



Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

St John's Catholic Parish

Brunswick Valley

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

Today's Gospel: Mark 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

"You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition."

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them.

For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves.

There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes.

So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me.

The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand.

Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean.

For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly.

All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'



Sunday 1st September 2024
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy this week

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8,

Ps 14:2-5: R,

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27.

Psalm Response

The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruit of his creation.

Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

Is 35:4-7,

Ps 145:7-10 R.

James 2:1-5,

Mk 7:31-37.

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This Week's Services

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Brunswick Heads

Wednesday Adoration

6pm-7pm

Thursday (Expect the 3rd Thursday each month)

Adoration and Rosary 3.30pm

Communion Service 4pm

Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8.30-10am

WEEKEND MASSES

Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Mullumbimby Sunday 8am

ONLINE MASSES

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



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Brunswick Valley**

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**PARISH SCHOOL - St John's
Primary School**
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Phone: (02) 6684 2386

OUR CHURCHES:
*St Johns Church - Mullumbimby.
*Our Lady of Lourdes - Brunswick heads.



The righteous man walks in his integrity;
His children are blessed after him.
PROVERBS 20:7

Prayer For First Holy Communion:

Heavenly God, As I receive you as my saviour for the first time,
I devote myself to becoming a good servant.
I offer you all my worries as I walk this earth.
As I take this cup and eat this bread, renew me and help me turn away from the past version of myself.



Amen.

Church Calendars For 2025!

Do you want our Catholic Art Calendars for 2025, Find the sign up sheet at the back of each church. Sign your full name and how many you require, or email: mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au



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Church Rosters: 07/08 September 2024

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LOL	Mark R	Lisa R
St John's	Paul B	Michael C

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Whole School Mass:
September the 18th at 9:30 am Wednesday.
Fr David Presiding. All are welcome.

First Holy Communion Sacrament - Holy Communion
Twilight Session 3:
Tuesday 3rd of September 5:00 pm
Twilight Session 4:
Tuesday 10th of September 5:00 pm

Next Anointing:
is at
Our Lady Of Lourdes,
Brunswick Heads
Thursday 19th September at 5.30pm
Coolamon— 2:00pm

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SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Gospel Reflection:

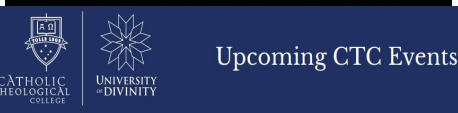
In today's Gospel, Mark provides a significant amount of information about the Jewish observance of ritual-purity laws. Most scholars believe that Mark includes this information because his audience includes Gentile Christians who have no knowledge or experience of these laws. We can infer, therefore, that many in Mark's community were not Jewish Christians.

In this Gospel, Mark addresses the question of which Jewish practices would also be observed in the newly emerging Christian community. This was a significant question for the early Christian Church, especially in communities that included both Jewish and Gentile converts to Christianity. We also hear this question addressed in the letters of Paul regarding table fellowship. In Gospel passages such as the one today, we see the Gospel evangelists finding justification for a Christian practice distinct from Judaism in the remembrances of Jesus' teaching and the practice of his first disciples.

Jesus first criticizes the Pharisees for putting human tradition above God's Law. Here, Jesus is referring to the tradition of the elders, the teachings of the Pharisees, which extended the ritual-purity laws of Temple worship to everyday Jewish life. Jesus criticizes the Pharisees for making this tradition equal to and as binding as the Law of Moses. Next, Jesus comments on the meaning behind the Pharisees' language of holiness—clean and unclean. Jesus teaches that a person is not defiled by the food that enters his or her body, but rather by sin that emerges from his or her words and actions. In this teaching, Jesus unmasks a deeper question behind the one posed to him by the Pharisees. The real issue is holiness, which is not found in external acts alone. Holiness comes from within and is evidenced in the actions and attitudes that emerge from a person's life.

If we read today's Gospel carefully, we will see a pattern in Jesus' teaching method that will be repeated in the weeks ahead. Jesus' first teaching is directed to the Pharisees who questioned him. Jesus' words are then directed to the crowd, teaching that a person is defiled by his or her words and actions, not by the food that he or she eats. In verses omitted in today's reading, we learn that Jesus returned home with his disciples, who in turn questioned him about what he had taught. The words we read at the end of today's Gospel are addressed to Jesus' disciples.

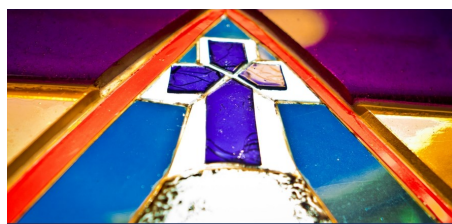
Mark's narrative shows several audiences for Jesus' teaching: his antagonists, the crowds, and Jesus' disciples. As we see in this reading, the words to the Pharisees are often words of challenge. The teaching to the crowds is often a general, sometimes cryptic, message. With the disciples, who often misunderstand Jesus' words, further explanation is offered about his message and its meaning. Jesus' words challenge us as well. In our desire to show that we are holy, we might also give too much credence to externals, following rules without thinking about the intention behind them. Jesus reminds us that we do not make ourselves holy by our actions. Rather, we become holy when we allow God's Spirit to transform us. Our actions should be an expression of the conversion of our heart to God and to God's ways.



