

CATHOLIC PARISH OF GUNNEDAH

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Mary Immaculate Church, Tambar Springs
St. Therese Church, Mullaley
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	31 Jan/Sat 6pm	7 Feb/Sat 6pm
Technology	L. Shortis	L. Shortis
Intro & POF	M. Turner	V. Tydd
1 st Reading.	V. Shakeshaft	J. Densley
2 nd Reading	N. Herslett	J. Marmara
Altar Gifts	R. Groth/M Louis	J & R. Lucas
Communion	J. Marmara	M. Turner
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Collectors	Volunteer/G. Stengert T. Hagley/D Whiteman	Volunteer/G. Stengert T. Hagley/D Whiteman
Altar Keepers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Organist	K. Clarke	K. Clarke
	1 Feb/Sun 8:30am	8 Feb/Sun 6pm
Technology	J. Stanley/F. Fitzgerald	J. Stanley
Intro & POF	A. Paull	G. Broekman
1 st Reading	T. Kennedy	A. Paull
2 nd Reading	J. Stanley	M. Paull
Altar Gifts	A. Brady	VOLUNTEER
Communion	M. Paull	J. Stanley
Altar Servers	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
Collectors	J. Stanley/G. Stengert P. Tuckerman T. Kennedy	J. Stanley/G. Stengert P. Tuckerman T. Kennedy
Altar Keepers	S. Hopkins	S. Hopkins
Organist	C. Jacobs	C. Jacobs
Lawn Mowing	Jan 20-Feb 1 D. Densley	Feb 2-Feb 15 D. Shortis
Altar Cleaners	A. Brady /M. Evans	A. Brady/M. Evans
Altar Linen	A. Brady	A. Brady

This Weekend 1/02//2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gunnedah: Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8:30am
Sunday 11am
Mullaley: Sunday 11am

Home Communion

This Sunday

Weekday Mass: Gunnedah

Mon: No Mass
Tues: No Mass (Schools Western
Deanery Mass in Moree)
Wed: 9:15am Chapel
Thu: 9:15am
Fri: Exposition 10am
Fri: Mass 11am
Fri: 5:30pm No Mass

Next Week 8 February 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gunnedah: Saturday 6pm
Sunday: 8:30am
Tambar Springs 11am

Ash
Wednesday
18 February



A period of
penance and
reflection

Catholic Weekly
\$2 Available in the foyer. Please
place money in the
ST Vincent de Paul Stand

Please pray for the faithful departed

Emiliano Cormanda- Father of Fr
Elinio Armidale,
Bill & Michael White,
Foster & Brady Family,
Maddison & Barry Smith,
Jan Swanson, Tracey Roberts,
Xavier Kennedy.

Reconciliation Next Saturday
7th February 2026 @ 12 noon



SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE ON SEATS FOR MISSIONARY RELIGIOUS ORDERS

This collection supports the missionary work of the
Orders of La Salette & the Rogationists of
the Sacred Heart of Jesus.



Our Lenten Program for 2026
comes from the Wollongong
Diocese called *Compassio*.

Commencement will begin
Monday 16 February
@ 6:30pm in the
Meeting Room.

From the earliest days of the
Church, communities gathered for
teaching, fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer (cf. Acts
2:42). Meeting together allows us to encounter God through one
another as we listen and share our faith. During Lent—when the
Church invites us to journey with Jesus towards the Cross—these
groups become companions on the way. We are not alone!

If you would like to attend, please add your name to the form on the
table at the back of the Church. Books will be available on the night
@ \$8.50.

Save the Date— Farewell Fr Antony and welcome to our Parish Fr Mario Mendoza & Nicole Prior.

Please join us for morning tea in the Hall after Mass on Sunday 15th February as we
farewell Fr Antony and warmly welcome Fr Mario to our parish. We will also
welcome Nicole Prior the new Principal of St Mary's College.

Morning Tea Roster

01/02/206 - Antonia Assuncao
08/02/2026 - Lyn Sanson
15/02/2026 - Meryl Hennessy
22/02/2026 - Sandra Tydd



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For parishioners who are not able to attend the parish Lenten program there
is an opportunity to participate at home with
The Catholic Guy's FREE Lenten Program.

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true
meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive
a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this
Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up
here: <https://brucedownes.org/len-2026-sign-up/> Go to BruceDownes.org for more
information.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH, GUNNEDAH

Acknowledges the Kamilaroi people, the traditional
owners and custodians of the land on which we
stand. We pay our respects to them
and for their care of the land

SACRED HEART PARISH BOGGABRI

Sacred Heart School— Ph 6743 4656
VIGIL MASS: 4.00PM

Maules Creek 22 February @ 11am

Principal Sacred Heart School Leanne Herden

ROSTER SATURDAY 31/1/2026

Reader: K. Warner
POF: S. Bradshaw
Technology: S. Bates
Offertory: R. Grover/B. Elliott
Organist: A. O'Connell

ROSTER SATURDAY 7/1/26

Reader: S. Plevy
POF: J. Shaw
Technology: B. Elliott/
Offertory: P. Adams/A. O'Connell
Organist: J. Bastardo

