

St John's Catholic Parish

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:2

Mullumbimby



Serving the Catholic Community in the Brunswick Valley

THE fourth Sunday of Lent is sometimes called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Traditionally, Sundays are named after the first word of the liturgy's opening antiphon.

On this Sunday, the antiphon is taken from the book of the prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 66:10-11).

Even as we observe our Lenten sacrifices, we rejoice in anticipation of the joy that will be ours at Easter.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from John's Gospel.

It consists of two parts. The first part is the final sentence of Jesus' reply to Nicodemus, the Pharisee who approached Jesus at night.

Nicodemus acknowledged Jesus as someone who had come from God and seemed to want to be a follower of Jesus. Jesus greeted Nicodemus with the observation that one must be born from above to see the Kingdom of God. The dialogue between Jesus and Nicodemus that followed was about the meaning of this phrase. Nicodemus misunderstood Jesus at every point, but there was no animosity in the questions he posed to Jesus.

In the part of the conversation with Nicodemus in today's Gospel, Jesus referred to an incident reported in the Old Testament. When the Israelites



Rejoice! Jesus is the Light in the world

grumbled against the Lord during their sojourn in the desert, God sent venomous serpents to punish them for their complaints. The Israelites repented and asked Moses to pray for them. The Lord heard Moses' prayer and instructed him to make a bronze serpent and mount it on a pole. All who had been bitten by a serpent and then looked upon the bronze serpent were cured. By recalling this story, Jesus alludes to the salvation that would be accomplished through his death and Resurrection.

The second part of today's Gospel is a theological reflection on Jesus' words to Nicodemus. In these reflections, John elaborates on a number of themes found in his Gospel: light and darkness, belief and

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4th Sunday of Lent, Year B
Sunday 11th March, 2018

Liturgy this week

Psalm Response

Let my tongue be silenced,
if ever I forget you!

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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king of endless glory!*

Mass Readings

Mar 11, 4th Sunday of Lent

2 Chr 36: 14-16, 19-23;
Eph 2: 4-10;
Jn 3: 14-21.

Mar 18, 5th Sunday of Lent

Jer 31: 31-34;
Heb 5: 7-9; Jn 12: 20-33.

Mass Times this week:

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mullumbimby

Wednesday 9.30

Friday 9.30am

Brunswick Heads

Tuesday 5.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Adoration, Rosary prior to service

WEEKEND MASSES

Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

Stations of the Cross - 5pm

Friday Mar 16: St John's

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SAINTS AND FEASTS

17.03 St Patrick - was a fifth-century Romano-British Christian missionary and bishop in Ireland. Known as the "Apostle of Ireland", he is the primary patron saint of Ireland, along with saints Brigit of Kildare and Columba. The dates of Patrick's life cannot be fixed with certainty, but there is broad agreement that he was active as a missionary in Ireland during the second half of the 5th century. Early medieval tradition credits him with being the first bishop of Armagh and Primate of Ireland, and they regard him as the founder of Christianity in Ireland, converting a society practising a form of Celtic polytheism. According to the *Confessio of Patrick*, when he was about 16, he was captured by Irish pirates from his home in Britain and taken as a slave to Ireland, looking after animals; he lived there for six years before escaping and returning to his family. After becoming a cleric, he returned to northern and western Ireland. In later life, he served as a bishop, but little is known about the places where he worked.



- wikipedia

Rosters: 17/18 March - 5th Sunday in Lent, Yr B

	BRUNSWICK HEADS	MULLUMBIMBY
Welcomer	Robyn Macdonald	Liturgy Group
Readers	Michelle Davies Veronica Bellenger	Vivianne Pyke Bridget Wallace
Offertory Procession	Beth Wann Volunteer pls	Pyke Family
Ministers of Communion	John Holmes Kay Holmes	Lew Wallace Paula O'Connor
Data Projector		Igor

Counters, Wednesday March 14 - David Condon

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Lenten Reflections
from the **SURRENDER** Program



WHY not spend a few minutes each day gazing upon the Crucifix in your home. Linger on the Crucifix and speak to Jesus - he who longs to hear your voice. And, after you have spoken, hear him say to you, "My child, if you were the only person to live, I would not hesitate to die for you. Look into my face. To have seen me, consoles me. If you only knew how much I love you and how ready I am to forgive you by just one kind look at me, a moment's regret, a sigh of hesitation, a smile at my holy face.

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unbelief, good and evil, salvation and condemnation.

