



Our Lady of Sorrows

Serving the communities of
Kyogle, Woodenbong and Urbenville

Jubilee Year of Hope 2025



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C

7 September 2025

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

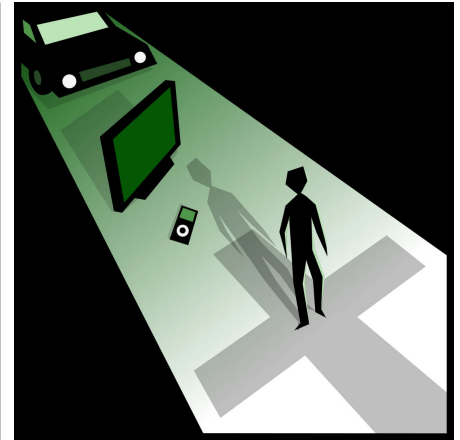
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'



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The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

PARISH INFORMATION

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NOTICEBOARD

Tuesday 9th September: Women's Group meeting.
 They meet the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 9:30am in the Shed.
Thursday 11th September: R U OK? Day.
Sunday 14th September: Safeguarding Sunday
Sunday 21st September: International Day of Peace
Thursday 2nd October: Parish Pastoral Council meeting 4:30pm
 in the Shed. They meet on the 1st Thursday of each month. If
 you are unable to attend, please send your apology by
 Wednesday 1st October to Joan Boyle (Chair) | Phone: 0413 999
 360 | Email: joanboyle0@gmail.com
Thursday 21st October: Jubilee Boat Arrives, The Good Ship Hope.

September Feast Days

Monday 8th

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Sunday 14th

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Sunday 21st

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

Monday 29th

*Saints Michael, Gabriel,
 and Raphael, Archangels.*

A polar bear walks
 into a bar and says to
 the bartender "I'll
 have a rum

..... and
 coke."

The bartender asks,
 "What's with the big
 pause?"

The bear shrugs. "I
 was born with them."



Daylight Saving Time Reminder

Begins Sunday 5th October.

Vigil Mass changes to 6pm from Saturday 11th October.



OUR LADY OF SORROWS



Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial) September 15th

Our Church is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. Honored the day after the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Our Lady of Sorrows reminds us of Mary's deep participation in Jesus's suffering. Her sorrows reflect her strength and faith, offering comfort and inspiration as we face our own trials.



We thank God
 for all fathers
 and father
 figures. May
 they be blessed
 with strength
 and love.

Father's Day cards are available at the
 entrances of the church.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who are sick: Peter Clark, Mark
 Hancock, Mary Dwyer, Nate Doolan,
 Dee James, Michael O'Reilly, Kevin Donaghy,
 Barbara Summers, Arthur Reynolds, Cecilia
 Dawson, Raphael Oaten.



Prayer Intention - September:

For Our Relationship with all Creation
 Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might
 experience our interdependence
 with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of
 love and respect.



PLANNED GIVING

1st Collection: \$366.50 Supports the Bishop and priests of the Diocese.

2nd Collection: \$339.05 Supports Parish ministries, maintenance, staff salaries & insurance.



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KYOGLE WEEKDAY LITURGY

Date	Service	Readers
Monday 8 th Sept	No Mass	-
Tuesday 9 th Sept	5:15pm Mass	J Boyle
Wednesday 10 th Sept	9am Mass	D Layton
Thursday 11 th Sept	9am Mass	B. FitzGerald
Friday 12 th Sept	12 noon Adoration 12:30pm Mass	D Layton

WOODENBONG MASS

All services start at 9am

Mass

is held every 3rd & 5th Saturday of the month

Communion Service

all other Saturdays



KYOGLE WEEKEND MASS

Date	Service	Reader	Offertory	Morning Tea
Saturday 13 th Sept	5pm Mass	B. FitzGerald	B. FitzGerald	
Sunday 14 th Sept	9am Mass	P & M Constable	Y. Smith	J. Condon & M. Constable



Sunday 14th Sept Counters: P & M Constable

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Friday's before Mass from 12 noon | Saturday's before Vigil Mass from 4:30pm



BLESSED CARLO & PIER GIORGIO TO BE CANONISED - 7TH SEPTEMBER

On Sunday 7th September, during the Jubilee Year of Hope, Pope Leo XIV will celebrate Holy Mass in Saint Peter's Square for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.



Bl. Carlo Acutis was a teenager from Milan who used his love for Jesus and skill with technology to spread devotion to the Holy Eucharist. He created an online database of Eucharistic miracles, calling the Eucharist his *"highway to heaven."* Despite living a typical teenage life — school, friends, video games, he faithfully attended daily Mass, prayed the Rosary, and cared for those who were excluded or in need.



On August 15th outside the Shrine of the Renunciation at the Church of St Mary Major in Assisi, where Carlo's body rests an 11ft bronze statue was unveiled. The sculpture, titled *"St Carlo at the Cross,"* shows him kneeling next to Christ crucified wearing jeans, a sweatshirt, and a backpack, and holding a laptop displaying a chalice and paten. Carlo's life, combining holiness with modern technology, continues to inspire young people to follow Jesus in the Eucharist with faith, joy, and authenticity.

Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati, who died at age 24 in 1925, was a man of deep Eucharistic faith, passionate service to the poor, and a great love for the outdoors. He remains a strong influence among young adults today.

"Feed on this Bread of the Angels... because Jesus Christ has promised to those who feed themselves with the most holy Eucharist, eternal life and the necessary graces to obtain it."



Reflection Morning – Take Some Time for Yourself

Friday 12th Sept 9:30am–12:00pm | Arrive from 9am for coffee at 8 Keen Street.

Theme: Hope and making sense of life's challenges.

To book: Call 0438 689 137 or email maristhouseoflight@gmail.com

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a feast that commemorates the birthday of Jesus' mother. Even though Mary's birth is not recorded in the scriptures, it is mentioned in the Apocryphal writings from the second century, the Protoevangelium of James and is even mentioned in Islamic scripture. Her parents are named as Saint Anne and Saint Joachim and tradition places Mary's birthplace in Jerusalem. The feast has been celebrated since the fifth century – on September 8 in the Roman Calendar.

The Love Maze

Find the path to God



Wordsearch

Try to find these words:



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M	W	E	G	L	N	E	T	N	M	U	B	O	J	J
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