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MASS THIS WEEKEND

(Wallangarra Sat – 16:30)

St Joseph's: Sat – 18:30

St Joseph's: Sun – 08:30

(Texas – 17:30)

LITURGIES THIS WEEK

M 13 Oct 7:30am *Liturgy of the Word and H.C.* (MAC)

T 14 Oct 7:30 Mass (MAC)

W 15 Oct 17:30 Mass (MAC)

T 16 Oct 15:30 Mass (SJC)

F 17 Oct 7:30 Mass (SJC)

S 18 Oct 9:00 Mass (SJC)

MAC = Mary Agnes Centre

SJC = St Joseph's Church

MASSES NEXT WEEK

(Lyra Sat – 16:30)

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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thu 4:00pm – Midnight

Fri 8:00am – 9:00am

VINNIES CONFERENCE

3rd Wednesday of the month

1:30pm – Mary Agnes Centre

KNIGHTS OF THE

SOUTHERN CROSS

First Tuesday of the month

7pm – Mary Agnes Centre

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Friday 17:30 in the church.



YOUR FAITH HAS SAVED YOU

ORDINARY TIME WEEK 28

11–12 Oct 2025

Toward the end of the year (And Christmas already)

The month of the holy souls (November), Advent, then Christmastide will be upon us in no time. Rather than a theological reflection, this week I would like to introduce some matters.

Junior Sacramental Program

Next weekend our 2026 Junior Sacramental Program will commence with classes preparing for the children to approach their First Reconciliation. There is a letter to parents that is being circulated through the school and will also be displayed on the notice board at the back of the Church. Further information can be obtained through the parish office.

Please consider if this is the right time for one of your children to undertake this journey. Or if it is the right time to invite a friend or family member to consider the same. First Reconciliation will take place this year (see table below), with Confirmation and First Holy Communion in terms two and three next year.

Second Rite of Reconciliation and Reco. Refresher Mini Retreats

When did you last feel it right to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation? Perhaps it has been years; or a few moments. But more pertinently: When was the last time that you had the opportunity to reflect and consider what this sacrament might mean? For many, it would be their own junior sacramental program — ranging from a few years to decades ago.

On the three weekends of sacramental classes, I will lead a 45-minute 'Reco. Refresher.' mini retreat after the Sunday Morning Mass. The intent is to provide some formation and reflection to help approach the sacrament with increased maturity. There is much that this sacrament offers, beyond a ritual or repeated retribution. We will begin with a review of the Lent sermon series on vices and their heavenly remedies, the virtues; then the second week will look at the sacramental spirituality and theology of what sin and mercy can mean for the life of the contemporary Christian; finally, the week before the community Reconciliation evening, some practical and precautionary notes and a Q&A will be offered.

Each year before Christmas and Easter the parish celebrated the Second Rite of Reconciliation. This year, we will celebrate in anticipation of Advent on 16 November at 18:00. As usual, visiting priests from neighbouring parishes have been invited to assist.

These three matters all align in the following table:

Week starting Sunday	Reco. Refresher (Following 8:30am Mass)	Junior Sacramental Program Classes	
		Sunday	or Wednesday
26 October	Vices to Virtue	26 Oct 9:30am	29 Oct 3:20pm
2 November	Theory and theology	2 Nov 9:30am	5 Nov 3:20pm
9 November	What one ought (not) say	9 Nov 9:30am	12 Nov 3:20pm
Reconciliation evening (with visiting priests): Sunday 16 November at 18:30			

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults/Teens (RCIA/T)

With great joy, we have been receiving requests from youth and adults in the parish and region to join the Church. In the past year alone we had several adults received into the Church (of special note was the baptism of Georgia at the Easter Sunday Mass). So, we are starting formal accompaniment of aspirants in anticipation of Baptisms and Receptions.

This is an opportunity to consider if someone you know might be interested in taking the journey into the Church. And if you are interested in being a sponsor, part of the formation groups, or even leading formation, please contact me.

Nine Lessons and Carols

The *Tenebrae* celebration of Holy Week received much positive feedback from singers and attendees alike. So, this Advent the parish will be presenting a version of the traditional *Nine Lessons and Carols*. This is — as the name might suggest — a set of readings regarding the prophecies and birth of Jesus, interspersed with Christmas carols and chants.

Currently, I am planning toward this being celebrated on Wednesday 17 December or Thursday 18 December. Please let me know if that clashes with any other community celebrations or events of which I should be aware.

In short: Quite a bit happening as the year rounds out, and few things to add to the calendar. This weekend I am looking forward to a cool drink and some salami following the Saturday night vigil and then the prayer walk to Mt Mareay on Sunday morning.

Nathan Webb, PP

First Reading

2 Kings 5:14-17

1. Naaman was expecting special and involved treatment, though his directions from Elisha were simply to wash in the river. How could this be sufficient to cure his illness? Which do you think God uses more often to communicate with you, extraordinary signs or ordinary ones?

