

Our Mission:
Building a Loving Christ-Centred Community



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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



Twenty - Seventh Sunday
in Ordinary Time Year A

Sunday, 4th October 2026

Blessing of the Animals



We are currently celebrating a special Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, proclaimed by Pope Leo XIV to mark the eighth centenary of the death of Saint Francis of Assisi.

To honour his enduring legacy as the patron saint of animals and the environment, you are invited to bring your pets to the church grounds for a special blessing!



When?

Immediately following the
9:00 am Mass next
Sunday, 11th October



Where?

The church annex and
carpark



Special Note for 9am Mass attendees:

If you plan to bring your animal to the 9am Mass, designated seating will be available in the annex and undercover area. For your convenience, Mass will also be live-streamed directly to the annex television so you can fully participate with your furry (or feathered or scaled!) family members close by.



First Reading ~ Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend
the song of his love for his vineyard.
My friend had a vineyard
on a fertile hillside.
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones,
and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower,
he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes,
but sour grapes were all that it gave.
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and men of Judah,
I ask you to judge
between my vineyard and me.
What could I have done for my vineyard
that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes.
Why did it yield sour grapes instead?
Very well, I will tell you
what I am going to do to my vineyard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be
grazed on,
and knock down its wall for it to be
trampled on.
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug;
overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds
to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah
that chosen plant.
He expected justice, but found
bloodshed,
integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House
of Israel.

Second Reading ~ Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is
anything you need, pray for it, asking
God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much
greater than we can understand, will
guard your hearts and your thoughts, in
Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your

minds with everything that is true,
everything that is noble, everything that
is good and pure, everything that we
love and honour, and everything that
can be thought virtuous or worthy of
praise. Keep doing all the things that
you learnt from me and have been
taught by me and have heard or seen
that I do. Then the God of peace will be
with you.

Gospel ~ Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the
elders of the people, 'Listen to another
parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it
round, dug a winepress in it and built a
tower; then he leased it to tenants and
went abroad. When vintage time drew
near he sent his servants to the tenants
to collect his produce. But the tenants
seized his servants, thrashed one, killed
another and stoned a third. Next he sent
some more servants, this time a larger
number, and they dealt with them in the
same way. Finally he sent his son to
them. "They will respect my son," he
said. But when the tenants saw the son,
they said to each other, "This is the heir.
Come on, let us kill him and take over
his inheritance." So they seized him and
threw him out of the vineyard and killed
him. Now when the owner of the
vineyard comes, what will he do to
those tenants?' They answered, 'He will
bring those wretches to a wretched end
and lease the vineyard to other tenants
who will deliver the produce to him
when the season arrives.' Jesus said to
them, 'Have you never read in the
scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God
will be taken from you and given to a
people who will produce its fruit.'

SATURDAY COASTERS ~ MEN'S BREAKFAST

All men are invited to join with the Saturday Coasters for their bi-monthly Men's Breakfast on **10th October at The Link**.

Breakfast will be served from **7:30am**.

We invite a \$10 donation, and feel free to 'pay it forward' to support someone else.

We encourage you to invite a friend or neighbour to join us- the more the merrier!



If you registered last time and gave us your phone number, you will receive a text reminder. If this is your first time, please RSVP via this QR code or call the Parish Office on 02 6658 3544.

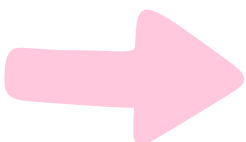


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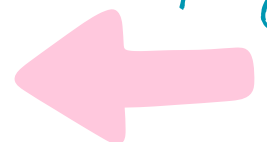
There's lots going on around the parish, so there may be a few things you have missed.

- The Sawtell Parish Office is now open from 3am-4pm Monday to Friday. You are always welcome to pop in and say 'Hello'.
- The church is open weekdays for private prayer during office hours.
- The parishioner library has a wide range of books on offer so there is something for everyone! You will find it in the quiet space at the back of the church.
- The church lost property box is now located in the annex.
- There is now a supply of cushions available in the quiet space for those who are unable to sit comfortably on hard wooden pews. You are welcome to take one to your chosen seat and we ask you to return it to its storage container after Mass.

Library



Lost Property



MASSES	Coordinator	Welcomer	Ex. Minister	Sacristan	Offertory	Reader	Powerpoint Op	Senior Altar Server
Saturday 6pm	Des Cassidy	Pam Conroy	Paula Sercombe	Cheryl Hughes	Trish Maxwell	Margaret Ryan	Sue Newbury	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am			Ellen Leary	John Hendriks	Brenda & Peter Graham	Bernie Moroney	Leanne Gennat	John Hendriks
Sunday 9am	Michelle Harrison	Marie Davey	Carolyn Tumminello	Don Kirkaldy	Bob & Gai Roff	Carol Pye	Sarah de Byl	Joe Baiada

Commissioning of Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who completed training in July—both new and existing ministers—will be formally commissioned during Masses on the weekend of 17th–18th October.

Important Action Required: We ask those involved in this ministry to complete the online request for information sent to your email on Wednesday, or scan the QR code below.

Need Help? If you have any trouble accessing or completing the form, please contact Margaret at the Parish Office.



Scan to complete the form

Thank you for your generous service to our parish community!

Recently Deceased
Helen Amos
Fr Bernard Frize
Anne Higgins

The Sick
Pat Verity

SAVE THE DATE

Women ~ Food ~ God
Fellowship Evening

Women of the parish are warmly invited to join us for an evening of fellowship on **Sunday 15th November from 5pm at The Link.**

Mark this date in your calendar and keep an eye out for more information in the coming weeks, including details on how to register.



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



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Diocesan Investment Fund

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