



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:12:28-34.

*"This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it"*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him anymore.

### Gospel Reflection:

As we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, our Lectionary skips a chapter that helps set the context for today's reading. If we were to read the sections skipped (chapter 11 and part of chapter 12), we would hear about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his cleansing of the Temple, and the questioning of Jesus' authority by the chief priests, scribes, and elders.

The context, therefore, for this Gospel is Jesus' growing exposure before the Jewish authorities. Jesus is being questioned and tested by the Jewish authorities, yet the scribe who addresses Jesus in today's Gospel seems to be an admirer; he is not testing Jesus.

The question posed in today's Gospel requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses.

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You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. ... And you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit. (Ephesians)

**Sunday 3rd November 2024**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Liturgy this week**

Deut: 6:2-6,

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51: R,

Heb 7:23-28

### **Psalm Response**

*I love you, Lord, my strength.*

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them and  
we will come to them.*

*Alleluia!*

### **Next week's readings:**

1Kg 17:10-16,

Ps 145:7-10,

Heb 9:24-28,

Mk 12:38-44.

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### **WEEKEND MASSES** **O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads**

Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

### **St. John's Mullumbimby**

Sunday 8:00am

### **WEEKDAY LITURGY**

#### **Brunswick Heads**

Wednesday Adoration

6:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday (except the 3rd Thursday  
each month)

Adoration and Rosary 3:30pm

Communion Service 4:00pm

#### **Mullumbimby**

Friday Adoration

8:30am-10:00am

### **ONLINE MASSES**

Join Bishop Greg  
for Mass on the  
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Brunswick Valley

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**Tues - Weds:** 9:30am-2:30pm  
**Thurs:** 9:30am - 1:30pm


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


**OUR CHURCHES:**  
\*St John's Church - Mullumbimby.  
\*Our Lady of Lourdes - Brunswick Heads.

**BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:**  
Please send in any information for the Bulletin by Wednesday 12pm  
[mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au)

  
**Next Anointing:**  
is at  
**Our Lady Of Lourdes,**  
Brunswick Heads  
**Thursday 21st November at 5:30pm.**  


  
Morning Tea @  
St John's Church Mullumbimby  
**1st Sunday of every month after Mass.**

 **SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH**  
Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



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The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional commandments, numbering into the hundreds. For a devout Jew, adherence to the Mosaic Law is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of these commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus was not the only Jewish religious teacher to connect these two commandments, love of God and love of neighbour. Both commandments were central elements of the religious tradition that Jesus learned from his Jewish community.

Indeed, these commandments continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.

Many believe, however, that this connection was heard in a new and fresh way when spoken by Jesus.

The scribe who questions Jesus in today's Gospel engages in a positive dialogue with Jesus. He agrees with Jesus' teaching that the commandments to love God and love neighbour stand above the commandment to offer worship and sacrifice in the Temple.

With this dialogue, Jesus appears to close the debate with the Jewish authorities. Mark reports that no one dared to question Jesus further.

**Church Rosters: 02/03 November 2024**

| Church   | Readers      | Minister of Communion |
|----------|--------------|-----------------------|
| OLOL     | Carolyn S    | Peter S               |
| StJohn's | Vivanne&Anna | Lisa De C             |

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### **Coffee Gathering!**

Our next gathering is  
**Wednesday 13th November at**  
**10.30am** at the Ex Services Club  
Mullumbimby.

The Ex Services Club now offers light snacks with your coffee/tea at a reasonable price, such as banana bread, raisin toast, croissants and more.

You are most welcome to bring a friend along and our male parishioners and friends are most welcome.

**Columban Calendars :**  
 Are now on sale for \$10 each.

Available on the table at the rear of St John's and OLOL Churches.  
 \*Place your name on the sheet and mark it as paid.  
 \*Place money in the container provided.

**Contact:**  
 -Silvana Smith for St John's  
 -Frances Godbee for Our Lady of Lourdes

World **KINDNESS** Day

November 13



**Let Us Pray** 

**Recently deceased:**  
 Fae Charlie,  
 Mary McCarten,  
 Denise Robinson (Parish Secretary of Coraki & Alstonville.)

**Anniversaries:**  
 Joseph & Keith Walker, Searl Browning, Athol Sawtell, Antonio Pinna, Cora & Ned Cook, Anne Carolan, Sheila & Bruce Pentland, John Holmes, Kevin Leroy, Frank and Judy Mills, Eileen and Patrick Murphy.

