

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

| YEAR C | 21 SEPTEMBER 2025

The wealth that matters

We often draw a careful line between our spiritual lives and the economic and political realities of everyday existence - as if God somehow stops paying attention when we open our laptops or balance our budgets. But Jesus, like the prophet Amos before him, finds the divine in spreadsheets and business dealings, in the messy intersection of faith and finance.

In this week's readings, we find ourselves once again in the company of an accomplished raconteur, listening to tales that are both wonderfully ordinary and mysteriously profound.

Jesus' parable of the dishonest steward is a perfect example of his storytelling genius. Here's a tale that would make any modern HR department break out in a cold sweat - a story about a manager who, facing termination, essentially cooks the books to secure his future. Yet somehow, this ethically questionable character becomes the hero of Jesus' parable.

Jesus doesn't traffic in simple moral platitudes. His stories make us wrestle with complexity, discovering that the kingdom of God operates by different rules than our world. The dishonest steward's cleverness becomes a metaphor for the kind of creative urgency we should bring to our spiritual lives.

Amos understood this centuries earlier, railing against merchants who trampled the poor and made "the ephah [the measure or weight] small and the shekel [the money or payment] great" - an ancient form of "shrinkflation" that sounds remarkably familiar. The prophet saw clearly that there's no separating our relationship with God from our relationship with money, power, and each other. God, it seems, is indeed in the details of everyday life. The olive oil debts, the wheat measures, the awkward conversations between masters and servants - these aren't just narrative props. They're the very fabric of existence where the sacred and secular meet.

This brings us to the question of true wealth. The steward in Jesus' parable understands something profound: relationships matter more than balance sheets. When he reduces the debts, he's investing in human connections that will outlast his employment. The "friends" he makes through his generosity become his true treasure.

Paul's letter to Timothy echoes this theme - the love of money is the root of evil. Notice he doesn't say money itself is evil, just our relationship with it. True wealth isn't measured in dollars but in faithfulness, gentleness, and godliness. It is found in choosing relationships over riches, recognising that we are all stewards of the "things" that have been gifted to us by fate or fortune.

Jesus' storytelling continues to surprise us. Two thousand years later, we're still debating the finer points of the dishonest steward's actions, still discovering new layers of meaning in these ancient tales. That's the mark of a master storyteller - creating stories that remain alive, that continue to provoke and inspire long after the original audience has gone home.

In our own lives, we are called to be both storytellers and characters in the ongoing narrative of faith, finding God in the ordinary details and choosing the kind of wealth that truly matters.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 21	25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass 10:15 am - Baptism
Monday 22	PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday 23	8:00 am - Mass 11:00 am - Christian Meditation Group 1:00 pm - Scripture Study Group
Wednesday 24	8:00 am - Mass
Thursday 25	NO Mass today
Friday 26	9:30 am - Legion of Mary Parish Meeting Centre 11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 27	St Vincent de Paul, Priest 9:00 am - Rosary 5:30 pm - Rosary 6:00 PM - VIGIL MASS
Sunday 28	26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 8:30 am - Rosary 9:00 am - Mass

RECONCILIATION
Saturday: 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 8.50 am

PRIVATE PRAYER
8:30am - 9am after 8am
weekday Masses.
(Subject to change - depending
on activities in the Church)

ROSARY
The Rosary is prayed on
Saturday morning at 9:00 am.
As well as half an hour before
each weekday & weekend Mass

WEDNESDAY WORD
Copies of Wednesday Word,
are available in the Church.

**EXPOSITION OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT**
this Friday 26 September
11 am - 11:50 am

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Frank Mulcahy, Marj Seddon, Gregorio Santillan

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Gabrielle Hackenberg, Bill Guinea, Albert Albertini,
Maive Collett, Narelle Martin, Pam Willock, Patrick Fox,
Margaret Traves, Lorraine Green, David Burke, Paul
Calvino, Fr Anthony Lemon

*Names removed after a considerable time. Please assist the
Parish Office by advising if you wish names to remain.*

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me. *John 10:14*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the
Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray
today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and
emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and
Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.*

VIEW MASS AT HOME -

*There is an option to tune into Mass at home when you
can't join us:*

- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am
- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass
on the [Diocesan YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU) channel - 9:00 am -
[youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU](https://www.youtube.com/LismoreDioceseAU)



BAPTISM:

Please welcome
Kitty-May Civic
to our faith community.

