

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

TODAY we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family. This feast is part of the Christmas season, and we should place today's Gospel in the context of what Luke's Gospel tells us about the birth of Jesus. Luke has been answering the question "Who is Jesus?" through his stories of the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. Today's Gospel reading continues this theme. It has no parallel in the other Gospels and is the conclusion of Luke's Infancy Narrative.

Mary, Joseph, and Jesus are presented in this Gospel as a faithful Jewish family. They are participating in the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, an event shared each year with family and friends.

When Jesus is found, Luke describes him as seated in the Temple in the midst of the Jewish teachers. Although he is young, Jesus seems not to need teaching about his Jewish tradition. In his dialogue with these learned teachers, Jesus astounds them with his insight and understanding. Jesus is a child of Israel. His Father is God.

The dialogue between Mary and Jesus contains many references to family relationships. In fact, in this Gospel reading Mary and Joseph are never identified by name. Instead they are referred to by their relationship to Jesus. Ultimately, this



Celebrate the Holy Family

emphasizes Luke's point about the identity of Jesus.

When Mary and Joseph find Jesus in the Temple, they question Jesus and express their anxiety. Jesus replies in words that many have thought to be disrespectful. Jesus says that he was never lost; he was at home. Jesus is God's Son, and he is in his Father's house. Luke will continue to suggest that faith in Jesus establishes new family relationships as he describes Jesus' public ministry.

In Luke's Gospel, Mary's importance is even greater than her role as Jesus' mother. Mary is the first disciple and will be present with Jesus' disciples after his Resurrection at Pentecost.

- Loyola Press

Sunday 30th December, 2018
The Holy Family, Year C

Liturgy this week

Mass Readings

1 Sam 1: 20-22, 24-28;

1 Jn 3: 1-2, 21-24;

Lk 2: 41-52.

Psalm Response

How happy they who dwell
in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Next week's Readings

The Epiphany of the Lord, Year C:

Is 60: 1-6;

Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6;

Mt 2: 1-12.

Mass/Service Times:

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mullumbimby

Wednesday 9.30am

Friday 9.30am

Parish Day of Prayer

Brunswick Heads

Tuesday 5.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Adoration, Rosary prior to service

WEEKEND MASSES

Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

To include information in the weekly newsletter, please email the office by Tuesday evening - mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au

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SAINTS AND FEASTS

01.01.19 Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Octave of the Nativity of the Lord
02.01.19 Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

Holidays

Parish Secretary Michelle Davies will be away for the first two weeks of January. She will be back on Jan 16th.

Parish Day of Prayer

This Friday 4th January at St John's Church from 9.30am.

Power Point Volunteers

If you attend Sunday Mass at St John's Church then perhaps you could volunteer for the power point presentation. This is not hard and you will be given training. Preparation can be done at home. Please see Jenny. Roster is for every four weeks.

Let Us Pray



FOR THOSE:

Recently deceased:

Sr Colleen Reynolds PBVM, Jimmy McGettigan.

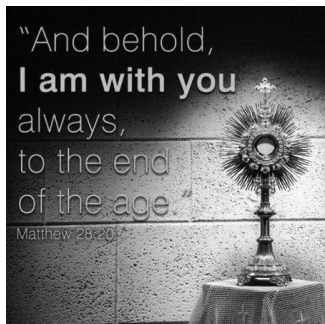
Anniversaries:

Mavis Wiley, Robert (Mick) Bellenger, Patrick and Phoebe Gallen and children, Rita Gooley.

Time of need:

Kathleen Reynolds, Joyce Lake, Brian Burns, Hazel O'Meara, Helen DeCosta, Bernadette McCabe, Kevin Donaghy, Aileen Ryan, Claire Melene, Jim Donnelly, Trisha Lloyd, Pat Dailhou, Camilla Reynolds, Peter Colville, Fr Andrew Benton, Samantha & Kate Holley, Stephen Buckley, and Betina Abbott.

Names will not be updated until after January 16 when the office reopens.



Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.*

*Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth. Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.
Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*



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Rosters: 5/6th January - The Epiphany of the Lord

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| Welcomer | Janice Bolland | Liturgy Group |
| Readers | Dot Andrews Mary Ashton | Jenny Tucker Bridget Wallace |
| Offertory Procession | Maria Alidenes Janice Bolland | Igor, Gosia and Leon |
| Ministers of Communion | Mark Russell Lisa Russell | Gosia Izaszek Anne Arcus |
| Projector | | Igor |
| Collection Counters - No counters this week | | |