

# 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



## Crowds welcome Jesus

**TODAY** we begin Holy Week, the days during which we journey with Jesus on his way of the cross and anticipate his Resurrection on Easter.

Today's liturgy begins with the procession with palms to remind us of Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem. Riding on a borrowed colt, Jesus was hailed by the crowds as they blessed God and shouted "Hosanna!" This event is reported in each of the four Gospels.

Throughout this Gospel, Mark challenges the reader to consider the claim with which the Gospel begins: Jesus is the Son of God. When we read Mark's account of the passion, we begin to comprehend the deeper theological statement being made about Jesus' death.

In Mark's telling of the passion narrative, Jesus understood his death to have been preordained, and he accepted this death in obedience to God's will. Jewish Scripture is quoted only once, but there are several references to the fulfillment of the Scriptures.

Jesus understood his anointing in

Bethany as an anticipation of his burial, and he announced that this story would be told together with the Gospel throughout the world. Jesus predicted his betrayal by Judas as well as Peter's denial. At his arrest, Jesus acknowledged that the preordained time had arrived. Jesus was both confident and silent before his accusers. After he was sentenced to death, Jesus did not speak again until his final cry from the cross.

The bystanders misunderstood and believed that he was calling for Elijah.

The Roman centurion, however, affirmed what Mark has presented throughout this Gospel: Jesus is the Son of God. Nowhere was this revealed more fully than in his death on the cross.

During Holy Week, we prayerfully remember the events of Jesus' passion and death. As we meditate on the cross, we ask again and anew what it means to make the statement of faith that Jesus, in his obedient suffering and dying, revealed himself to us as God's Son.

- Loyola Press

**Sunday 28th March 2021**

**Year B, Palm Sunday**

**Liturgy this Week**

*This week's Readings*

Simple Entrance; Is 50: 4-7;

Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47.

**Psalm Response**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

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**Easter Readings**

**Holy Thursday:** Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;  
1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

**Good Friday:** Is 52:13 - 53:12;  
Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42

**Saturday Vigil:** Gen 1:11-2;  
Ex 14:15-15:1; Is 55:1-11;  
Rom 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7;

**Easter Sunday:** Acts 10:34, 37-43;  
1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

### **EASTER SERVICES**

**Holy Thursday:**

**OLOL, 6pm**

**Stations of the Cross:**

**Good Friday, OLOL, 11am**

**Good Friday:**

**St John's Church, 3pm**

**Saturday Easter Vigil:**

**St John's Church, 6pm**

**Easter Sunday:**

**St John's Church, 8am**

**NOTE: Daylight Saving ENDS  
Sunday morning**

## St John's Catholic Parish Brunswick Valley

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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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on the 15th of each month. Please call  
Office to provide info for our records.



### Guidelines to attending our Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic

- If you have been in any COVID hot spots in the last 14 days, we ask you NOT to attend services.
- Masks are **strongly** recommended for all in our churches.
- Limit of 96 people seated in St John's Church, and 56 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
- Contact details must be recorded for each person entering the church (Name, Phone/Email), via QR code or list.
- Social distancing of 1.5m maintained between each person. Households do not need to physically distance,
- 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 on the hand only, No Chalice,
- Weddings/Funerals - church size limits,
- Churches may open for: Prayer, Confession, Mass/ Services, Baptism and Funerals (church size limits) 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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

### Easter Rosters:

Please add your name to the Rosters at the back of the churches. Please Note: COVID rules are still in place including number restrictions at the churches.



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## AN AUSSIE ICON

For over half a century, generations of Australians have participated in Project Compassion. The initiative has raised more than \$500 million since it began in 1965 – making it one of the nation’s longest running charity campaigns.

For many, Project Compassion’s iconic collection boxes have become a nostalgic part of their lives – a reminder around home, school, church and the community that it’s time to support Caritas Australia’s annual appeal.

Margaret Moriarty can’t remember a time without a Project Compassion box in her house during Lent.

“Donating to poorer counties was very important to my mother and father. My children have grown up with the same iconic boxes in our home and my grandchildren are continuing the tradition,” she says.

Throughout five decades of natural disasters, conflicts and crises, Caritas Australia has worked alongside vulnerable communities with the generous support of Australians. Project Compassion has also helped with access to education, health services, agricultural training and through programs that reduce maternal and infant mortality.

## PROJECT COMPASSION BE MORE



### PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations,  
As you accompany us on our Lenten journey,  
May our fasting strengthen our  
commitment to live in solidarity,  
Our almsgiving be an act of justice, and  
Our prayers anchor us in love and compassion.  
Through living simply and loving generously,  
May we care for our global family  
and our common home, as we  
“Aspire not to have more, but to be more”.\*  
We ask this in Jesus’ name.  
Amen.

We would like to thank generations of our supporters nationwide for their ongoing generosity, which allows us to move forward with lifesaving strategies to tackle new challenges.

## Lenten Reflection from *Look to Jesus*

*They brought a colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. (Mark 11:7-8)*

What is this day all about?

The answer is many things. Among them are suffering, sin, confusion, hope, faith, commitment, and redemption... the list goes on. The events of Holy Week are a rollercoaster. The week begins in the heights, as Jesus is welcomed into Jerusalem, and via a path of extraordinary suffering and eventual death, concludes on a height that we can scarcely comprehend - the triumph of life over death.