Sacred Heart January Anniversaries

Bruce Laird, Peter Laird, Wayne Martin, John
Proudfoot, Bronte Fordham, Dr. John Prior,
Nellie Harrison, Diane Beard, Helena
O'Connell, Mary Anne Sheedy, Wal
Johnstone, Eileen Johnstone, Elsie Smith,
Martha Godfrey, Henry L Tebbutt, Alfred
Peno, Thelma Harrison, Matthew Smith, Rick
McEvoy, Judy Ryan, Dawn Ackland, Shawn
Whiting, Carmen Traynor, Joy Roser, Mark
Hukins, Doris Hallman, Lenore Morse, Jean
Tumbers, Barry Duncan, Kathleen Tebbutt,
John Kenniff snr, Margaret Morse, Nell
Maunder.

Please pray for the sick of the Parish

Tommy Edwards, John Hallman, Pat Ryan,
Sr Maria Harrex, Lisa Hallman,
Josie Strohal, (mother of Nicola Plevy),
Michael Jamieson, Roger O'Shea,
Malcolm McEacherin, Clare Lyons,
Dave Sawtell.

ROSARY Friday 10:30am



2nd/3rd/4th Friday
prior to
11am Mass

GOSPEL

Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for

what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the

cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

TRUE BLESSEDNESS

What is discipleship about? This becomes the focus of Matthew’s Gospel over the next few Sundays as we turn to Jesus’ first major moment of teaching, what we know as the ‘Sermon on the Mount’. Jesus, like Moses in the Old Testament, gathers with his disciples on a mountain. They surround him and listen to his teaching. He teaches them about blessedness in eight ‘Beatitudes’. Each Beatitude begins with ‘Blessed are those...’ and then names those who are blessed by God.

Some translations unhelpfully have ‘Happy are those...’ There is a theological distinction between being ‘blessed’ and ‘happy’. Being happy relies on one’s self-referential internal disposition. The focus of ‘blessedness’ is different. It is God. The Greek (*makrios*) is about God’s action to those who are without status (‘poor in spirit’), know their own humble status (‘gentle’), seek comfort amidst life’s sadness (‘mourn’), are passionate for justice (‘hunger and thirst for what is right’), show compassion to others (‘merciful’), are thoughtfully genuine and authentic (‘pure of heart’), seek to bring about peace where there is division (‘peacemakers’) and who suffer for their conviction to act justly with integrity (‘persecuted in the cause of right’).

Those named as blessed have an ultimate openness to God in all life’s experiences. God will respond to them, will bless them and will allow the Kingdom (rather ‘Kin-dom’) to be revealed in them. The Beatitudes are framed with the promise, ‘the kin-dom of God is theirs’. A final Beatitude is tacked on to the original eight. It acknowledges the suffering and persecution now experienced by Matthew’s community. A lingering contemplation of any of these Beatitudes can remind us how much we are blessed by God now.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

1 FEBRUARY 2026

FIRST READING

Zeph 2: 3; 3: 12-13

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave
a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge
in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest
with no one to disturb them.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

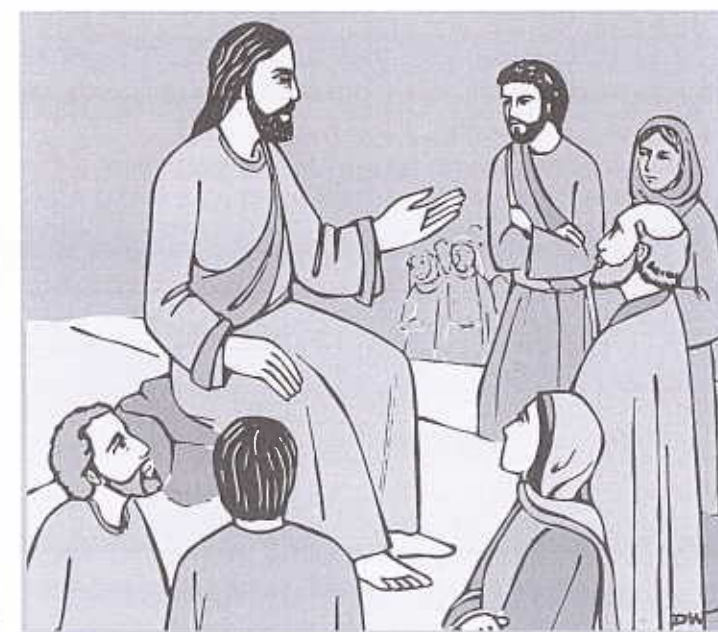
Ps 145: 7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (or Alleluia!)

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, /
who is just to those who are oppressed. / It is
he who gives bread to the hungry, / the Lord,
who sets prisoners free. R.

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, /
who raises up those who are bowed down, /
the Lord, who protects the stranger / and
upholds the widow and orphan. R.

3. It is the Lord who loves the just / but
thwarts the path of the wicked. / The Lord
will reign for ever, / Zion’s God, from age to
age. R.



SECOND READING

1 Cor 1: 26-31

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God’s doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5: 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad:

your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!