



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:10:2-16.

"What God has joined together, no one must divide."

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs.'

I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

Gospel Reflection:

Today we continue to read from the Gospel according to Mark. For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. Recall that in Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea, Jewish territory, and resumes his public ministry. The first verse of chapter 10 of Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and he taught them, as was his custom. Immediately, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him. The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus inquires about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

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Sunday 6th October 2024
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Liturgy this week

Gen 2:18-24,

Ps 127: R,

Heb 2:9-11,

Psalm Response

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

Wis 7:7-11

Ps 89:12-17

Heb 4:12-13

Mk 10:17-27

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WEEKEND MASSES

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 5pm

St. John's Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Brunswick Heads

Wednesday Adoration

6pm-7pm

Thursday (Except the 3rd Thursday each month)

Adoration and Rosary 3.30pm

Communion Service 4pm

Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8.30-10am

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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

Next Anointing: is at **St John's Church,** Mullumbimby
Thursday 17th October at 10.30am.
Coolamon Villa @ 2:00pm
(Residents Only)

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



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In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus' teaching was more restrictive than the teaching of the Pharisees, which permitted remarriage. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At first glance, the final part of today's Gospel seems unconnected to the previous teaching about divorce. When read together, however, these passages present a strong picture of Jesus' emphasis on the importance of family. God intended for women and men to be joined together in marriage. Among the purposes of marriage is the raising of children. By welcoming children and fostering their relationship with God, parents and families bear witness to the Kingdom of God.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Recall that in the Gospel for each of the past two Sundays, Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God.

Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

Church Rosters: 12/13 October 2024

Church	Reader	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Michael S	Sandra S
StJohn's	Paul B	Joe B

Click this link to see Our Catholic Community Timeline:
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Coffee Gathering!

Our next gathering is Wednesday 9th October 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.)

Magi Pilgrimages would like to invite you for a **16-day Pilgrimage of Hope** (22/04/25 to 07/05/25).

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Children's Week
Friday 18 – Sunday 27 October

Josephite Calendars:

Orders are being taken for Josephite Calendars for 2025.

Cost is \$11.00.

Proceeds go towards the works Sisters of St. Joseph.

Please write your name on the list at the back of the church.

The Rosary Team Monthly Prayer Meeting.

This month's meeting will be held on:

Saturday 12th October at 9:30am at the home of Pam Lang, 325 Myocum Road, Myocum.
All welcome.



The 54th International

Eucharistic Congress (held every four years) will be celebrated in Sydney in 2028, a *hundred years* after it was last held there.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP expressed his joy that it would be an opportunity for Australians and people from around the world to deepen their encounter with Christ through the Eucharist.

As the source and summit of the Christian life, he said, the Eucharist has the power to convert hearts and stir fervour.

The God who dwells among us, Emmanuel, gifts us with his permanent presence through the Eucharist and calls us to follow him so that we might be the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

It is my hope that in hosting the International Eucharistic Congress we might renew the sense of solemnity, mystery, welcome and joy in the liturgical life of our city, revitalise our Christian lives, and increase our outreach to those most in need. *Above: souvenir medals, from 1928.*

Let Us Pray



Recently deceased: Clem Cawley, Frank Kelly, Wilhelmina Van Kerckh, Father John Kelly, Laurie Apps, Val Spears, Jeff Scott.

Anniversaries: Cora & Ned Cook, Anne Carolan, Sheila & Bruce Pentland, John Holmes, Kevin, Leroy, Frank and Judy Mills, Eileen and Patrick Murphy, Josephine and Albert Sammons, Don and Jim Carolan, Moira and Adrian Burns.

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

Deceased priests of the Diocese October:

Frs: John Henry Fitzpatrick, George C Barry, Synan McDonnell, Alexander Fillodeau.

Saints and Feasts October:

- 4: St Francis of Assisi
- 5: St Faustina Kowalska
- 7: Our Lady of the Rosary
- 9: St Denis & Companions, St John Leonardi
- 11: St John XXIII, Pope
- 12: Blessed Virgin Mary
- 14: St Callistus.



SAVE THE DATE

October:

6th: Morning Tea at St John's after 8:00am Mass

9th: Coffee Gathering 10:30am! Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club.

17th: Anointing Masses—
St John's Church 10.30am.
Coolamon Villa 2:00pm
(Residents Only)

November:

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

⇒ **Special Mass,
along with Morning Tea**

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.



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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



A little unknown fact about one of our students - the energetic, creative and sparkly little 7-year-old TeeTee, is that she was born with restricted airways.

Instead of growing out of it, her breathing problems have only gotten worse and now she requires emergency tonsil and adenoid removal surgery.

Please give what you can to support TeeTee in receiving this much-needed and life changing surgery.

[Fundraiser by K Walker : Surgery for Teazal to Breathe Easy \(gofundme.com\)](#)

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



50th Anniversary of St. John's Church!

Sunday 10th November will be the 50th Anniversary of St. John's Church.

We will have a **special Mass at 8am** followed by a parish morning tea in the hall.

If any parishioners have any photos of events or ceremonies in the church for a display could you please hand them to Pam Lang or forward them to the parish office.

The parish has a photocopy of the Northern Star article dated Monday 11th November 1974. It is very hard to read so if anyone has the original or a clear copy it would be much appreciated.

