

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



*"Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar
— and to God what belongs to God"*

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation.

Herodians favored the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his

questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honor that we owe to God? - *Loyola Press*

**Sunday 18th Oct, 2020. Year A
29th Sunday in Ord Time**

Liturgy this Week

This week's Readings

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5;
Mt 22:15-21.

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Next week's Readings

Ex 22: 20-26; 1 Thess 1:5-10;
Mt 22:34-40.

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

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St John's Primary

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8am

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www.lismorediocese.org

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www.dif.org.au

Rosters: 24/25 October

Until further notice only ONE Lector will be rostered on

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Lisa Russell

ST JOHN'S

Anna Armstrong

Direct Debit Planned Giving

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 pay their direct debit planned giving monthly, on the 15th of each month. Call Michelle for more information.

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Guidelines to attending our Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic

- Masks should be worn by all attending 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 maintained between each person. Households do not need to physically distance,
- Sit in marked positions,
- Use hand sanitizer on entry and exit,
- No social gathering before or after Mass,
- No singing, No Holy water, No Sign of peace,
- Holy Communion received on the hand. No Chalice,
- Weddings - church size limits,
- Churches may open for: Prayer, Confession, Mass/Services, Baptism, Funerals: church size limits, and Weddings but only after contact with Fr David Gilbey.

If are unwell or at high risk do not attend any church.

Those over 70 should exercise particular caution.

The faithful are dispensed from all Holy Days of Obligation.

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



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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.

PLEASE READ COVID Reminder



While it feels like life is returning to normal as more people come back to Mass, it is important to remember **COVID Safe Rules are still in place at our churches for everyone's safety.**

We have more people visiting from further afield which increases the risk of infection within our parish.

Many of our parishioners fall into high risk categories due to age and health concerns. So please keep your masks on until you get outside of the church. **And once outside, we have a directive to discourage all social gatherings.** Please keep 1.5m apart from others (especially if you have removed your mask) and leave quickly. Thank you for your care.

A Prayer for HSC Students

Let us pray for the young men and woman as they undertake their final assessment and enter into exams.

God, we ask that they especially feel your closeness during the time. Give them calm hearts and quiet confidence in the knowledge that you hold them in the palm of your hand.

Bless them with keen understanding and retentive memory. Give them the ability to grasp things correctly. Point out the beginning, direct their progress and help them in the completion of each of their responses.

Holy Spirit, send them your gifts of wisdom and knowledge.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

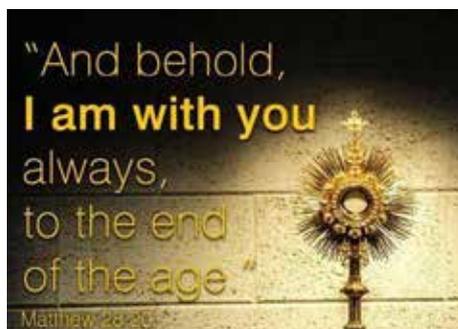
Friday Adoration

Held every Friday at St John's Church, Mullumbimby.

Adoration 8.30-10am

Rosary 9.30am

Please do not attend if you have any signs of illness. All normal COVID rules are in place.



Let Us Pray



FOR THOSE:

Recently deceased:

Vince Creagan, Robyn Clarke, Hon John Fahey, Gloria Thorley.

Anniversaries:

Joseph and Keith Walker, Ned and Cora Cook, Brian Arcus, Athol and Nell Sawtell.

Time of need:

Pat Dailhou, Brian Burns, Sr Margaret Keane, Shelly and Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Joyce Lake, Ron 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 and those entering seminaries.

SAINTS AND FEASTS *wikipedia*

19.10 Sts John Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues and Companions

19.10 St Paul of the Cross

22.10 St John Paul II

23.10 St John of Capistrano

24.10 St Anthony Mary

Claret - (1807-1870) was a Spanish Roman Catholic archbishop and missionary, and was confessor of Isabella II of Spain. He founded the congregation of Missionary Sons of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, commonly called the Claretians.

In addition to the Claretians, Archbishop Claret founded or drew up the rules of several communities of religious sisters. His zealous life and the wonders he wrought, both before and after his death, testified to his sanctity. Claret is the patron saint of weavers.



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Mission Sunday Appeal

The Joy of the Lord is our Strength - Nehemiah 8:10

This Sunday, we celebrate World Mission Sunday - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world.

This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life. Donation envelopes are available at the back of the church.

You can place them in the plate.



Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia through this year's Church Appeal.



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

Aid to the Church in Need is organizing the prayer campaign **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart of God. How

powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign today - 18th of October. Go to www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children to learn more.

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS



We have had a wonderful start back to Term 4. It was obvious lots of families enjoyed the outdoors and beautiful surrounding areas

as many students reported going camping on their holidays. It has been lovely to hear the children sharing their adventures.

As October is **Month of the Rosary** the classes have been engaging in the rosary and supporting class activities. As a school we look to support the announcement from Pope Francis "Sunday, 18 October, the Aid to the Church in Need Foundation promotes the "One Million Children Praying



Image source from www.catholicoutlook.org/acn-calling-on-children-to-pray-the-rosary-on-18-october/

the Rosary" campaign for unity and peace.

We also welcome our **Kindergarten** students for 2021 to school this Term for their Orientation Days. It will be lovely to have them here at school getting to know the school community, routines and new friends. Blessings for the week ahead,
Renay Condon

Missal orders

The order form for next year's Daily Mass books, Ordo or Missals is at the back of the churches. Please add your information to the list and put payment in an envelope and place on the plate.

Ten Year Anniversary

Canonisation of Mary MacKillop Saturday 17th October

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to "Take fresh courage." During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support the work of Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross. For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit:

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November 20-22, 2020

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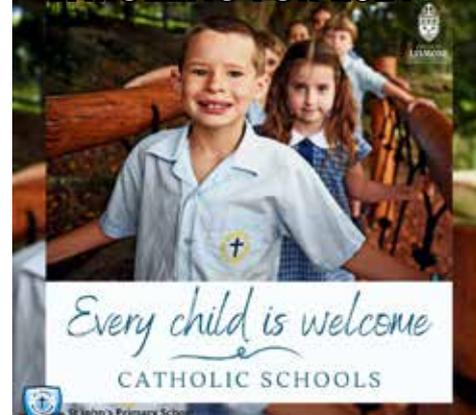
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To include information in the newsletter, please email the office by Tuesday evening: mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au

ENROLLING FOR 2021



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.