

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Sunday, 6th August 2026

Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



Parish Administrator:

Fr Joy D'Souza OCD

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Margaret Ryan

Church

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Parish Office - 02/6658 3544

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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



Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal.

In unity with our 20 Nepalese team members at Sawtell Catholic Care and Mary Help of Christians Parish, we are supporting the brave people of Nepal by raising funds for Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal.

Your donation will help deliver lifesaving support and assist affected communities to recover and rebuild. Sawtell Catholic Care will match the donations made by our staff through this appeal, so every dollar you give will be double the support and kindness you are sending their way.

The funds you contribute will help ensure that Caritas and aid partners can work to provide this critical support to those who need it most.

Your compassion will bring swift help for the people and families affected by this disaster, and donations are Tax Deductible.

If you are able to assist, we thank you for your generosity and solidarity.

Please note that there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion in place of Mass in the church this Tuesday. All welcome.



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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 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.

First Reading ~ Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!

Second Reading ~ Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel ~ Matthew 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back. Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'





THE GATHERING

12th September 11:30am

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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

Ministry of the Word

Thank you to those who were able to attend training on Wednesday for lectors involved in our parish Ministry of the Word.

If you were unable to attend, and wish to continue in this ministry, please collect your labelled envelope from the table at the door of the church. In it you will find the Sawtell Catholic Parish Guide for Ministers of the Word. We ask that you take time to read this carefully and contact Margaret in the Parish Office or Matt at SCC if you have any questions.



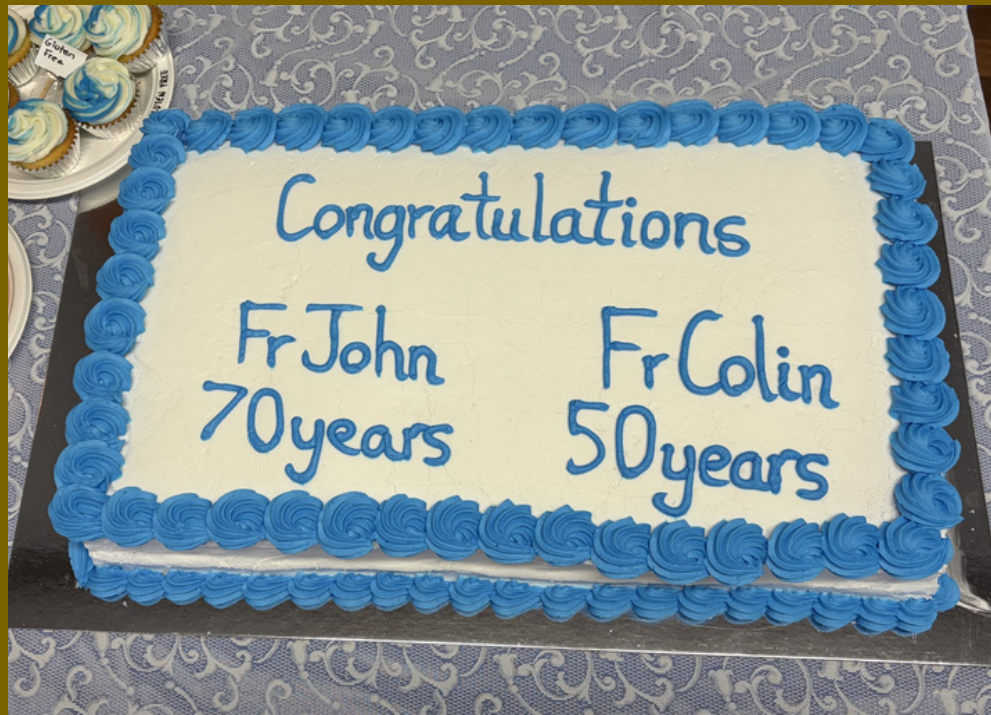
Volunteers for The Gathering

If you are able to help in the kitchen or on the BBQ please register using the QR Code above.

Jubilee Celebration for Fr John Dacey and Fr Colin Reinhard

Celebrations were held on Saturday for Fr John Dacey on the 70th anniversary of his ordination and Fr Colin Reinhard who celebrated his 50th ordination anniversary. Congratulations Frs John and Colin on 120 years of priesthood between you!





MASSES	Co-ordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 6pm	Des Cassidy	Shirley Hunt	Paula Sercombe	Cheryl Hughes	Jeanette Walsh	Trevor Cooper	Pam Conroy	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am		Owen & Linda McCosker	Greg Feltis	John Hendriks	Eric & Sue Garvey	Bernie Moroney	Paul Daly	John Hendriks
Sunday 9am	Don Kirkaldy	Ellen Leary	Wal Samut	Brigid Flannery	Biddle Family	Lorraine Kirkaldy	Marthese Baiada	

New Mass Roster

Mass rosters for the months of September, October and November have been prepared and emailed to parishioners involved in Mass ministries.

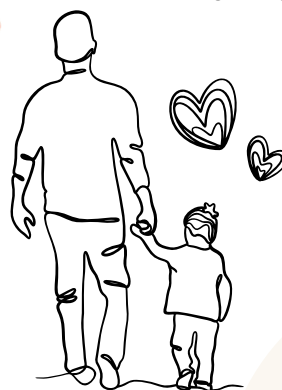
These will also be accessible in the Weekly Update for the next few weeks.

If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please let the Parish office know by phone or email.

Thank you for your generosity.

HAPPY FATHER'S Day

Happy Fathers' Day to all our dads, grandpas, pops, nonnos, papous, lolos and all those who are a father figure to others. May God bless you and grant all fathers the strength, wisdom, and love to guide their families in faith.



Recently Deceased Maureen Brown

The Sick 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
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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