

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



A lesson in God's salvation

TODAY we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God.

If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-

possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone. The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating

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Sunday 16th Aug, 2020. Year A
20th Sunday in Ord Time

Liturgy this Week

This week's Readings

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32;
Mt 15:21-28.

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed
one; one day within your courts is
better than a thousand elsewhere.

Penitential Rite

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R: For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R: And grant us your salvation.

Psalm Response

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached
the Good News of the kingdom and
healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy; in him is
plentiful redemption.

Next week's Readings

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36;
Mt 16:13-20.

Gloria and Apostles' Creed
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Mass/Service Times:

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Brunswick Heads

Thursday

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

WEEKEND MASSES

Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

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Brunswick Heads

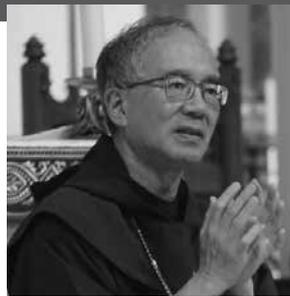
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St John's Primary

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YouTube Live 8am

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www.lismorediocese.org

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

SAINTS AND FEASTS *wikipedia*

20.08 St Bernard -Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153) was a French abbot and a major leader in the revitalization of Benedictine monasticism through the nascent Order of Cistercians. He was sent to found a new abbey at an isolated clearing in a glen known as the Val d'Absinthe, about 15 kilometres (9.3 mi) southeast of Bar-sur-Aube. There Bernard preached an immediate faith, in which the intercessor was the Virgin Mary. In 1128, Bernard attended the Council of Troyes, at which he traced the outlines of the Rule of the Knights Templar,[a] which soon became the ideal of Christian nobility.

21.08 St Pius X

22.08 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Direct Debits

Many parishioners made the change to Direct Debit planned giving payments during the church closures. Collections have started again at the churches and you are welcome to revert back to envelopes. Or feel free to continue direct debit payments if it is an easier way to manage payments without handling cash.

You can easily set up direct debit payments online or ask for assistance at your local branch. The 1st and 2nd Collections pay into different accounts - Collection 1 to the clergy and Collection 2 to the parish.

1st Collection - Clergy Fund

Bank: NAB,

Name: Presbyterium Account

Mullumbimby Parish,

BSB: 082-729, Acc: 50979 7032

2nd Collection - Parish Account

Bank: NAB,

Name: St John's Parish,

BSB: 082-729, Acc: 50979 6718.

Most people pay a monthly amount on the 15th of each month. If you have any questions please call Michelle in the office.



Current interest rate offered to investors

.90% pa

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The Diocesan Investment Fund - DIF - is a financial work of the Diocese of Lismore. The Fund offers one type of investment account to all our investors.

This investment account has interest calculated on a daily balance. For more information about opening and operating an account please contact or phone the Fund on freecall 1800 802 526.

www.dif.org.au

Rosters: 22/23 August

Until further notice only **ONE** Lector will be rostered on

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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

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

Dot Fletcher's Funeral

A funeral service will be held for Dot Fletcher at St John's Church on Monday 17th August at 11am. Numbers will be limited due to the size of the church.

Josephte Fundraising

Due to the ongoing Covid19 pandemic, the Josephte Associates' annual Bangalow street stall, which raises funds to provide educational resources for the children of East Timor, has been cancelled. Instead, with permission, they are taking up a collection which will be forwarded to Mary MacKillop International, for this purpose. Donations can be given to Pam Lang or Silvana Smith until the end of August.

Social Justice Statement

In the lead-up to Social Justice Sunday on August 30, the Catholic bishops of Australia have released the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21: *To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today*. Download it at: socialjustice.catholic.org.au/

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the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus.

Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all. - *Loyola Press*

Appeal for Lebanon

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut on the 4th of August, the Australian office of the international Catholic Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, has launched a national emergency appeal to raise funds to support the people of Lebanon. To read more about the appeal, and to make a donation, please visit: www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon or call: 1800 101 201 during business hours.

Let Us Pray



FOR THOSE:

Recently deceased:

Dot Fletcher, Joyce Morris, Frank Marks.

Anniversaries:

Maria Torresi, Barry Pheloung, Hazel O'Meara, Francis Buckley, Sr Carthage Kelly, Anne J Carolan.

