

*Twenty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*



Sunday, 30th August 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
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Altar Servers' Training - New date

Altar Servers' Training will now take place on Thursday
3rd September 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 Parishioners in the Reading Ministry.

Training for those who are part of the Reading Ministry at
Mass are invited to take part in a training session this
Wednesday 2nd September.

Session 1 - 10am after Mass at OLOW Chapel
(Note new time!)

OR

Session 2 - 5pm Sawtell Catholic Church

Parishioners who would like to join this ministry in our
parish are most welcome to attend.

If you are unable to attend one of these sessions, but
would like to continue in this ministry, please contact
Margaret at the Parish Office or Matt at SCC.



Parishioner Safeguarding Training

In our parish, safeguarding is a shared commitment. Together, we foster a safe, respectful environment where the most vulnerable in our community are protected and cherished.

To ensure we uphold best practices and fulfill the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, we provide continuous training opportunities for all staff, volunteers, and parishioners.

We are pleased to announce that the Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Team will be visiting Sawtell Parish to deliver essential training.

Who should attend?

- ~ Senior Altar Servers
- ~ All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who visit the housebound or sick in our parish (even if you have completed training in the past)
 - ~ Parishioners who run Children's Liturgy at Mass
- ~ All new parishioners who have not previously completed the Diocesan Safeguarding Training
- ~ All interested parishioners.

Please note, prior learning is recognised for teachers currently employed in schools and those who volunteer for SVdP who take part in regular safeguarding training.

When: Wednesday 9th September: 10:30am (Morning tea included)

Where: Sawtell Catholic Church

RSVP to the Parish Office by Monday 7th September

If you are unable to attend this daytime session, there are a couple of other options:

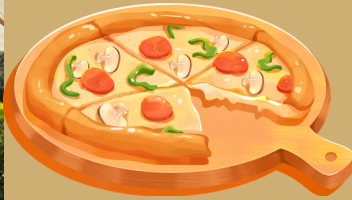
- ~ St Augustine's Parish is offering training on Thursday 3rd September at 11am.
Please call St Augustine's Parish Office if you wish to attend this session.
- ~ There is also an option to complete the training at home at a time that suits you.

Please contact the Sawtell Parish Office by phone or email Margaret pastoral@mhocsawtell.org.au to let us know your preferred training option.



Family Groups News

The Samut Family Group had a very successful Pizza Day hosted by Joe and Marthese for their August event. Looks like the food was delicious and the red wine flowed!





Tea and Togetherness



First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl

and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord
my God.

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

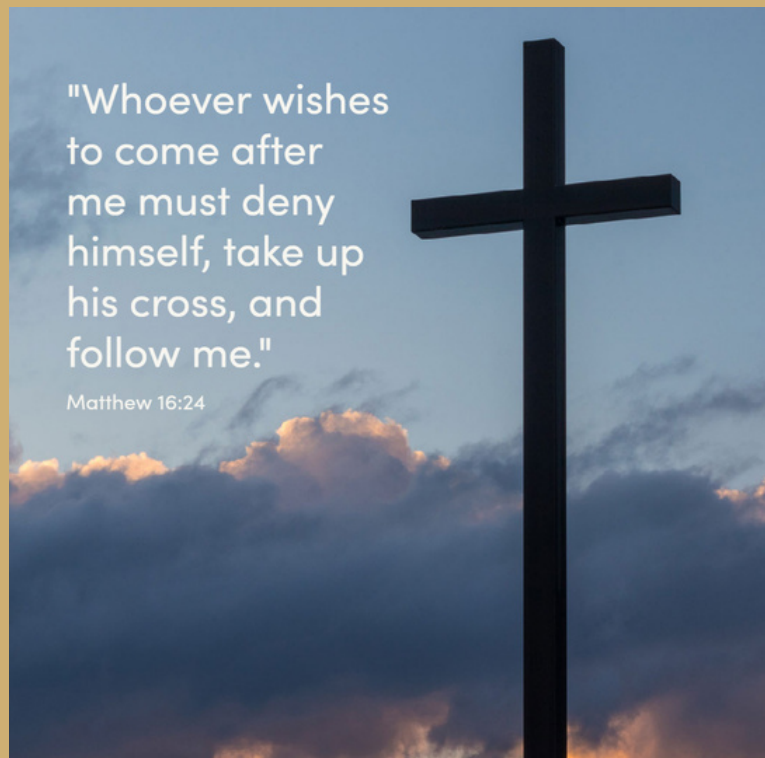
Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

"Whoever wishes
to come after
me must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me."

