

# St John's Catholic Parish

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

Mullumbimby



Serving the Catholic Community in the Brunswick Valley

**THIS** week we return to the liturgical season of Ordinary Time. This Sunday and next, however, are designated as solemnities—special days that call our attention to central mysteries of our faith. Today on Trinity Sunday we celebrate the mystery of the Holy Trinity, one God in three persons.

Today's Gospel is from the beginning of John's Gospel. The passage we read follows Jesus' conversation with a Pharisee, Nicodemus, about what it means to be born of both water and the spirit.

Nicodemus approaches Jesus at night and acknowledges Jesus as a teacher from God. Jesus tells him that only those who are born from above will see the Kingdom of God.

Nicodemus misunderstands and questions how a person can be born more than once. Jesus tells Nicodemus that no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. Jesus is essentially explaining Baptism, which we celebrate as a sacrament today. Yet Nicodemus, we are told, still does not understand what Jesus is saying. Jesus continues by testifying to the need to be born from above so that one might have eternal life.

After the dialogue with Nicodemus, the author of the Gospel offers his own explanation of Jesus' words. This is what we read in today's Gospel, John 3:16-18.



## The Holy Trinity

In the context of today's focus on the mystery of the Holy Trinity, the reading calls our attention to the action of God, who reveals himself in three persons: God the Father, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. God the Father, out of love for the world, sent his Son into the world in order to save it. Through the death and resurrection of the Son, we have been given the gift of the Holy Spirit. As three persons, God acts always as a God of love; he does not condemn the world but acts to save it.

The Gospel also calls attention to the response that is required of us. God's love for us calls us to respond in faith by professing our belief in God's son, Jesus, and the salvation that he has won for us. This profession of faith is a sign of the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

- Loyola Press

**Sunday 7th June, 2020**  
**The Most Holy Trinity, Year A**

### Liturgy this Week

#### *This week's Readings*

Ex 34: 4-6, 8-9;

2 Cor 13:11-13;

Jn 3: 16-18.

#### *Entrance Antiphon*

Blest be God the Father,  
and the Only Begotten Son of God,  
and also the Holy Spirit, for he has  
shown us his merciful love.

#### *Psalm Response*

Glory and praise for ever!

#### *Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit: to God who is,  
who was, and who is to come.  
Alleluia!

#### *Next week's Readings*

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16;

1 Cor 10:16-17;

Jn 6:51-58.

**The Parish website  
can be found at:  
[www.mullumbimbycatholic.com.au](http://www.mullumbimbycatholic.com.au)**

#### *Mass/Service Times:*

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

**Brunswick Heads**

**Thursday**

Adoration and Rosary **5pm**  
Readings, Vespers and Eucharist **5.30pm**

### WEEKEND MASSES

**Brunswick Heads**

**Saturday Vigil 5pm**

**Mullumbimby**

**Sunday 8am**

## Contact Information

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### PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Fr David Gilbey: 6685 6260

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### PARISH MANAGER:

Michelle Davies (working at home)

Office: Wed & Thur 10am-5.30pm

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### CHURCHES:

St John's

15 Murwillumbah Rd,  
Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes

50 Mullumbimbi St,  
Brunswick Heads

### PARISH SCHOOL:

St John's Primary

Principal: Renay Condon

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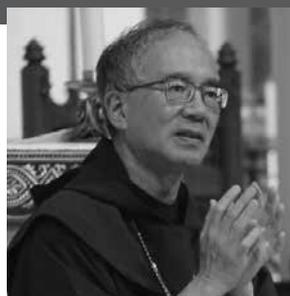
## Rosters: 13/14 June, Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Until further notice only readers will be rostered on.

	BRUNSWICK	MULLUMBIMBY
Readers	Lisa Russell Veronica Bellenger	Paul Brennan Peter Kiernan

Collection Counters - Wednesday 10th June: Janet Hoffman

## Join Bishop Greg for Mass every Sunday on the Diocese of Lismore YouTube Channel



YouTube Live 8am

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[www.lismorediocese.org](http://www.lismorediocese.org)

Click on the YouTube Channel link on the bottom right of the home page

## SAINTS AND FEASTS

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**09.06 St Ephrem**

**11.06 St St Barnabas, Apostle**

- Barnabas was a Cypriot Jew. Named an apostle in Acts 14:14, he and Paul the Apostle undertook missionary journeys together and defended Gentile converts against the Judaizers. They traveled together making more converts (c. 45-47), and participated in the Council of Jerusalem (c. 50). Barnabas and Paul successfully evangelized among the "God-fearing" Gentiles who attended synagogues in various Hellenized cities of Anatolia.

