

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

2 Fourth Avenue, Sawtell

Parish Office - 02/6658 3544

1/44 Boronia Street, Sawtell
NSW 2452. Office Hours are
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Regular Church Mass Times

Tuesday 9:30am

Thursday 9:30am

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation every Saturday

5:30pm, 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



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday, 25th October 2026

SAVE THE DATE

All Saints Day – The 9am Mass on 1st November will be a school-led parish Mass. All children are invited to come dressed as their favourite saint – and of course, there will be prizes and a delicious morning tea after Mass for all parishioners.



All Souls Day – Mass will be held in the church at 7:30am on Monday 2nd November. All welcome.

November Masses: During November, our parish prays in a special way for our deceased loved ones. November Mass envelopes are now available at the entrance of the church and OLOW chapel. Once completed, envelopes may be placed in the collection bags or brought to the parish office.

First Reading ~ Exodus 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.



Second Reading ~ 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation ~ John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel ~ Matthew 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

Children's Choir

Members of our newly-formed Children's Choir led the singing at Mass for the first time at the 9am Mass last Sunday. Accompanied by Ben on the piano & Fr Joy on the drum kit, and ably conducted by Paula, it was certainly a joy-filled celebration of Sunday Mass.

Christmas Mass News: In exciting news, our Children's Choir will be singing at the vigil Mass at 5pm on Christmas Eve. It's going to be a very special Mass with carol singing and a nativity play. All children will be invited to come to Mass dressed as a character from the nativity story.

Rehearsals have moved to 5:30pm on Thursdays with a pizza dinner before heading home at 6:30pm. The next practice is on the 5th November.

Please email Margaret Ryan at pastoral@mhocsawtell.org.au or call the Parish Office if you would like your child to be involved.



Baptism



Last weekend, we were delighted to welcome long-standing parishioner, Greg Baker, into full communion with the Catholic Church. We give thanks for this joyful step of faith and pray that God will continue to bless and guide you as you grow in His love and grace.

Advent Prayer Groups

If you are interested in hosting an Advent prayer group this year, please add your name and details to the sheet at the entrance to the church.

Opportunity to join a group or purchase the resource for individual prayer will be available in the coming weeks.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Sunday 25th October 2026 YEAR A (green)

MASSES	Coordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 6pm	Jeanette Walsh	Shirley Hunt	Jenny Triglone	Les Michalik	Jeanette Walsh	Frank Brennan	Pam Conroy	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am			Greg Feltis & Sue G	John Hendriks	Kathy & Bob McWilliam	Leanne Feltis	Paul Daly	John Hendriks
Sunday 9am	Don Kirkaldy	Kathryn & Megan	Wal Samut	Brigid Flannery	Biddle Family	Les Thornborough	Michelle Harrison	Joe Baiada

Women ~ Food ~ God: Fellowship Evening

The Women of Sawtell Parish are invited to join us for an evening of fellowship.



When: 5-8pm 15th November, 2026

Where: The Link - Lakeside

Cost: \$20 includes cheese platters, main course and dessert.

RSVP and pay by **Monday 10th November** with one of the following methods:

1. Register via this QR Code and pay by direct debit:

BSB: 032 576 Account: 549 043

Label the payment **WFG** and include your surname.

2. Call the Register Sawtell Parish Office to register and pay with cash.

Places are limited, so register early to avoid disappointment.

We want everyone to be able to join us. If the cost is a concern, we are happy to assist. Please call Sawtell Parish Office on 6658 3544.

We're having a Diocesan Assembly

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD has called a Diocesan Assembly for 2027. The process will begin with four Regional Assemblies in April and May and culminate in the Diocesan Assembly in July 2027.



Scan to learn more



Tea and Togetherness

Tea and togetherness is on this Wednesday 28th October after Mass at OLOW Chapel at Marian Grove.

Recently
Deceased

The Sick
Pat Verity

Sr Patricia
O'Brien

Christmas Markets - Sunday, 29th November 2026

at The Link, 631 Hogbin Dr, Toormina
7:30am to 12:30pm

Come along, enjoy the festive spirit & help make Christmas brighter!

Join us for a wonderful morning of delicious food, coffee, drinks, a BBQ sausage sizzle and beautiful handmade gifts — perfect for your Christmas shopping!

Gold coin donation on arrival, with all funds donated to St Vincent de Paul Toormina's local Christmas Appeal.

Extra parking available from 3 Marian Place, with shuttle buggy transfers. Shop local, enjoy the day and help support local families this Christmas.

We'd love to see you there!



7:30am
GATES OPEN
Cafe Breakfast
Market stalls

9am - 12noon
The Smiley Squad
FREE face painting for all kids

10am
Mary Help of Christian's School
Choir performance

10:30am
FREE
Morning Tea for all children
with Mrs Claus

12:30pm
MARKET CLOSES
Cafe remains open for lunch,
snacks, coffee etc

Note: Lots of stalls are cash only

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



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