00 AM – Celebration Mass:** Featuring a special blessing for grandparents and older mentors, and a Commitment Ceremony for Family Group members.
- **10:00 AM – Parish BBQ & Family Fun:** Join us after Mass for a complimentary BBQ brunch and relaxed, all-ages activities.

Everyone is welcome! Whether you are a long-time Family Group member, brand new to the parish, or just wanting to share a lovely day with the community, we cannot wait to celebrate with you.

Bryant Family Group News
For their June outing, the Bryant Family Group enjoyed a variety of delicious soups & desserts, together with some great fun with games and trivia at the McDermids' in Sawtell.

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



**PASSIONIST
FAMILY GROUP
MOVEMENT**

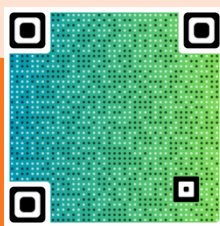


A Special Invitation to Become an Altar Server

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.



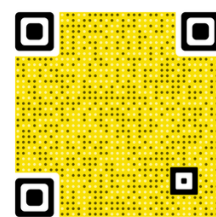
Invitation - Save the Date!

**Fr Colin Reinhard's Golden Jubilee (50)
and Fr John Dacey's Platinum (70)
Anniversary of Priestly Ordination.**



Mass at MHOC Church
on Saturday, 29th August
at 11am, followed by
light refreshments
in the annex.

Please bring a plate to share.



Holy Water

Holy water is available in the work sacristy for those parishioners who would like to take a small quantity home for personal prayer. There is a one-off purchase of \$5 for a refillable bottle. Please speak with your Mass coordinator if you would like to purchase or re-fill your holy water bottle.



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.

Presentation and Blessing of our Confirmation Candidates

Our Confirmation candidates were presented to the parish on Saturday night. Fr Joy gave the children a tricky puzzle to solve, before teaching the children about all the gifts they would receive from the Holy Spirit in this beautiful sacrament. It was a wonderful evening, with many families staying for a delicious pizza dinner after Mass.



First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

Second Reading

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.

Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

| MASSES | Co-Ordinator | Welcomer | Ex. Minister | Sacristan | Offertory | Reader | Powerpoint Op | Senior Altar Server |
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| Saturday 5pm | Greg Ryan | Cate & Graeme Clark | Jenny Triglone | Les Michalik | Judy & Ivan Wheeler | Trevor Cooper | Ann Brennan | Les Michalik |
| Sunday 7:30am | Kathy McWilliam | ? | Eric Garvey | John Hendriks | Kathy & Bob McWilliam | Gwen Nyhan | Leanne Gennat | John Hendriks |
| Sunday 9am | Louise Thompson | Madonna Dechphant | Brigid Flannery | Kathryn & Megan | Gai & Bob Roff | Michelle Harrison | Sarah de Byl | |

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 this 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 the person before submitting their name to be printed publicly.

Please pray for...

Recently Deceased

Yvonne Little
Joan Windows
Marie Russell
Kyra Quin
Frank Hannigan

The Sick

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



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

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



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