

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Sunday 22nd November, 2026



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Regular Church Mass Times
Tuesday 9:30am
Thursday 9:30am
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 7:30am & 9am

Reconciliation
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

Carol Light 2026

Parishioners are invited to join us for Carol Light 2026 - a carol singing competition hosted by Sawtell Catholic Parish.

This event is in its second year and will bring our Clarence primary schools together to celebrate the joy of the Christmas season in friendly competition.



November Masses



Envelopes are available at the main door of the church for those who wish to request a November Mass for a departed family member.

Completed envelopes may be placed in the collection bags or dropped in to the Parish Office.

First Reading ~ Ezekiel 34:11-12. 15-17
The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.
As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm ~
Ps 22:1-3, 5-6, R. see v.1
(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading ~ 1 Corinthians 15:20-26. 28
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation ~ Mark 11:9-10
Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!

Gospel ~ Matthew 25:31-46
Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.
What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.
Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

Advent Program Available for Collection

If you ordered a copy of Presence, you will find your copy at the doors to the church. Please place $5 in the envelope provided, and place it in one of the collection bags or drop it in to the Parish Office.

Funeral Details

The Mass of Christian Burial for
Sr Anne Hannigan will be celebrated at
St Mary's Catholic Church
126 Canterbury St
Casino, NSW,
on Tuesday 24 November 2026 at 10am.

Tea and Togetherness

Join us for morning tea after Mass at OLOW Chapel on Wednesday morning 25th November.

Saturday Coasters

The next Saturday Coasters Men's breakfast will be on Saturday 5th December at 7.30am at The Link. Registration details to come.

New Roster Coming Soon!

Please contact the Parish Office with dates that you are unavailable in December and January.

Baptisms

Last weekend, we were blessed to welcome five children who joined our parish family through Baptism:

· Alfred Phan
· Archer Tulk
· Paige Rallings
· Misha Rallings
· Sonny Galvin

Additionally, two more children where formally received into the Catholic Church:

· Grace Hardidge
· Amelie Hardidge
Welcome to the family!















The Columban Art Calendar



The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2027 marks the 105th edition. It includes:

Sacred artworks, Liturgical information including Solemnities, Feasts, and Memorials, public holidays and school term dates and a FREE online art guide resource - Visio Divina.

Add your name to the list at the back of the church by Monday 23rd November if you would like to purchase a copy for $10.





Women. Food. God.













Children's Choir

All children are invited to join our Parish Children's Choir as we prepare to sing at the 5pm Christmas Family Mass.

Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 5:30 pm with a pizza dinner supplied. If you can't make the rehearsals on Thursdays, you can still sing at the Mass. Just contact the Parish Office and we will send you the list of carols to practise at home.



ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg, OCD

Tuesday, 24 November

Darcy Room
(at the back of the Cathedral)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

or join us via Zoom

Zoom Login: 260 411 8529
Password: ASPIRE

For more information, contact:
Sr. Di, CM - 0434 772867
dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au

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

First Sunday in Advent - Sunday, 29th November 2026 YEAR A (purple)								
MASSES	**Coordinator**	**Welcomer**	**Ex. Minister**	**Sacristan**	**Offertory**	**Reader**	**Powerpoint Op**	**Senior Altar Server**
Saturday 6pm	Greg Ryan	Shirley Hunt	Cheryl Hughes	Les Michalik	Cate & Graeme Clark	Paula Sercombe	Sue Newbury	Les Michalik
Sunday 7:30am	John Hendriks	Brenda Graham	Kathy McWilliam	Lyn Hollyman		Bernie Moroney	Des McDermid	Lyn Hollyman
Sunday 9am	Wal Samut	Marie Davey		Brigid Flannery	de Byl Family	Don Kirkaldy	Stephanie Devine	Joe Baiada



Catholic Impact Report

The 2025 Catholic Impact Report is available for you to read now. It highlights the collective mission, service and outreach of the Diocese of Lismore for the last calendar year.

The report reflects the service and generosity of our clergy, religious, staff and volunteers, whose service brings the Gospel to life in practical and meaningful ways each day.

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Scan to read

www.bit.ly/CatholicImpactReport



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***

Safeguarding Diocese of Lismore

DIF Diocesan Investment Fund

Interest Rate—4.40%
(eff 1/11/2026)
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516