

# CATHOLIC PARISH OF GUNNEDAH

St Joseph's Church, Gunnedah  
 Mary Immaculate Church, Tambar Springs  
 St. Therese Church, Mullaley  
 Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Chapel, Gunnedah  
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	31 Jan/Sat 6pm	7 Feb/Sat 6pm
Technology	L. Shortis	L. Shortis
Intro & POF	M. Turner	V. Tydd
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading.	V. Shakeshaft	J. Densley
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> Reading	T. Kennedy	A. Paull
2 <sup>nd</sup> 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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gunnedah: Saturday 6pm  
 Sunday: 8:30am  
 Tambar Springs 11am

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  
 Elino Armidale,  
 Bill & Michael White,  
 Foster & Brady Family,  
 Maddison & Barry Smith,  
 Jan Swanson, Tracey Roberts,  
 Xavier Kennedy.

Reconciliation Next Saturday  
 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026 @ 12 noon

**FORGIVEN**

Ash  
 Wednesday  
 18 February

A period of  
 penance and  
 reflection

## 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

01/02/2026 - 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/lent-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. Plevey  
 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  
 Mauder.

## Please pray for the sick of the Parish

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

## ROSARY Friday 10:30am



2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> 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



# 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**

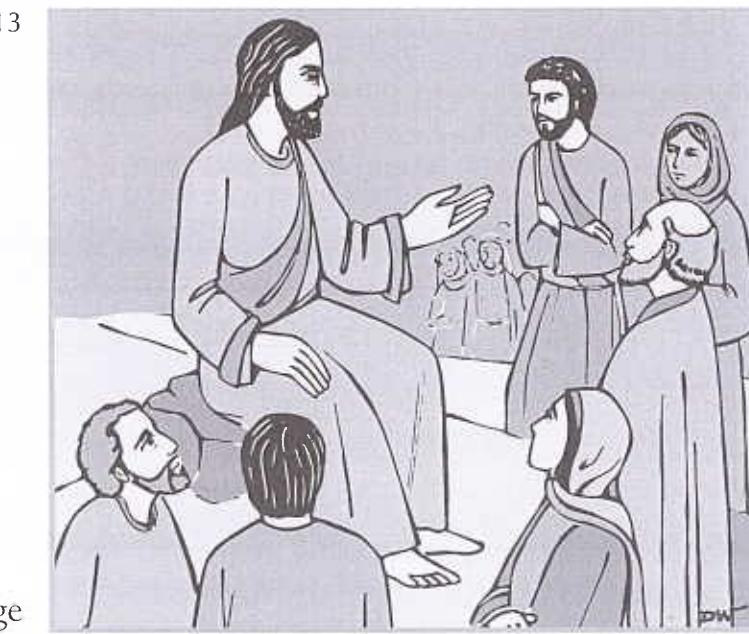
Ps 145: 7-10

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!*

**Fr Michael Trainor**