In John's reflection, we find an observation about human sinfulness. Jesus is the light that has come into the world, but people wish to keep our sins hidden, even from God. Jesus has come into the world to reveal our sins so that they may be forgiven.

This is the Good News; it is the reason for our rejoicing in this season of Lent and throughout our lives. *- Loyola Press*

Parish Pastoral Council

"You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and bear fruit, fruit that will last." - John 15:16

PPC Elections will take place in May this year. All parishioner are invited to take part in this process by nominating parishioners whom they consider to be suitable to serve as members of the Pastoral Council. We ask all parishioners to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Save the Date

Fr Anthony Lemon will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on **Sunday 27th May with a 10.30am** Mass of Celebration followed by a Jubilee Lunch.

Street Stall

The Josephite Associates will hold their annual Street Stall in Bangalow on Friday 4th May. Proceeds go to Mary MacKillop International to provide educational resources for the children of East Timor. Donations of saleable goods are being sought for the stall. Enquiries Jan 5611 0001.

Join a Parish family group

Would you like to join a parish family group and be part of their network of caring, sharing and friendship?

It is a great way to get to know others in our parish. We have 2 groups, the **Mackillop Family Group** and the **St John's Family Group**. The groups meet every 5-6 weeks and hold social events. For more info please see Pam Lang(66847359) or Vivianne Pyke (66845432).

St John's Catholic Parish Profit and Loss Statement

January - December 2017

INCOME:

Mass Collection	
- Planned Giving	34,413
- Loose	8,093
DIF Contribution	5,000
Donations	5,061
Fundraising	3,055
Rent	81,134
Pastoral (Funerals etc)	1,440
Special Appeals	2,729
Other	1,630
TOTAL INCOME	\$142,555

EXPENSES:

Diocesan Quotas	11,812
Electricity	3,778
Insurance	15,662
Motor Vehicle Expenses	12,480
Repairs and Maintenance	30,685
Rates	
- General	8,492
-Water	3,780
Salaries and Wages	25,374
General Office	5,145
Special Appeals	2,797
Phone/Fax/Internet	4,363
Audit fees	1,280
Advertising and Promotion	898
Church requisites	1,960
Cleaning and Waste	2,352
Computer expenses	1,218
Fundraising	1,375
Subscriptions and Publications	1,446
Other	3,710
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$138,607

SURPLUS \$3,948

NOTE: In September, the parish took out a \$60,000 loan with the DIF to replace the roof on the convent. This will be paid off over 10 years.

Let Us Pray



FOR THOSE:

Recently deceased:

Kayla Hufton, Dawn Taylor, Graham Fredricks, Michelle Heaney, Peter Gleeson, Victor Cornale, June Sheaffe.

Anniversaries:

Joseph Merlot, James Wiley, Colin Wiley, Pam Fraser, Terry Godbee, Mick Rielly, Sharyn Leroy, Max Jeffreys, Jack Walker, Paul Dailhou, Mary Nicholson, Maureen Creagan.

Time of need:

Jim Donnelly, Lola Fenwick, Deacon Graeme Davis, Brian Stanbury, Gayle Steinbeck, Ella and Dylan Bradbury, Trisha Lloyd, Brian Hayden, Pat Dailhou, Camilla Reynolds, Teresa Pezzutti, Pat and Elaine Walker, Hazel O'Meara, Judy and Frank Mills, Maree Wiesmes, Colleen Mudge, Norah Porthouse, Jim Mills, Dan Boyle, Doug Spensley, Gerda Hughes, Peter Colville, Anne Carolan, Fr Andrew Benton, Samantha & Kate Holley, Stephen Buckley, and Betina Abbott.

Please let us know if names should be removed from list.

Our Diocesan Seminarians:

Those in training at Vianney Seminary Seminary, Wagga Wagga, for the Diocese of Lismore are: Roger Delmonte, Francis Mbithi, Prodeocio Bognay, Anthony Galwu. Also those planning on entering seminaries in 2018.

FORMED.org

The Parish, through the Catholic Schools Office, is subscribed to an online resource called **FORMED.org**

FORMED is a revolutionary digital platform that gives access to video-based study programmes, feature films, audio presentations and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters.

Developed by the Augustine Institute, FORMED has grown to include selections of the very best Catholic content from different apostolate including: Augustine Institute Studios, Lighthouse audio talks, Ignatius Press, Marian Missionaries, the St Paul Centre for Biblical Theology Sophia Institute, Catholic Answers and Word on Fire. You can join the FORMED web site by going to **mullumbimby.formed.org** and enter the Parish Code **KGB2TC**. You can also download the free iOS or Android app on your mobile phone.