2. Have you ever brought sand, shells, rocks, anything else from foreign places back to your home? What does Naaman's taking holy ground back to Syria say to you? Where is your holy ground?

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-13

1. What saints would you say have suffered for the gospel? Who suffers for the gospel today? Do you? In what ways?

2. Paul says, "I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus." How would this work? Is Paul saying that your suffering is linked to the salvation of others? Has your faith been affected by the cloud of witnesses who surround you and those who have gone before you?

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

1. This Sunday we see foreigners who were grateful: the Syrian blind man, and in the First Reading the foreigner, Naaman. Does God offer generous love regardless of a person's origins or accomplishments? Do you give of yourself or your goods when there is ingratitude? Do you take note when God pours grace into your life? Are you grateful?

2. How can we receive the same healing as the lepers?

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WEEEDAY MASS TIMES

Yes, they have been changing around in location and time. This has been both subject to availability of the priest and also as an experiment of what might work more consistently. Thank you for your patience. This should not last too much longer, and any **feedback to Nathan or Dorothy regarding what does and does not work is most welcome.**

PLAY FOR PURPOSE – RAFFLE 29 – SEPT - DEC 2025

Buy a Play for Purpose raffle ticket to support the renovation of the Cathedral for your chance to win a **\$300,000 First Prize Pack** - including a Toyota Prado Kakadu and \$188,000 in gold bullion. There are also 394 other prizes to be won! Learn more and purchase tickets: www.playforpurpose.com.au/catholic-diocese



INNOVATION HUB CONVERSATION (SQNNNSW)

SQNNNSW Hub is one of eight national Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hubs, a flagship of the multi-billion-dollar Future Drought Fund. The Australian Government and Hub Members and Network Partners are investing in the University of Southern Queensland-led Innovation Hub.

There is an informal conversation regarding the *Ready Communities Social Impact Program* on **Tuesday 21 October 5:30pm – 7:00pm**. The meeting will include a recap on what the Ready Communities program is about, a chance to share perspectives and questions, and discussion on whether we, as a community, want to commit to the program. Nathan is away that day, but if someone would like to represent the parish there, please contact the office for further details.

IN OUR PRAYERS

RECENT DEATHS Robin Henderson (formerly Sr Mary Esther Henderson), Sr Mary Nivard Smith RSM, Noel Wright

TO REMEMBER: Jack Prandolini, Fr Michael McMahon, Fr Roger Burke

FOR THE SICK: Mahoney Archer (Brisbane), Terry Gasparin, Michael Pratt, Robert Ebenestelli, John Morrison, Greg Fletcher, Lucy Targato, Nick Brac, Nancy Hickey, Renee Simpson, Con Torrisi, Paul Russell, Tina Ryan, Iva Baxter, Grace Marini, Catherine, Elizabeth & Monika, Terry Hopgood, Jack Lawson, Margaret Doro, Hayden Smith, Nalda Sciuto, Graham (Gossie) Vale, Liz Billings, Sr Cecelia OCD, Alan Colyer, Amanda Boardman, Bron Lerner, Sr Therese Margaret OCD, Russell Fahey, Norma Bertinazzi, Lesley Robbins, Wayne Jackson, Angela Gannon, Glen Slater, Cassie May, Sam Leonardi, Josie Torrisi, Barry Driscoll, Steven Campbell, Paul Voss, Des Fossey, Kate Sturgeon, Anne Black, and all the sick of the Parish & families.

FOR VOCATIONS: For all the young in our parish; Rev. Fr. BJ Perrett, Sister Teresa Gasparin, and Sister Marie Tania as they continue their vocation journeys. For an increase in vocations to priesthood and religious life from our own communities.

MINISTRIES	SATURDAY 18 OCT 2025	SUNDAY 05 OCT 2025
READERS	John Rofe Mary Rofe	Shirlee Russell
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION	John Patti Joyce Pozzebon Trish McCosker	Lance Guteridge Cecilia Campbell Carmela Nicastro
COUNTERS		Lennie Girgenti Luisa Girgenti

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 14 – St Callistus I, Pope

Wed 15 Oct – St Teresa Of Jesus, virgin

Thursday 16 Oct – St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin
St Hedwig, religious

Fri 17 Oct – St Ignatius Of Antioch, bishop, martyr

Sat 18 Oct – St Luke, Evangelist

— THIS WEEKEND —

VIGIL NIBBLES

Following the Vigil Mass, some light beverages and nibbles will be offered in the Mary Agnes Centre. **Stick around for some fellowship. There will be a slideshow of photos on display from Nathan's recent travels** and youth activities. This is the beginning of what will likely become a regular second Saturday social/fellowship.

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PRAYER WALK

This Sunday after 8:30am Mass at St Joseph's, parishioners and friends are invited to **walk to Mt Marley via Alice St and back to church**. Refreshments are provided at the top, or you are welcome to bring some of your own. There has been some excitement around this walk, building off the success of the Pentecost one. A car will be patrolling to help ensure everyone gets there and back safely.



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