**Time of need:**  
 Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Jan Mangleson, Anne Carolan, Lucy Went, Jeanne Sjoberg, Peter White.

**Deceased priests of the Diocese November:**  
**Frs:** Patrick McGuinness, John Joseph Durkin, James Henry Young, Michael O'Driscoll, Jame O'Reilly, Pierce Corcoran, Thomas Butler, Cornelius Hanly & John Fitz-Walter.

January 2025

### SUMMER PROGRAM

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**Saints and Feasts November:**  
**11:** St Martin of Tours.  
**12:** St Josaphat.  
**15:** St Albert the Great.  
**16:** St Margaret of Scotland.  
 St Clement I, Pope.  
 Blessed Virgin Mary.

**30th November & 1st December, 2024**



God is glorified when men are fully alive in Christ.

### MEN'S WEEKEND

St Flannan's School Hall  
 420 Beams Road, Zillmere.

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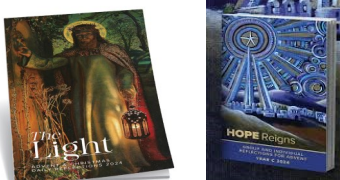
*MEN of all ages and faiths are invited. If you are seeking inspiration, support or encouragement, or want to make a change in your life, or the life of someone you love, invest time in this weekend.*

Saturday: 8 am - 8 pm  
 Sunday: 8:30 am - 1.15 pm

### **Advent Daily Reflection Books:**

**The Light and Hope Reigns**  
 Advent books are now available!

Available on the table at the rear of St John's and OLOL Churches.  
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 \*Place money in the container provided, and collect a book.



Thank you to *Father David Gilbey* at St John's Catholic Parish for helping provide a **new home for Bruns Brekkie** at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Brunswick Heads.

Bruns Brekkie is a volunteer run organisation that supports vulnerable people in the Brunswick Heads community with **breakfast every Tuesday and Friday from 8:00am-9:00am.**

Bread and sandwiches are donated by **Bruns Bakery** and Sunday Sustainable Bakery. **Orange Sky Australia** provide showers and washing machines so that people can get a shower and their laundry done every Friday.



The purpose of menALIVE is to bring men together, to renew their faith in God, and to encourage them to become an active force within the Church.

[www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

## SAVE THE DATE

### November:

**3rd:** Morning Tea after Mass.

**10th:** St John's Church  
50th Anniversary.

- Special Mass,  
along with Morning Tea

**21st:** Our Lady of Lourdes:  
Anointing Mass 5:30pm

### December:

**13th:** St John's Whole School  
End of Year Mass @ 9:30am

### WEEKLY:

**Christian Meditation—**

Tue 9.30am;

Our Lady of Lourdes,  
Brunswick Heads.

### MONTHLY:

**Sunday Morning Tea:**

1st Sunday;

St John's Church, after mass.

**Coffee Gathering:**

2nd Wednesday.

**Rosary Team Meeting:**

2nd Saturday.

**Confession:**

2nd Sunday;

St John's Church Mullumbimby.

**Anointing Mass:**

3rd Thursday.



## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. John's Church!

**Next Sunday 10th of November.**

Mass will be celebrated at **8:00am** in **St. John's Church**  
followed by a **Parish Morning Tea** in the Hall.

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

This is a wonderful chance for **All Parishioners** of Brunswick Valley to come together and celebrate the blessings we have received in the past and to pray for God's grace and guidance as we move into the future.

If you know of any household Parishioners or former parishioners or who you think may like to attend please spread the word and invited them along. Contributions towards the morning tea would be appreciated.



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## ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



### Whole School End of Year Mass

9:30am 13th of December,  
Fr David Gilbey Presiding.  
All welcome.

*Blessings for the week ahead,  
Dave Bermingham; Principal of St John's  
Primary School.*



## END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS