

26TH JULY 2026, 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A.

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A pearl of great price

Much like today, different gods and life philosophies were plentiful in the ancient Roman world. They were like different pearls, available for people to pick and choose which they liked and wanted to keep.

However, say you had come across a pearl greater in its beauty and purity than all of the others you had seen, one so valuable it required you to discard all the rest to obtain it. There's a sense of urgency in the decision too. A pearl this valuable, like treasure found in a field, will not remain available like this for long. Looking at it, you know you must decide quickly while it is still available.

Would it be worth it to you?

When Jesus talks about the 'kingdom of heaven' or the 'kingdom of God' being like a pearl of great price, he's referring to the value of the new way of living available through him.

As St Paul explains in this week's second reading, the kingdom of heaven is not just about eternal life. It is primarily about being shaped to become like Jesus, including in the here and now. We share Jesus' wisdom, his capacity to love others and his relationship with the Father. We live with Christ's life, we become moulded to his ways, and we take on Christ's whole way of being as our own.

The imagery offered by the parables in the gospels describes the right response to finding the kingdom of heaven, which is to give up everything else that has value in order to pursue it. Whether it costs us success, security, pleasure, or the respect of others, the kingdom of heaven is worth the very highest price.

St Matthew understands how the kingdom of heaven can change a person. Not only has he given up everything, including riches and security, for the kingdom of heaven but, in attaining it, he is like the head of a household who can welcome others into the kingdom and give its treasures away. However, there is no understanding of the kingdom of heaven as Jesus describes it without a life-changing commitment to stay on its course.

As our first reading explains, King Solomon, at the start of his life, found this pearl of great price and placed it at the very centre of his life. Solomon disregarded offers of health, wealth and security and instead prized knowing the heart and mind of God. However, as the books of Kings go on to document, the wealth and life of pleasure drew Solomon's focus away from the wisdom he once prized above everything.

The life on offer from God gives us meaning and joy. It offers us a life where "all things work for good for those who love God." It is worth it to cast everything aside to attain it.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

VIGIL: KINGSCLIFF 5:00PM

SUNDAY:

POTTSVILLE 7:30AM

KINGSCLIFF 9:00AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

WED: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM

THUR: KINGSCLIFF 9.00AM

FRI: KINGSCLIFF 8.00AM

FRI: POTTSVILLE 9.30AM

RECONCILIATION TIMES:

SATURDAY: KINGSCLIFF 4:00-4:30PM

SUNDAY: POTTSVILLE 7:00—7:25AM

Website



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Solemnity of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 15th August
Mass Kingscliff and Pottsville: Saturday 15th at 9.00am
Times: Tweed Heads: Vigil Friday 14th at 5.30pm; Saturday 15th at 9.00am
Murwillumbah: Vigil Friday 14th at 5.30pm; Saturday 15th at 8.00am



"I WILL NEVER FORGET YOU."

(Isaiah 49:15)



"In an era that favors speed and fragmentation, the human person still yearns to receive care and recognition from attentive minds, kind words and hands capable of tenderness."

The digital culture multiplies connections and offers new opportunities for interaction; yet, the human heart retains an irrevocable need for genuine closeness”
(Encyclical Letter, Magnifica Humanitas, 239)

From Pope Leo XIV's message for World Day for Grandparents and The Elderly. Scan the QR code for his full message.



Pope Leo XIV comforts elderly suffering from loneliness: God's love 'forgets no one'

26 July is the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus

BEGINS NEXT
WEEKEND
2-9 AUGUST

IS GOD CALLING YOU?

Are you ready, to say,
***“Speak Lord, your servant is listening” and to
begin listening to know if God may be calling you
to be a priest, deacon or religious?***

To begin that journey of discernment, contact the Director of Vocations Lismore- Rev. Dr. Anthony Gooley

vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au
0494 656 854 or 02 6621 9444

Liturgical Formation **MORNING**

SAVE THE DATE *Saturday 12th September,
9.00am-12.30pm*

Invitations for our morning of liturgical formation have been handed out to those involved in liturgical

ministries in the parish.

If you did not receive yours, please collect it at Mass this weekend. We encourage everyone to attend; this formation is of value for the whole parish.



“Pastors of souls must therefore realise that... is their duty also to ensure that the faithful take part fully aware of what they are doing, actively engaged in the rite, and enriched by its effects.”

Sacrosanctum Concilium, 11.

 Celebrations
Baptism *We welcome*
Charlotte Maybin *baptised on Sunday*

 Full Initiation into the
Catholic Church
We welcome **Christopher Steffe**
who will be baptised, confirmed and receive the
Eucharist for the first time at the Vigil Mass

Received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church

We welcome **Eric Poniatowski**
who will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist
for the first time at the Vigil Mass

We are **St Joseph's,
Tweed Heads.**

HIRING

Parish Secretary Position

- Located in Tweed Heads
- Supporting St Joseph's Parish
- Permanent, part time role
- Work hours negotiable with family friendly options.

For full job description and
to apply go to
SEEK.COM

Please remember in your prayers:

Recently Deceased Sue Lalor, Margaret Hoare, Frank Carter, Henry Pearson, Glenn Stott

Anniversary Fr Tom McEvoy, Harry Smits, Archie Phelan, Laurie Minahan

Also Jack Byrne, Archie Burns, Geoff, Glory and Cec Bernasconi, Apolinar Plaza, Quintela Plaza, Andres Plaza, Wifredo Lucido, Patricia Brown, Frank & Judy Mills, Caroline Cranwell, Bernard & Marcia Clarke, Marlene Condon, Ray O'Keeffe, Kathleen O'Keeffe, Maree Everingham, John Perkins, Pip Brown, Maria & Les Andrews, Christopher Dennis, All forgotten Souls in Purgatory, Deceased members Legion of Mary.

Those who are sick Fr. Anthony Lemon, Christine Dennis, Priscilla Fauvette, Kara Walsh, Cheryl Gilchrist, Baby Miriam Ryan, Baby Zoe Petrik, Belinda Burton, Benjamin Tolentino, Philip Gelhaar, Mary Byrne, Mike Roberts, Leone Simpson, Dean Simpson, Dacey Schiemer, Peterson Family, Beryl Moore, Deborah Craig, James Heath, Bill Ward, Kathleen Conaghan, Matilda Howard, Lesa Kingsbury, Mary Manahan, Ed Gaudron, Martin Fitzhenry, Patricia O'Farrell, Tara Selvakumaraswamy. Prayers for Ella & Skylar. Prayers for Sarah Gordon.

Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist by advising if you wish names to remain or to be removed.



The Legion of Mary's

TRAVELLING ROSARY STATUE ROSTER

A weekly roster will be established for parishioners to host the travelling rosary statue in their home for one week. Parishioners are invited to add their name to the list at the back of the church.

First Holy Communion Preparation

FOR CHILDREN WHO ATTEND NON-CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN THE PARISH

Preparation classes continue on Monday, 27th July, 5 pm in the parish meeting room. Classes conclude Monday, 11th August.

KINGSCLIFF SATURDAY	SATURDAY 25 TH JULY 5.00PM	SATURDAY 1 ST AUGUST 5.00PM
ORGANIST	Antonia Pratt	Antonia Pratt
FIRST READER	Megan Cochran	Helen Gooley
SECOND READER	Chelsea Carter	Kate Stone
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Peter Campbell	Kim Dixon
OFFERTORY	Denise DeVene, Jacinta Martin	Rina & Lawrence Anderson
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Carmel Atkinson, John Mulhall, tba	Denise DeVene, Rosie Carroll, tba
HOSPITALITY	Carmel Bushell, Marty Darragh	Kerri Olson, Angela Mulhall
DATA SYSTEM	Kerri Olson	Marty Darragh
SACRISTY	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene	Carmel Atkinson, Kath Togo, Denise DeVene
POTTSVILLE SUNDAY	SUNDAY 26 TH JULY 7.30AM	SUNDAY 2 ND AUGUST 7.30AM
ORGANIST	Sharyn McConnell	Sharyn McConnell
FIRST READER	Patrick Butler	St Ambrose School
SECOND READER	Carlo Trimboli	St Ambrose School
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Ursula O'Grady	St Ambrose School
OFFERTORY	Blacklock Family	St Ambrose School
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER	Karen Stoyles	St Ambrose School
HOSPITALITY	Catherine Dennis	St Ambrose School
FLOWERS	Marie Stott	Marie Stott
DATA SYSTEM	Amanda Bottle	Amanda Bottle
SACRISTY	Michael Carney	Michael Carney
KINGSCLIFF SUNDAY	SUNDAY 26 TH JULY 9.00AM	SUNDAY 2 ND AUGUST 9.00AM
ORGANIST	Frances Ord	Janet Blandford
FIRST READER	Gavin Dykes	St Anthony's School
SECOND READER	Julianne Barlogio	St Anthony's School
PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL	Jenny Gardner	St Anthony's School
OFFERTORY	Helen Reynolds, Kim Naylor	St Anthony's School
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	Angela Finkel, Terry and Sherida Sheridan	St Anthony's School
HOSPITALITY	Jenny Gardner, Cheryl French, Julia Burns	St Anthony's School
DATA SYSTEM	Terry Fahy	St Anthony's School
SACRISTY	Craig Moore	Michael Craven