### Inspiration from Pope Francis:

‘He humbled himself’... These words show us God’s way and consequently, that which must be the way of Christians; it is humility...Humility is above all God’s way: God humbles himself

to walk with his people... This week, we will take this path of Jesus’ own humiliation. Only in this way will this week be ‘holy’ for us too!... (Angelus address, 30/3/2015)

### Reflection Questions:

1. As I have travelled through these 40 days of Lent, what have I learnt and experience that has given me new life?
2. How will I spend this Holy week? What commitment will I make to help sanctify it?

## Let Us Pray

**Recently deceased:** Carol Backo, Jim Donnelly, Arthur Stein, John Astill.

**Anniversaries:** Sharyn Leroy, Max Jeffries, Pam Fraser, James, Colin and Beth Wiley, Terry Godbee, Lenard McNaught, Vince, Frank and Betty Walker, Gordon Tarlinton, Mary Nicholson, Norman Strain, Sam Ryder, Bob Armstrong.

**Time of need:** Margaret Lowry, Carol McBride, Ian Mercer, Kim Hoffman, Dee Dee Lavell, Joyce Lake, Pat Dailhou, Brian Burns, Sr Margaret Keane, Shelly and Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Ron DeCosta, Kevin Donaghy, Claire Melene, Trisha Lloyd, Camilla Reynolds, Peter Colville, Fr Andrew Benton.

### Seminarians:

Those training for the Diocese and those entering seminaries.

## COVID PRAYER

*Jesus our brother, you travelled through towns and villages curing every disease and illness among the people. At your command the sick were made well. Come to our aid now in this health crisis, so that we may know your healing love. Heal those who are sick, may they regain their health and strength.*

*Heal us from our fear, which prevents us from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which makes us certain of our health and life apart from you. Bless health care professionals with strength and compassion as they selflessly responds to our needs. We make this prayer through Christ our loving, healing and forgiving Lord. Amen.*



**Daylight Saving ENDS  
NEXT Sunday 4th April.**

**Turn clocks BACK one hour  
at 3am Sunday to 2am.**



## SAVE THE DATE

**MAR 29: Chrism Mass**, St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore 7pm.

**APR 1: Holy Thursday**, OLOL Brunswick Heads at 6pm

**2: Stations of the Cross** OLOL, Brunswick Heads at 11am.

**2: Good Friday**, St John's Church, Mullumbimby at 3pm.

**3: Saturday Easter Vigil**, St John's Church at 6pm.

**4: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS**

**4: Easter Sunday**, St John's Church at 8am.



### Prayer Group

Mary of the Angelus Prayer meeting. 10am, Wednesdays in the chapel at Mamre House, 2 Burringbar Street, Mullum. Enquiries or prayer requests 0431 477445.

### School Open Days 2021

**Trinity Catholic College**, Lismore. School Tours Wed and Thurs nights. Bookings only. **Ph: 6627 6600**

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

## Easter Services

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## COVID safety rules at Easter Services

**Holy Thursday:** No foot washing.

**Good Friday:** Adoration of the cross - make a simple bow or genuflection *without* touching the cross.

**Easter Vigil:** Candles should not be passed from person to person, parishioners should BYO or collect from a container.

## Daylight Saving Ends

A reminder that Daylight Saving ends on Easter Sunday. At 3am Sunday morning, the clock goes BACK one hour to 2am.

## Parish Office closed

The Parish office will be closed from April 2nd. It will reopen on Tuesday 20th April at 10am. Please contact

Fr David if you require a priest. Please get all information into the office by Tuesday for the bulletins during that time as they will be pre-printed.

## Adult Faith Formation

The Lismore Diocese has partnered with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) at the University of Dayton. With over 100 courses available and at a cost of about \$65AUS, this is the chance to engage in a topic of interest. Cycle 3 is now open (closes April 7). Information about the can be found on the St Agnes Catholic Parish Port Macquarie website. Brochures are also at the back of the church. Further information: Tony Worner [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au)

## Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.*

*I love You above all things,*

*and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

*Amen.*

## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL NEWS



Last Wednesday we celebrated the feast day of St Patrick who is also the Patron Saint of the Lismore Diocese. St Patrick was declared the Principal Patron of the Diocese of Lismore by Pope Benedict XV in 1915.

Thanks to Fr Michael who led us through a lovely Feast Day mass and also to the Stage Three students along with Mrs Loane and Mrs Bottle for their preparation in making this Mass a meaningful celebration.

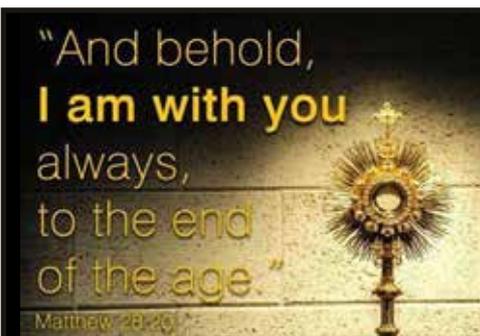
They also ran a fundraiser by



baking 'green treats' and sold them at the canteen. Raising just over \$200 for Project Compassion.

This week is the last week of Term. The students finish on Wednesday and staff will be attending a staff development day on Thursday.

Blessings for the week ahead,  
**Renay Condon.**



## ENROLLING FOR 2021

