

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, 19th July 2026



Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



Parish Administrator:

Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

Chief Executive Officer:

Michael Darragh

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



Parish Pastoral Council Update

The newly formed Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) recently held its first meeting. The focus of the gathering was to welcome its newest members, establish shared meeting norms, and begin exploring the vision and direction of the Council. It was a positive and collaborative meeting, with members coming together with a shared commitment to supporting the life and mission of our parish community.

Saturday Coasters

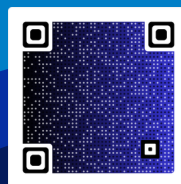
Men's Breakfast

The next get-together of the Saturday Coasters will be on Saturday 1st August at The Link. Breakfast will be served at 7:30am.

Start your morning with breakfast and coffee! We invite a \$10 donation, or feel free to pay it forward to help support someone else.

If you registered last time and gave us your phone number, you will receive a text reminder. If this is your first time, please RSVP by scanning this QR code or by calling the Parish Office.

*Building faith,
friendship and
community
~ one breakfast
at a time*



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2026



Double the Celebration

Sunday, July 26th!

We have a beautiful, action-packed Sunday coming up as our parish community gathers for two wonderful milestones. Mark your calendars and join the joy!



1. World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

The theme chosen by the Pope Leo for 2026 is “I will never forget you” (Is 49:15). This is a beautiful opportunity to give thanks for the wisdom and presence of our older parishioners, while also reaching out to those who may feel lonely or forgotten.

Extra-Special 9:00am Mass:

Featuring our parish choir, a special blessing, and a small gift for all grandparents and elderly attendees.

Festivities After Mass:

Enjoy a free sausage sizzle, delicious food, and fun games for the children.



Complimentary Bus Service:

A bus will pick up residents from Mater Christi and Marian Grove at 8:30am, returning at 11:30am. To book a seat, please contact Matt or Kathryn.

Bring a Friend:

We encourage all parishioners to invite family members, neighbors, or friends who might appreciate sharing this day of community and celebration with us.

2. 40th Anniversary of Passionist Family Groups

We are also incredibly proud to celebrate 40 years of Passionist Family Groups in Sawtell Parish! For four decades, these groups have been the heartbeat of connection and community in our parish.

Commitment Renewal:

Existing Family Group members will participate in a Renewal of Commitment ceremony during the 9:00am Mass.

Cake & Memories:

Join us after Mass for the official anniversary cake-cutting and browse a photo display showcasing 40 years of wonderful memories and activities.



Feast with Us:

Family Group members are generously providing a BBQ, drinks, and plenty of delicious treats for morning tea/brunch.

EVERYONE
is welcome here!



The Story & Power of the Brown Scapular

The History

In 1251, Our Lady appeared to St. Simon Stock, a Carmelite friar. Handing him a brown woolen scapular, she promised: "This shall be a privilege for you and all Carmelites, that anyone dying in this habit shall not suffer eternal fire." Today, the Church extends this beautiful privilege to all laity who are formally invested in the Brown Scapular and wear it faithfully.

A Silent Prayer of Devotion

True devotion to Mary means three things: veneration, confidence, and love. Simply wearing the Scapular is a silent, constant prayer telling Our Lady that we love and trust her protection every single moment of the day.



Tea & Togetherness

Join with Fr Joy and our Parish Office staff for morning tea on Wednesday, 22nd July from 10am in the Sawtell Catholic Care rec hall.

Why not invite a friend? The more the merrier. All welcome!



- Consider having a market stall - all welcome!
- Great Christmas shopping.
- Yummy treats to eat.
- All for a good cause!
- Details to follow

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, 29th November 2026
at The Link

Confirmation 2026

This Tuesday - 21st July 2026, 40 of our young parishioners will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers.