BAPTISMS	Sunday 26 th July Julianne Barlogio	Sunday 2 nd August (Preparation) Cheryl French
RECORDING	Tuesday 28 th July Sharyn McConnell, Clare Perkins	Tuesday 4 th August John Mulhall, Jenny Holland

MEETINGS AND GROUPS

Family Workshop for First Holy Communion

Tuesday 28th July at 5pm, St Anthony's School

Liturgy Committee

Wednesday 29th July at 3.30 pm, parish meeting room.

Parish/School Holy Communion Commitment Masses

Sunday 2nd August

SEEKERS FAMILY GROUP

Morning Tea at Salt and Stone Cafe,
Fingal Head

Sunday 26th July - 10.15 am

Contact: Jenny 0407 904 402

OPALS FAMILY GROUP

Lunch at South Tweed Sports Club

Friday 7th August - 11.45 am

For transport or enquiries contact: Julia 0490 672 694

Our parish needs catechists and helpers urgently. Can you help?

Please contact Marty Darragh at the Parish Office or phone 0423 058 208

ALL WELCOME

Creative Morning for Catechists!
★ Sharing Classroom Resources & Ideas ★

Join Us for a Fun & Inspiring Morning!
Bring a resource you use in your classroom & exchange creative ideas!

Storytelling | Role Plays | Music & Songs | Crafts & Activities

How It Works:

- Bring at least 1 resource you use in your classroom
- Share & Demonstrate Ideas
- Try Fun Role-Plays & Crafts!

Learn, Create & Inspire Together!

Date: Saturday 19th September
Time: 9am - 12pm
Location: To be confirmed : Ballina or Kingscliff Parish

Interested in joining us?
Let me know & tell us what resource you'll bring!
Hope to see you there!

CONTACT: Lara Silva 0422 699 666 lsilva@lismore.catholic.org.au

PARKING IN ST ANTHONY'S SCHOOL GROUNDS FOR MASS

Parishioners who park in the overflow area in the school grounds are requested to vacate or transfer vehicles to the Church car park within 15 minutes of Mass concluding so that the school gates can be secured.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

FIRST READING 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, I love your commands.

1. *My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. R.*

2. *Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. R.*

3. *That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. R.*

4. *Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. R.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:28-30

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries
of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 13:44-46

by Liturgia

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 29th July

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Friday 31st July

St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Saturday 1st August

St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

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Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35, 37-39;

Ps 144; Matthew 14:13-21



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Diocesan
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Fund

**Interest rate 4.15% pa
0.25% increase
effective 1 August 2026**



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www.dif.org.au or phone 1800 802 516

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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



REPORTING INCIDENTS

The Parish needs to be advised of any incident that occurs at our churches and parish areas. It is important for OH&S reasons that falls, medical episodes, etc. be documented in the book located in the Sacristy and/or contact the parish office to report an incident.

Test your

CATHOLIC KNOWLEDGE

**Which feast is considered the
“birthday of the Church”?**

- A. Pentecost
- B. Easter
- C. Christmas
- D. Ascension

Last week's answer:

D. St Thomas was called “The Twin”

Today's answer and new question next week

REGULAR PARISH ACTIVITIES

LEGION OF MARY: Meet each Tuesday, 9.30am, Parish Meeting Room

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: Meet on 2nd & 4th Friday of each month at 9am, Parish Meeting Room

ROSARY: Kingscliff: Before Vigil, Sunday, Wednesday & Friday Masses;
Pottsville: Before Sunday Mass

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION; Kingscliff: 1st Friday/month. After 8am
Mass concluding at 9am.

ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg. OCD

MONDAY 27TH JULY

Thursday, 18 June

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Microsoft Teams
Login: 471 422 568 74059
Password: DB946Sp6

*This year's theme explores the spirituality
of St. Therese of the Child Jesus.
Discover her “Little Way” of doing small
things with great love and see how simple
acts can change everything.*

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