September Events

* Online Information Session for Educators on Thursday 5 September at 7pm (AEST)

* Online Information Session for Prospective Students on Monday 28 October at 7pm (AEDT) For more information visit: ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/information-sessions/



CTC is running the following events in Semester 2 2024

A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish, *52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass*. Coventry Press.

2024. Available online from Coventry Press. This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass. Readers are saying what a positive impact the book is having on their experience of the Mass.

Let Us Pray



Recently deceased: Wilhelmina Van Kerckh, **Father John Kelly 24 December 1935 – 22 July 2024**, Laurie Apps, Val Spears, Jeff Scott.

Anniversaries: Kevin, Leroy, Frank and Judy Mills, Eileen and Patrick Murphy, Josephine and Albert Sammons, Col O'Donnell, Don and Jim Carolan, Moira.

Time of need: Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Clem Cowley, Jan Mangleson, Anne Carolan, Lucy Went, Eden Wedd, Jeanne Sjoberg, Peter White, Shirley Cairns, Barry McGrath, Maryann Paterson, Martin Fitzhenry, Joy Kearney, Fr Anthony Lemon.

Deceased priests of the Diocese:

AUG: Thomas, O'Regan Jnr, Thomas, Joseph Morris, John Buckley, William Vincent Ryan, **Vincent Doyle**.

Saints and Feasts:

- 3: St Gregory The Great
- 5: St Teresa of Calcutta
- 6: Ember day (Spring)
- 7: Blessed Virgin Mary
- 9: St Peter Claver

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:

For those of you who are wanting to add something in the bulletin, you can email the office between Fridays-Wednesdays. Deadline is Wednesday 1pm. As the bulletin gets distributed and out by the Thursday Morning.



First Holy Communion:

It is a practise of the parish to provide morning tea or supper for our young candidates who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

Sunday 15th September at the 8am Mass at St John's. It would be a great sign of community if as many parishioners as possible could attend that Mass.

It would also be very much appreciated if parishioners could bring a plate. The family of the candidates have also been asked to bring something along.

SAVE THE DATE

September: 1st: 8:00am
Monthly Morning Tea After Mass.

11th: Coffee Club! 10:30am—
Ex Services Club Mullumbimby.

13th: Pauline East Farewell Liturgy
2:20pm, in the school hall.

15th: First Communion & Baptism—
School led Mass St John's. (Morning
Tea after Sacraments for our
Candidates.)

18th: Whole School Mass:
September the 18th at 9:30 am

19th: Anointing Masses:
Coolamon 2:00pm
Our Lady Of Lourdes 5:30pm

WEEKLY:

Christian Meditation—Tue 9.30am,
OLOL, Brunswick Heads

MONTHLY:

Sunday Morning Tea—1st Sun, SJC

Coffee Gathering—2nd Wed.

Rosary Team Meeting—2nd Sat.

Confession—2nd Sun, SJC.

Anointing Mass—3rd Thursday.

Catholic Book and Gift Shop:

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Open weekdays from:
Mon-Fri 9am-4pm

Coffee Club!

Our next gathering is Wednesday 11th September at 10.30am at the Ex Services Club in Mullumbimby. You are most welcome to bring a friend along and our male parishioners and friends are most welcome. (If parking is difficult there is the club's carpark off the lane behind the club. Entrance is from the lane off Burringbar Street. For those with a membership card you can access the club by swiping your card at the back door.)

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia- Pacific Region - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025.

Work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia.

Applications close October 31st, 2024.

Send us an enquiry -
www.cagliero.org.au
or email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au



Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Convocation - 12-14 Sept, 2024

We will gather online during Thurs 12 and Friday 13 Sept to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences.

If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together.

Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available.

For more information and to register, visit:
www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



Celebrating a Fantastic Book Week! We are excited to share the highlights of our recent Book Week, which was a huge success, thanks to the enthusiastic participation of our students and the incredible support from our parents!

A Vibrant Book Parade Our Book Parade was a true spectacle, with students proudly marching in creative costumes that brought their favourite characters to life. From classic tales to modern favourites, the variety of costumes reflected the diverse reading interests of our students and made the parade a colourful celebration of imagination. The staff embraced the "Reading is Magic" theme with their costumes from J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series of books. The gold coin donations from the dress-up day help support, Story Dogs.

A Joyful Book Picnic The Book Picnic was another highlight, where families joined students on mats to enjoy reading together under the sun. It was a delightful experience that underscored the importance of shared reading time and created lasting memories for everyone involved.

Minnie the Story Dog at Our Book Picnic! We were thrilled to have Minnie, one of our resident Story Dogs, join us at the Book Picnic! Minnie was a hit, with many students eagerly choosing to read alongside her and Sue, her owner. Her gentle presence made the event even more special, helping students enjoy their books in a fun and relaxed setting. Thank you to Sue, Minnie, Angela and Sailor for your continued support in fostering reading in our school.