Akari Ticli
Alba McCrimmon
Alexandar Mangan
Alexandra Jones
Amelia Pryce
Angela Prince
Ariah Buckman
Arlo Stitt
Ava Boundy

Caoimhe Scullion
Chance Benedict
Chloe Hiller
Eliana King
Ellie Trezise
Elsie Miller
Emilia Nyhan
Florence Van Hoeck
Hannah Orman
Harriet Algie
Henry de Byl

Isabella Greacen
Isabella Masefield
Ivy Shanahan
Lewis Podesta
Lily Jones
Louis McLeod
Matisse Algie
Max McDonald
Nina Rapley
Nyla Sharkey

Oscar Ticli
Oscar Appeldoorn
Paxton van Hamond
Quinn Woodgate
Roxy Davies
Samuel McPherson
Savannah Murphy
Stevie Felstead
Toby Snow
Willow Zucker



The Sawtell Parish warmly invites you to the
PLATINUM (70) & GOLDEN JUBILEE (50)
PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF

*Father John Dacey &
Father Colin Reinhard*

SATURDAY, 29TH AUGUST 2026
11AM MASS

Mary Help of Christian's Catholic Church
Corner of Fourth Avenue & East Street, Sawtell NSW

Light refreshments will be served afterwards
in the annexe of the Church.

Please RSVP by 21st August to the Sawtell Parish 6658 3544
Email: admin@mhocsawtell.org.au

First Reading Wisdom 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)

3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

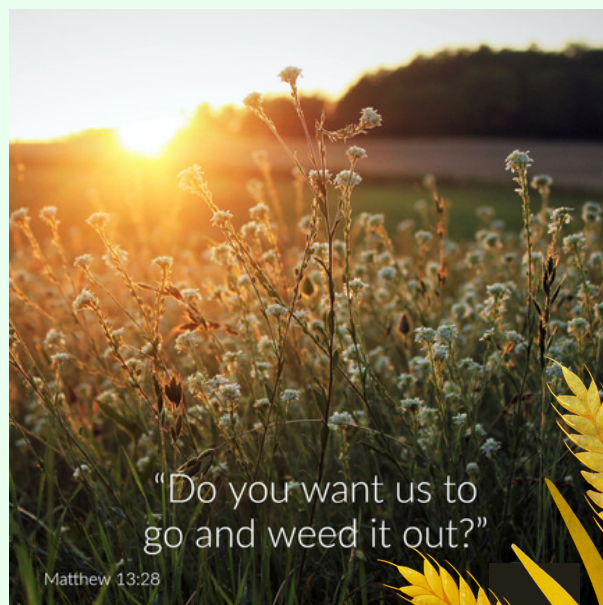
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."



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Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

The presence of sinners in the kingdom of God is often a stumbling block to good people. There will be a time for separation and judgment, but the time is not now. This means that the righteous will have to live with the sinner and, even more challengingly, show them the same kind of concern that they show to others. The presence of sinners does not necessarily erode the quality of the kingdom. Rather, it provides disciples an opportunity to rise to the occasion of generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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Sunday 26th July Car Park Drop-off & Pick up Only

Due to parish celebrations,
the church car park will be
available for drop-off and
pick-up only.

Parishioners with mobility
issues may like to opt to catch
the bus from OLOW Chapel to
the church at 8:30am.



MASSES	Co-ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Jeanette Walsh	Pat Winter	Chris Sercombe	Les Michalik	July & Ivan Wheeler	Frank Brennan	Cate Clark	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am		Linda & Owen McCosker	Ellen Leary	Lyn Hollyman		Norma Campbell	Leanne Gennat	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Michelle Harrison	Kathryn & Megan	Wal Samut	Brigid Flannery	Maureen & Louise	Carol Pye	Louise Thompson	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 4pm in the Church, Friday, 24th July. All Welcome!! Come along and join our singing family.

SVDP Winter Appeal



A Heartfelt Thank You!

To all our wonderful parishioners, your generosity is truly amazing! So far, our Winter Appeal has raised \$2,330, with more donations still arriving from the envelopes collected over the weekend. Your incredible support allows our local conference to continue assisting those facing hardship right here in our community. We couldn't do this without you.

An Invitation to Serve:

We would love to welcome new faces to join us in this ministry. Whether you are young or young-at-heart, please know that age is no barrier to making a difference. If you have a little time to spare and a heart for helping others, we need you!

Thank you again, for your kindness and generosity.

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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)



Recently Deceased
Kyra Quin
Frank Hannigan
Fr Troy Bobbin

The Sick
Carolyn Mash

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



Diocesan
Investment
Fund

Interest Rate—3.90% (w/1/1/2026)

For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516