

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, 5th July 2026

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!

This Sunday, we celebrate a powerful double milestone: **50 years of NAIDOC Week** and the **40th anniversary of St. John Paul II's historic address** to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs.

These anniversaries remind us of the enduring faith and resilience of our First Nations brothers and sisters. Our Church in Australia is deeply enriched by their vibrant spirituality, connection to Country, and profound sense of community. This year's theme calls us to continue walking together with humility and hope—listening deeply and moving forward as one Body in Christ.

Words from St. John Paul II (Alice Springs, 1986):

"The Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

"Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear... Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children."

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit guides the Church in Australia to always walk side-by-side in mutual respect, joyfully receiving the gifts of Australia's First Peoples.

Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



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Fr Joy D'Souza OCD
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Church

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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



Reception of Holy Communion: Important Information for all Parishioners.

This week, we held training for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. We have clarified a few procedures:

Holy Communion for the Sick and Housebound

- To ensure proper pastoral care, all requests to receive Holy Communion at home must come directly from the sick or housebound person, or a member of their immediate family.
- Marian Grove or Mater Christi Residents: Please make requests through the SCC Pastoral Office.
- Wider Parish Community Residents: Please make requests through the Parish Office.
- A Note on Pyxes: All pyxes must be placed with the correct number of unconsecrated hosts by commissioned Extraordinary Ministers on the altar before Mass begins to have the hosts consecrated. Ministers are to take the Blessed Sacrament straight from Mass to the person receiving it.

Receiving Holy Communion at Mass

- Parishioners who prefer to receive Holy Communion on the tongue are asked to join the priest's communion line.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain the solemnity of the Holy Eucharist.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

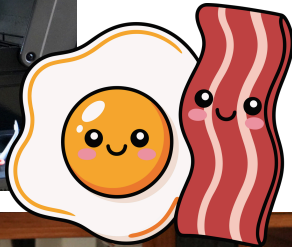
There will be a bucket collection next weekend

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.

Men's Breakfast

'The Saturday Coasters'

What a wonderful inaugural Men's Breakfast last Saturday! Based on feedback from the men who attended, these breakfasts will be held bi-monthly on the first Saturday of the month. Next breakfast of the Saturday Coasters is 1st August at The Link.



Banksia Family Group



The Banksia Family Group had lots of fun at their June outing. They held a mini-car rally in and around Coffs and finished up at Coramba Hotel where Fr Joy joined them for lunch. Love the cool wigs!



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday, 12th July 2026 YEAR A (green)								
MASSES	Co-ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Jeanette Walsh	Pam Conroy	Ann Brennan	Les Michalik	Cate & Graeme Clark	Trish Maxwell	Sue Newbury	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	NEW VOLUNTEER PLEASE	Marie & John Hendriks	Sue Garvey	Lyn Hollyman	NEW VOLUNTEER PLEASE	Leanne Feltis	Paul Daly	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Wal Samut	Marie Davey	Sarah de Byl	Joe Baiada	de Byl Family	NEW VOLUNTEER PLEASE	Jacob McPherson	Joe Baiada

Save the Date:

World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly and Celebrating 40 years of Family Groups in Sawtell Parish



When:

Sunday, 26th July

Where:

At the church & church grounds

Who:

Everyone!



Parish Connections:

The next Tea & Togetherness (morning tea after the 9am Mass) at Marian Grove in the Rec Hall is scheduled for Wednesday, 22nd July.

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.



Recently Deceased

Joan Windows

Marie Russell

Kyra Quin

Frank Hannigan

The Sick

Carolyn Mash



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



Diocesan Investment Fund

Interest Rate—3.90% (as at 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

First Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading Romans 8:9.11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are

doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

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!

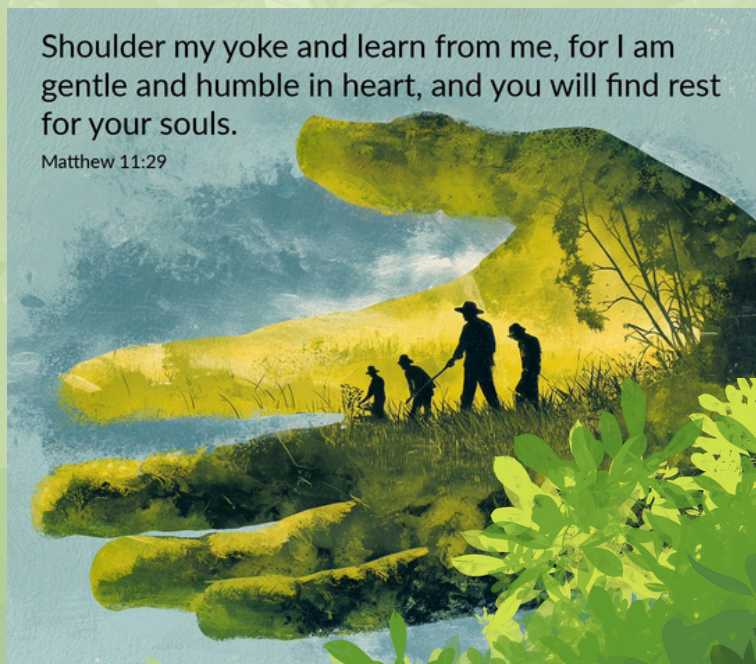
Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

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Matthew 11:29



REFLECTION BY DIANNE BERGANT CSA

The readings for today engage us in a reflection on the nature of the Trinity, as well as the ways that we are enriched by each of the divine Persons. The gospel acknowledges the sovereignty of God. This is followed immediately by mention of the handing over of all things to Jesus, making him a kind of vice-regent of God. Paul speaks of the Spirit, clearly a divine reality, but different from Jesus and the one called God. According to Paul, this Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus and the Spirit of God, implying that somehow both Jesus and God claim the Spirit. It is this Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead, and it is this same Spirit who dwells in Christians.

The grace of this Triune God touches our lives in some ways that are tangible and other ways that demand faith. The most tangible manifestation of God is Jesus himself. God has been revealed to us through this Jesus.

While Jesus was a tangible person, our accepting of him as the manifestation of God requires faith, and this faith is no easier today than it was at the time of Jesus himself.

THE OVERRIDING DISPOSITION OF THESE READINGS IS HUMILITY.

Jesus, the human manifestation of the divine, is meek and humble, and the true disciple is called to be humble. A second disposition is placed before us – grateful praise. In the psalm we praise and bless God; we extol God's holy name. In Jesus we have known the tender touch of God, and we are grateful.

“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest.”

Matthew 11:28

