

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 26th July 2026



*"The kingdom of heaven is like a
dragnet cast into the sea that brings
in a haul of all kinds."*
Matthew 13:47

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



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Church

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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 CONNECTIONS

Tea & Togetherness

Our July morning tea was our biggest yet! It's wonderful to see lots of returning residents and have the opportunity to get to know a few new people each month.



Come and meet with the Parish Office staff on the fourth Wednesday of each month in the rec room after Mass. Everyone is welcome!



BISHOP'S ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Bishop Greg on the 35th anniversary of his ordination. Thank you for shepherding our diocese with so much love and care.



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).



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

With more donations coming in last weekend, we are thrilled to let you know that our annual Winter Appeal raised a whopping \$3,464! Your generosity will ensure that our parish St Vincent de Paul Conference is able to continue to assist those experiencing disadvantage in our local community. Thank you!

FORMATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

SAVE THESE DATES....

Altar Servers' Training will take place on Thursday 27th August at 3:30pm. If you have not yet registered your child, and they would like to join this ministry, please contact the Parish Office.



Training for those who are part of the **Reading Ministry** at Mass will be invited to take part in a training session on Wednesday, 2nd September at 11am with the session repeated at 5pm. We will soon share some formation resources that can be accessed at home before the face-to-face sessions. Parishioners who would like to join this ministry in our parish are most welcome to attend.

Face-to-face **Safeguarding Training** will be held on Wednesday 9th September for all parishioners, especially those involved in Mass ministries, and those who take Holy Communion to the sick or housebound.

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M A T I O N



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes.

Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

Every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.

Matthew 13:52



**Catholic
Youth**
LISMORE



Scan to learn more

This week, the Diocese launches Catholic Youth Lismore, a new initiative of the Diocesan Youth Council designed to strengthen, unite, and grow youth ministry across the Diocese. The initiative responds to young people's desire for belonging, connection, and opportunities to encounter Christ and His Church.

Catholic Youth Lismore provides a shared identity for parish and diocesan youth ministry while allowing local groups to continue operating as they do now. The initiative will connect young people through diocesan events, ministry opportunities, and online engagement.

Young people, parishes, and schools can connect with Catholic Youth Lismore on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube by searching @CatholicYouthLismore.

First Reading 1 Kings 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

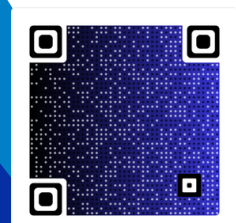
Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'



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

SATURDAY COASTERS

Men's Breakfast

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

Please RSVP by scanning the QR
code or by calling the Parish Office
on 6658 3544.



MASSES	Co-Ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Jeanette Walsh	Amber, Will & Patty	Jenny Triglone	Les Michalik	Jeanette Walsh	Paula Sercombe	Ann Brennan	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	Kathy McWilliam	Sue & Eric Garvey	Leanne Gennat	John Hendriks	Brenda & Peter Graham	Greg Feltis		John Hendriks
Sunday 9am	Louise Thompson	Ellen Leary	Matt Currie	Kathryn & Megan	Gai & Bob Roff	Brigid Flannery	Stephanie Devine	Joe Baiada

CHRISTMAS MARKET

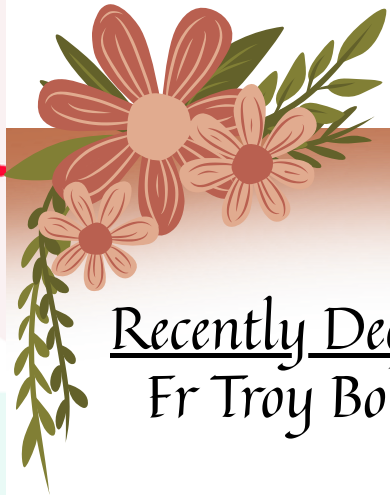
Sunday, 29th November 2026
at The Link - 631 Hogbin Drive, Toormina
7:30am to 12:30pm

SAVE THE DATE

Market Stalls available

You don't have to be a professional market stall holder, amateurs/first timers are very welcome. Come and give it a try.

To book your place please scan the QR code and complete the short registration form.
Or contact the Parish Office on 6658 3544
admin@mhocsawtell.org.au



Recently Deceased
Fr Troy Bobbin

The Sick
Carolyn Mash
Marg Bryant

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—4.15% (eff 1/8/2026)
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516