SAVE THE DATE...

**2025 CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL
& NATIVITY TABLEAU**
Saturday 29 November

READINGS | ROSTERS

READINGS FOR TODAY & NEXT SUNDAY:
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Yr C
Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

READING ROSTER

27/28 Sept | 26th Sun in Ord Time | Yr C
6pm - Lisa Dusi-Fox
9am - Christine O'Brien

ALTAR SERVER ROSTER

Altar server roster will resume Term 4.

ROSARY STATUE

21/9 Trish Jandura 28/9 Lisa Dusi-Fox



1st Place: Bonnie | Hope in the Light



3rd Place: Mia | Within the dark there is HOPE/light



Shape the future of the Diocese Join the Diocesan Pastoral Council

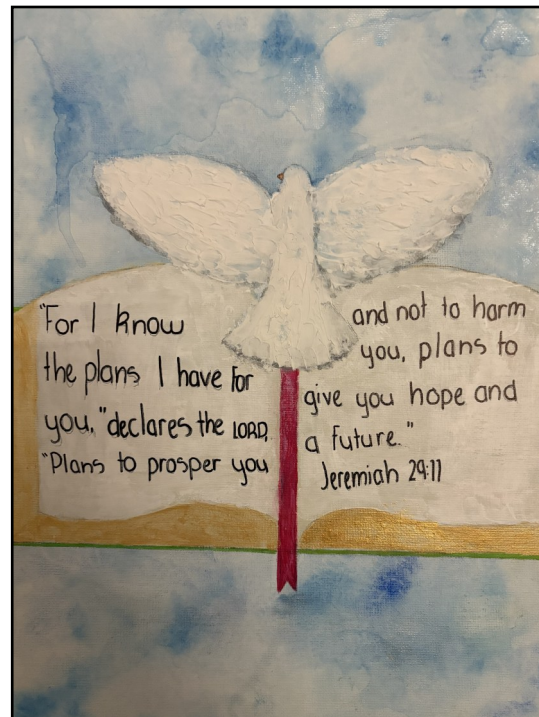
Bishop Greg is re-establishing the Diocesan Pastoral Council - clergy, religious, and laity working together to support the Mission of the Church.

Nominations are now open! Closing date is 10 October.

We're looking for people of prayer, discernment, and passion for the Church's Mission. Your voice matters, walk with us in hope.

To nominate, visit: www.bit.ly/LismoreDPC

JUBILEE ART PRIZE People's Choice Award Winners



2nd Place: Elspeth | Hope in God's Word

PRAYER SPONSORS FOR MSPC HSC STUDENTS

Mt St Patrick College is asking for Prayer Sponsors for Year 12 students during their Higher School Certificate exams. The HSC exams commence Thursday 16 October.

Prayer cards with student names will be available shortly.

Diocesan Pastoral Council – Seeking Nominations

Shape the Future of the Diocese

The Diocesan Pastoral Council returns in 2026, and we're inviting nominations now until 10 October.

This is your opportunity to contribute to the life of our diocese. To listen, share, and help shape pastoral priorities alongside Bishop Greg, clergy, and fellow lay people.

You can nominate yourself, someone else, or put forward a name as a parish community.

We're looking for people of prayer, discernment, and passion for the Church's mission.

Nominate today: bit.ly/LismoreDPC

25TH SUNDAY IN ORD. TIME - YR C

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (112)

R: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.**

Alleluia!

Legion of Mary

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

FIRST YEAR CELEBRATION

Over 280 hrs of Adoration in our Parish.