SAVE THE DATE

MAR 16: Stations OTC, St John's, 5pm.

22: Josephite Associates Meeting, Parish Resource Room, 2pm.

23: Stations OTC, OLOL, 5pm.

28: 2nd Rite of Penance, 6pm, St John's Church.

APR 6: Parish Prayer Day, St John's.

8-13: Grief to Grace, Spiritual Retreat. griegtograce.org

27-29: Marriage Encounter Weekend Varroville. www.wwme.org.au

MAY 18-20: The Beginning Experience. Invercauld House, Goonellabah. belismore.org.au

PROJECT COMPASSION

FOR A JUST FUTURE



Evangeline in Australia

EVANGELINE is strengthening Aboriginal culture, while making a living and creating opportunities for her community. Evangeline was employed by the Caritas Australia supported Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation and rose to the role of Senior Artswoker. Her work has supported the organisation's growth. It's now a key employer in the NT community of Beswick (Wugularr). *A Just Future* starts with your support! You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or visit: www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

Earthquake Response

CARITAS Australia has started supporting affected communities in Papua New Guinea's central highlands, following the 7.5 magnitude earthquake which struck last week. Caritas is preparing to deliver emergency assistance including basic supplies like food, water and first aid, as well as supporting long-term needs like shelter.

It's estimated around 150,000 people remain in need of aid. More than 30 deaths have been confirmed so far. If you would like to assist the people of Papua New Guinea, you can donate to the **Caritas Australia Pacific Emergency Appeal** by calling 1800 024 413 or by visit: www.caritas.org.au/pacific-appeal

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday of Lent at **5pm**.

OLOL: March 23rd.

ST JOHN'S: March 16th.



Bishop's Lenten Talks

Bishop Greg Homeming is giving Lenten talks at St Carthage's Cathedral at **7pm on Mondays** - March 12th and 19th. All welcome. Talks can be viewed online at: www.lismorediocese.org

Christian Meditation

Parish Resource Room, **Weds at 3.30pm**. Phone Judy 0401629748.

Prayer Group

Mary of the Angelus Intercessory Prayer Group, **10.30am, OLOL, Brunswick Heads, 2nd and 4th Friday** of month. Enquiries or prayer requests, call Jan 0431 477445.



St Vinnie's volleys needed

"Can you spare an hour or so a month?"

St Vincent de Paul in Mullumbimby is looking for assistance to accept and record requests for interviews by Conference. Hours 8.30am to 9.30am on Thursdays. (No requirement to interview those seeking assistance). If you can help one or more days per month please contact Peter Kiernan on 0438 605 394

Incitare Retreat Day

Incitare Retreat Day is a one day retreat experience for year 6 students from each Parish primary schools based in regions of the Diocese to celebrate their faith at a diocesan level. The retreat will be a chance to bring students together to meet

like-minded peers and to celebrate with other young people who practice their faith. This experience allows three St John's Primary School students; Saskia, Ivy and Henry to build relationships with other students from their region and the opportunity to talk and share their faith journey.

Josephite Associates Meeting

The Josephite Associates will meet in St John's Parish Resource Room (change of venue) on **Thurs 22nd March at 2pm**. Reading for the meeting is pages 131-147 from chapter 9 of Flora MacKillop *A Truly Blessed Woman*. Please bring afternoon tea to share. All welcome. Enquiries to Jan 56110001.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS

- Renay Condon, Principal



Project Compassion - Last

Friday, all the students dressed in purple and made a gold coin donation for Project Compassion. We raised over \$100 which will be a fantastic contribution towards our fundraising during Lent. The students participated in a water relay in which they had to carry a bucket of water. This was to build understanding and empathy with those who do not have readily accessible sources of water as we do. They experienced how heavy it and difficult it can be to carry a bucket of water over just a short distance and were aware how much harder it would be over

longer distances and more challenging terrain. How lucky we are to wake up to fresh clean water running from our taps everyday.

Family Mass - We are very excited about the Family Mass this weekend and look forward to strengthening our ties with the Parish community. We are immensely proud of the role we play alongside our parish in maintaining the rich heritage that is Catholic Education in our community.

Catholic Schools Week - This week provides us with the opportunity to showcase and celebrate the quality education we offer to the diverse range



of students in our school for Catholic Schools Week. So not only are families invited to celebrate mass but to see samples of student work at assembly. *Blessings for the week ahead, Renay.*