

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 12th July 2026

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community.

God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.



Our Mission: Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



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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

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Collection + Donations

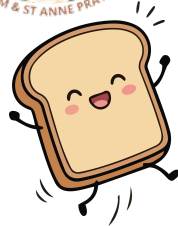


Family Groups, Grandparents & The Elderly Day



Sunday, 26th July after the 9am Mass

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!



**FREE Sausage sizzle
& games to play,
along with a nice cuppa.**



learn more here

Parishes Share Their Stories at DPC Connection Dinner

On 3 July, parishioners from Lismore, South Lismore, Kyogle, and Casino joined the Diocese Pastoral Council for an evening of connection at Invercauld House, sharing their parish stories, successes, challenges, and hopes for the future.

The following day, the Council met to reflect on its own vision and mission, with Bishop Greg reminding members that our mission, and the mission of the whole Diocese, is fundamentally about meeting God, knowing and loving Jesus, and living the Gospel.

Both gatherings are part of the Diocese's ongoing journey of listening and dialogue, continuing to shape our Diocesan Pastoral Plan. *By Emma McDonald*

First Reading Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Psalm Response

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the

sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Malayalam Holy Mass

2nd July 2026

It was a grace-filled evening as around 150 faithful gathered for the Malayalam Holy Mass in Sawtell Catholic Church, united in faith, prayer, and joyful fellowship.



MASSES	Co-ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Des Cassidy	Shirley Hunt	Paula Sercombe	Les Michalik	Christine & Greg Baker	Jenny Triglone	Pam Conroy	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	Kathy McWilliam	Sue & Eric Garvey		John Hendriks		Bernie Moroney	Leanne Feltis	John Hendriks
Sunday 9am		Marie Davey	Michelle Harrison	Louise Thompson	McPherson Family	Les Thornborough	Kathryn & Megan	Joe Baiada

Join in the fun!

The Choir will be singing at the Family Group, Grandparents & The Elderly Mass on Sunday, 26th July (9am). Practice will be at 7pm in the Church, Tuesday 14th & 21st July. All Welcome!! Come along and join our singing family.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

There will be a bucket collection this weekend to support local people experiencing disadvantage. All money raised supports good works in our local community.



Envelopes and a QR code will also be available if you require a receipt.

Women. Food. God 2026

Saturday, 8th August 2026 9am to 4pm at St John Paul College Theatre

We are excited to announce that Sr Rosie Drum and Sr Kathryn Kingsley, MGL, will be facilitating our retreat. On the Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, we gather to celebrate women and reflect on our role in the parish and wider community. Whether this is your first retreat or one of many, you are all truly welcome.

Cost: \$40 includes morning tea and lunch plus a contribution towards the presenter's costs.



RSVP with payment by Monday, 3rd August BSB 032 576 Account 549 043

Book by scanning this QR code. Alternatively, call into Sawtell Parish Office to book and pay in person. (Cash only)



Do you know a fellow parishioner who is unable to attend Mass due to illness, age, or mobility issues? We want to ensure they remain connected to our faith community.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring the Blessed Sacrament directly to them at home.

HOW TO REQUEST A VISIT:

- For residents of Marian Grove or Mater Christi: please contact the Pastoral Office at SCC.
- For those in the wider parish community: please contact the Parish Office.



A Quick Note on Privacy: If you are calling on behalf of a friend or neighbour, please ask their permission first before sharing their phone number and details with the Parish or Pastoral Office.

CARING FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Receiving Holy Communion at home

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

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