To celebrate this great milestone, the Legion of Mary is giving away 2 prizes as a 'Thank-You' for your support. Name of Prayers who were on the roster during the year, including Oct '25, will go into the draw of two prizes of 1 x night at Marian Valley Retreat Cabins for 2 people.

Fr Peter will draw the names after the 9am Mass, 5 October. The roster is at the back of the church for you to include your name and phone number. Everyone is very welcome.

Holy Hour: spending an uninterrupted hour of prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament in the presence of the Lord. Great Graces Abound - - Christianity is not a philosophy nor abstraction, but a relationship with a Person - a Divine Person -

~LEGION of MARY RETREAT~ "To Jesus Through Mary"

The Annual Retreat is on September 27th at Legion House, 377 St Paul Terrace, Fortitude Valley in Brisbane.

Facilitated by Fr Pius Jones sm, the retreat will be a time of prayer, reflection, meditation, learning and fellowship. It runs from registration at 8.30 until Benediction and Mass scheduled to be finished at 3.30.

We bring our own lunch. Tea and coffee are provided. Transport by car to Varsity Lakes then the 50c train to the heart of Brisbane (There's some car pooling available)

The venue is 100m from the station. No parking available at the venue.

For further information contact:

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ST CARLOS ACUTIS DISPLAY

St Joseph's Parish, Tweed Heads

- ♦ Sat 20 Sept 9:30 am - 11am. Presentation by Fr Nicolas Maurice commencing at 9:45am.
- ♦ Sun 21 Sept 8am - 11am. Presentation by Fr Nicolas Maurice commencing at 10am.
- ♦ Mon 22 Sept 10am - 12noon | following 9:10 am Mass
- ♦ Tues 23 Sept 10am - 12 noon | following 9:10 am Mass
- ♦ Wed 24 Sept 10am - 12 noon | following 9:10 am Mass



PROFESSION OF FAITH (NICENE CREED)

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
(All bow during these two lines)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the
Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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CALLING FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN RUNNING A STALL AT CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL | 29 November 2025

This year the Parish will make some changes to the format of the Carnival and Fr Peter invites our schools, parishioners and parish groups to consider how you might best support the carnival and its revised format.

The parish will retain and run the parish raffle, the chocolate wheel and the cent auction. A decision has been made NOT to run a bar this year at our family focused event.

All other stalls / ideas are open for you to send us your expressions of interest about a stall, activity or food stall that you and your group/family might run at the Carnival. The net proceeds of your stall may then be distributed to your chosen charity (*less a small donation to the parish; a small percentage of takings most likely*); or you might opt to donate the net proceeds to the parish.

Please reply by email to murwillumbah@lismore.catholic.org.au by 5 pm Monday 29 September with your idea/s for a fete-style stall, kids' activity or food stall (and your preferred charity recipient).

Fr Peter and the planning committee will review and approve stalls, activities, food options by the beginning of October to allow you and your family & friends/group plenty of time for your planning to start.

Please note that this year the Carnival will commence with Vigil Mass at 5:00 pm and the Carnival will open at 5:30 pm.

The Tableau will be staged in the Gilbey Hall around 7:00 pm; so stalls will be operational for just on 1 ½ hours.

And ... if there is a Santa Claus with a ute out there somewhere please get in touch!

Thank you for your continued interest and support in keeping the Christmas Carnival spirit alive – it's been an important event in our parish community since 1961.

Queries? Please contact the Parish office during business hours Tue – Fri 9 am to 3 pm

If anyone is interested in attending our next carnival planning meeting, it will be held on Thurs 9 October at 5 pm.

Waiting in anticipation of being flooded with wonderful ideas!

Fr Peter and the Carnival Planning Team



Interested in running a carnival stall?
Let us know your ideas.





“BRINGING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER”

Fr Peter and the Parish Pastoral Council invites all to join together for a Parish Community Dinner to be held on Tuesday 14 October from 5:30 pm at Murwillumbah Services Memorial Club.

Book a table and bring the family.

Phone and book your table for family and friends directly with the Services Club on 6672 1388