Time of need:

Pat Dailhou, 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, 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: Prodenzio Bognay and Anthony Gawlu, and those entering seminaries.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS



Mary MacKillop - Last week our classes celebrated the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop with a liturgy in their own classroom. The same process will take place with the Feast of the Assumption. At school we continue to minimise our interactions across stages for continued social distancing and health measures. We also limit any adults visiting our site and permission is to be sought prior to entry.

School Fete - In March, we postponed the School Fete until Term 4. Unfortunately with the current border restrictions and continued health concerns regarding the pandemic we will postpone the Fete to 2021.

Pick up system - We will be trialing a new pick up system in



the afternoons for our parents, to improve safety for all and reduce traffic congestion on Murwillumbah Rd. As such, the school carpark will be closed for parking during the hours of 2:30pm-3:15pm. No car in the carpark will be able to leave or park during this time as we will be extending the drive through lane. Thanks for your assistance whilst we trial this new system.

Blessings for the week ahead,
Renay Condon.

"And behold,
I am with you
always,
to the end
of the age."

Matthew 28:20

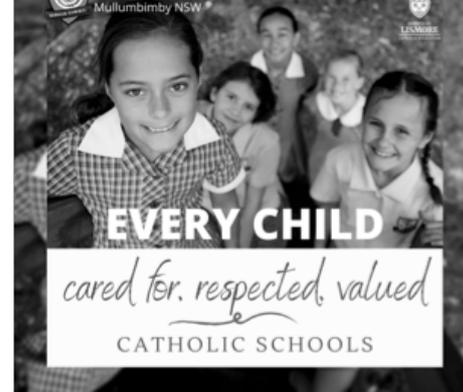


Sacramental Program

Following the Bishop's directive, we will not be running a Sacramental Program this year, 2020. Those who missed out this year can do the program in 2021.

ENROLLING FOR 2021

St John's Primary
Mullumbimby NSW



EVERY CHILD

cared for, respected, valued

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Relaxation on restrictions can only continue if parishioners demonstrate responsible behaviour

WE'RE
COVID
SAFE

Welcome Back

Please read the Bishop's directives on COVID 19 so you know what changes are in place.

- **Masks should be worn by all attending our churches.**
 - **Anyone who has been in Victoria or Greater Sydney in the last 14 days should not attend Mass in our churches.**
 - **Limit of 48 people seated in St John's Church, and 28 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church,**
 - **Contact details must be recorded for each person entering the church (Name, Phone/Email),**
 - **Social distancing of 1.5m must be maintained between each person. Household or other close contacts do not need to physically distance.**
 - **Sit in marked positions,**
 - **Hygiene directions must be adhered to. Use hand sanitizer on entry and exit,**
 - **No social gathering before or after Mass,**
 - **No congregational singing,**
 - **No Holy water,**
 - **No Sign of peace,**
 - **Holy Communion received on the hand only. No Chalice,**
 - **Weddings - church size limits,**
 - **Churches may open for:**
 - Prayer
 - Confession
 - Mass/Services
 - Baptism
 - Funerals: church size limits.
 - Weddings
- but only after contact with Fr David Gilbey.**
- Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend any church. Those over 70 should exercise particular caution. The faithful are dispensed from all Holy Days of Obligation.



BISHOP of LISMORE
— GREGORY HOMEMING OGD —

MEMORANDUM

“The Premier of NSW has recommended that masks be worn at places of worship. While we cannot enforce this, we should encourage parishioners to wear masks during religious services.”

Why should I wear a mask?

It's not about your protection – it's about protecting others.

A significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms and even those who eventually develop symptoms can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms.

A mask may not prevent you from breathing in respiratory droplets that carry a virus, like COVID-19. But it will help to protect others from you, and the infected respiratory droplets you could spread.

For medical reasons, not all can wear masks. But if you can, please do.

How to wear a mask safely

- Wash your hands before putting on the mask;
- Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and fits snugly under your chin, over the bridge of your nose and against the sides of your face;
- Do not touch the front of the mask while it is on or when removing it (and if you do so accidentally, wash or clean your hands immediately);
- Wash hands after removing mask.
- Do not allow the mask to hang around your neck or under your nose;
- Do not reuse single use masks;
- Wash and dry reusable masks after use and store in a clean dry place.

Make sure the mask:

- Is secured with ties at the back of the head or ear loops;
- Doesn't have holes or a valve;
- Allows for breathing without restriction.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ,

Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the

world, have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the

world, receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy

Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died and was

buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.