Matthew 16:24



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

We have to get one terrible thought out of our heads, i.e. that the Heavenly Father of Jesus wanted him to suffer a tortured, agonising death. Yet we do say: 'It was necessary that Jesus suffer and die.' What can this mean? I believe this refers to the necessity of divine mission and the necessity of divine love.

First, it was the Father's will that Jesus remain true to the mission to preach and embody the gospel of mercy and forgiveness. It was inevitable that powerful elites would find this intolerable and have Jesus eliminated. Secondly, God so loved the world where death ravages human beings, that God determined to absorb the suffering and pangs of death.

The temptation to avoid that dread-ful necessity lead Jesus to rebuke Peter: 'Get behind me, Satan', a terrible variation of the initial call: 'Come, follow me.' We could pause for a moment to very consciously make the sign of the Cross, the consequence of Jesus' mission and love for us.



Catholic Youth Lismore Launch

All young people across the Diocese are invited to join us for the launch of Catholic Youth Lismore.

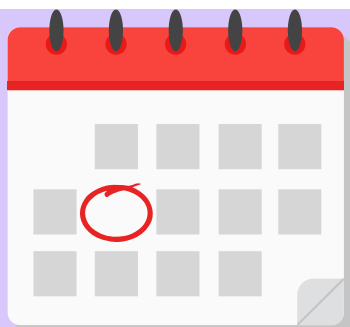
Come and celebrate this exciting new chapter in youth ministry as we gather for Mass, hear about the vision for Catholic Youth Lismore, receive exciting announcements about upcoming opportunities, and enjoy a meal together. Whether you're already involved in your parish or simply looking to connect with other young Catholics, this event is for you.

 Date: September 12

 Location: Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church: 2 Fourth Ave, Sawtell, NSW, 2452

 Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm

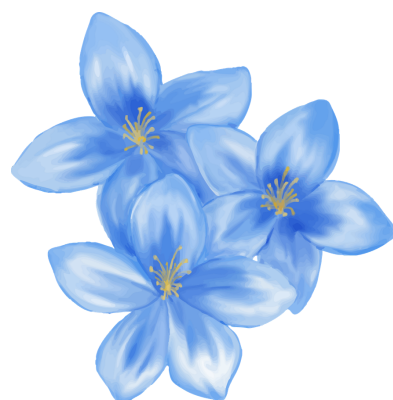
MASSES	Co-ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 5pm	Cheryl Hughes	Pam Conroy	Jenny Triglone	Les Michalik	Trish Maxwell	Paula Sercombe	Ann Brennan	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am		Eric & Sue Garvey	Paul Daly	John Hendriks	Brenda & Peter Graham	Leanne Feltis	Leanne Gennat	John Hendriks
Sunday 9am	Don Kirkaldy	Beth Schmahl	Lorraine Kirkaldy	Joe Baiada	Bob & Gai Roff	Les Thornborough	Brigid Flannery	



Reminder - Vigil Mass Time Change Next Saturday!
The Saturday Vigil Mass will return to its 6pm time slot in September, until winter next year (June, July, August 2027).

THANK YOU

Fr Joy thanks you for all your prayers and good wishes for the success of his eye surgery on Thursday. Big thanks to Fr Anthony Koppman for providing our parish with Masses this weekend.



Recently Deceased
Pauline Gatenby
Maureen Brown

The Sick
Marg Bryant



A Weekend Retreat on Prayer
Friendship with God
 with St Teresa of Avila

27-29 November 2026
 Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
 Varroville NSW

Come away for a weekend of prayer, silence and renewal.

Facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD



For more information, contact:
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Sr. Di Moralde, CM - 0434 772 867
 dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

Please register before 1 October.

CLICK HERE



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

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office
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