**13.06 St Anthony of Padua**

## Position Vacant

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore is seeking applications from suitably qualified persons for the exciting new role of Catholic Chaplain, Mid North Coast Correctional Centre (Kempsey NSW). A Chaplain is required for a position of 70 hours a fortnight to provide high quality transformational pastoral care and spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff. The Chaplain works inclusively with people of diverse backgrounds, issues and needs, of faith or not, to sustain and empower the individual to enable holistic wellbeing and care. The successful applicant will be an essential support to the Diocese's Vision and Mission in a dynamic community.

For further information please contact the Diocesan HR Manager on 02 6621 9444 or [jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au) **Applications close 5pm, Wednesday 10 June 2020.**

## The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## Ignite cancelled

Young Catholics intending to go to this year's Ignite Conference in Brisbane will have to wait another year to gather for worship, prayer and inspirational speakers after organisers were forced to cancel the event.

## New Vatican regulations

Pope Francis promulgated a new law intended to control spending and prevent corruption in Vatican City State and Holy See financial transactions. The law, "Norms on the transparency, control and competition of public contracts of the Holy See and of the Vatican City State," gives new procedures for awarding public contracts which aim to increase oversight and accountability, and ensure the Vatican and Holy See work only with vetted financial partners. It also brings the Vatican into line with international anti-corruption laws. This follows reports last month that the Holy See is facing dire deficit projections. At the same time, the Holy See is facing investigations by Vatican prosecutors, looking into suspicious financial transactions and investments at the Vatican Secretariat of State, which could trigger increased oversight by European banking regulators.  
*Source: CNA.*

## A Prayer

*The same everlasting Father who cares for you today, will take care of you tomorrow and every day.*

*Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it.*

*Be at peace then and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations. Amen.*

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## Online daily videos

### Daily Devotional

Living with Holy Spirit Power with Bruce Downes The Catholic Guy. Be inspired, Be refreshed, Be renewed. Receive free short daily videos to inspire and strengthen you in your faith walk. Sign up: <https://brucedownes.org/pentecost-2020/>

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## Let Us Pray



### FOR THOSE:

**Recently deceased:**  
Peter Michael Dailhou.

**Anniversaries:**  
Col O'Donnell, Peter Nicholls.

### Time of need:

Brian Burns, Sr Margaret Keane, Shelly and Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Joyce Lake, Helen DeCosta, Bernadette McCabe, Kevin Donaghy, Claire Melene, Jim Donnelly, Trisha Lloyd, Pat Dailhou, Camilla Reynolds, Peter Colville, Fr Andrew Benton, Samantha & Kate Holley, Stephen Buckley, and Betina Abbott.

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

### Seminarians:

Those training for the Diocese: Prodeacio Bognay and Anthony Gawlu, and those entering seminaries.

## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS



This week in Stage 2 they held an official opening for their Research Centre. It is a space they have developed for their research. At the opening Shanti presented the expectations of how they can work in the research centre and Kade presented the expected behaviours in the research room. Kodi was the ribbon cutter and then all students were invited onto the deck for mingling and a flute of H2O. It was a lovely opening and later that day we started to see some models of the brain they had created. The brain is their first research topic.

Stage 2 has been working very hard on creating beautiful artwork for National Sorry Day and Reconciliation Day.

Blessings for the week ahead and enjoy the long weekend,  
*Renay Condon.*



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# Both churches are open for Mass this weekend.

Please note we are limited to 50 people per church and certain protocols will be in place. Parishioners must sit 1.5m apart (even if they are from the same household). The only exemption is for small children attending with an adult.

Below are directives from the Bishop

## BISHOP of LISMORE

— GREGORY HOMEMING OCD —

### The Opening of Churches from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020

- churches will open but no more than 50 people may attend at once (this must be supervised by the parish priest or delegated person);
- churches may be opened for prayer, Confessions, Mass, Baptisms, Funerals and Weddings;
- only 20 attendees are permitted at Weddings;
- contact details of all those entering the church (name and phone number or email address) must be recorded;
- spatial distancing (at least 1 ½ m from each other, the 4 square-metre rule) and hygiene directions (including regularly disinfecting the church) must be observed; attendees may sit only in marked places, to queue at a distance from others, to take care when coughing or sneezing and to avail themselves of hand sanitizer provided;
- congregational singing is suspended until further notice;
- Holy Communion shall be received on the hand only, the Chalice will not be distributed;
- those who are unwell or at high risk due to compromised immune or respiratory system should not attend; those over 70 should exercise particular caution.

Further relaxations are expected over coming months, but this will depend upon infection rates not spiking and churches being able to demonstrate responsible behaviour.

Further special directives have been issued to clergy and parishes.

Even with fifty in attendance and some multiplication of Sunday Masses, many of the faithful will be unable to attend. The faithful are therefore dispensed from attending Sunday Mass. You can keep Sunday holy by setting aside some time for prayer at home, reading the Scriptures of the day, watching Mass on television or online, and asking God for the graces you would normally receive in Holy Communion.

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