



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:

Lk 3:10-18.

"What, then, what must we do?"

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.'

There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him,

'Master, what must we do?'

He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?'

He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Sunday 15th December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent.

Liturgy this week

Zeph: 3:14-19,

Is: 12:2-6,

Phil: 4-4-7,

Lk: 3:10-18.

Psalm Response

*Cry out with joy and gladness:
for among you is the great and
Holy One of Israel.*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he
sent me to bring good news
to the poor.*

Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

Micah: 5:1-4,

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 R,

Heb 10-5-10,

Lk 1:39-44.

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WEEKEND LITURGY

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Lit. Word + H.C

Sat. 21st Dec. **5:00pm**

St. John's Mullumbimby

Mass

Sun. 22nd Dec. **8:00am**

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Brunswick Heads

Wednesday Adoration

6:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday

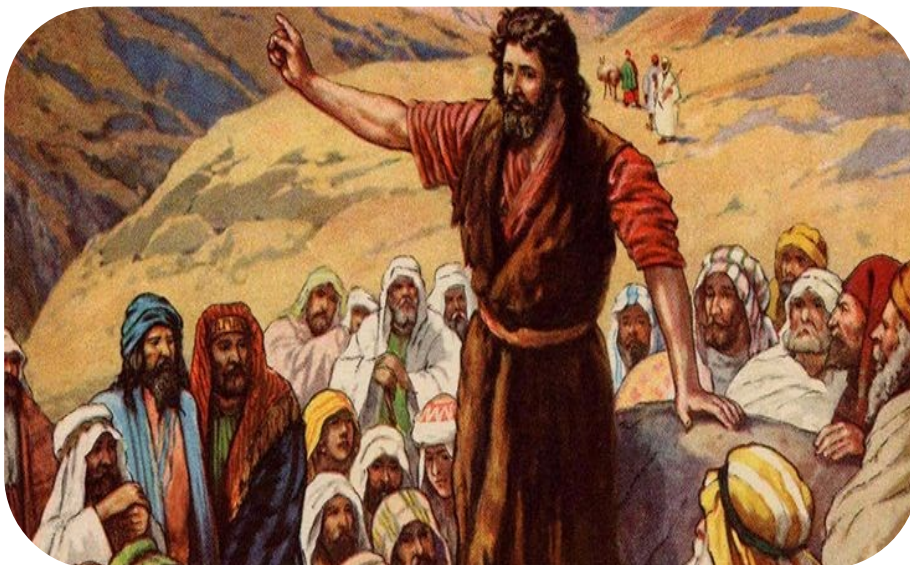
Adoration and Rosary **3:30pm**

Lit. Word + H.C **4:00pm**

Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8:30am-10:00am



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)

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Brunswick Valley**

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

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Gospel Reflection:

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel. When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets his baptism and makes it clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his place and role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans. The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is a Latin word that means "rejoice." This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand.

Church Rosters: 21/22 Dec 2024

Church	Readers	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Mark R	Lisa R
StJohn's	Viv & Anna	Lisa D



The Parish Office will be CLOSED for the Christmas Holidays from the 20th DEC—6th JAN.

The Parish office will reopen on the 7th Jan, midday. Please feel free to email. Emails will still be passed onto Fr David.



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Third Sunday of Advent

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
 Open the eyes and ears of our hearts to recognise your presence and voice in our daily lives as we journey this season of Advent together. In this time of sharing may we see each other with eyes of compassion and listen to one another with ears of understanding. Help us to live according to our identity as beloved children of God.
 Amen.



Rosary Team Meeting

The Rosary Team monthly prayer meeting will be held at the home of **Dorothy Baker:**
21 Yallakool Drive,
Ocean Shores,
 on **Saturday 14 December**
 at **9:30am.**

This month's reflection is John 1:1-14.
 "And He made his dwelling among us".
Anyone is welcome to join us.
Enquiries phone Dorothy 0406 969 645.

Let Us Pray



Recently deceased:

Fae Charlie,
 Mary McCarten,
 Denise Robinson, Sr. Michelle
 (Ann) Condon RSJ, Dot Cornale.

Anniversaries:

Phil Kearney, May Walker,
 Joseph & Keith Walker, Searl
 Browning, Athol Sawtell, Antonio
 Pinna, Cora & Ned Cook, Anne
 Carolan, Sheila & Bruce Pentland.

Time of need:

Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Jan
 Mangleson, Anne Carolan.

Deceased priests of the Diocese December:

Frs: Jeremiah Joseph Dineen,
 Patrick Kerwick, John Conway,
 Michael Quinn, Thomas Farrelly,
 and Lyall Cowell.



A full Family Advent Guide is ready to **download from our Parish Website.** Something lovely for the entire family.

2024 Renewal Update: Pastoral Projects
 Leader Dr Madeline Beveridge



For the full update on our Renewal journey for Pastoral Projects, please go onto our **Parish Website into News and Announcements.**

Columbian Calendars are available at the **back of Church at Our Lady of Lourdes B/Heads \$10 each.**



Those who enjoyed the coffee morning followed by lunch had great meals and good fellowship at the Ex Services Club.

Not all could stay but it was great fun!



Foster carers urgently needed



Saints and Feasts December:

- 23rd:** St John of Kanty
- 25th:** The Nativity of the Lord
- 26th:** St Stephen, The first Martyr
- 27th:** St John, Apostle & Evangelist
- 28th:** The Holy Innocents Martyr



World Day of Prayer 2025 **"Cook Islands"** **Theme"I Made You Wonderful"** **Psalms 139:14**

Please refer to the parish notice boards, or website for full information.

SAVE THE DATE

December:

13th: Whole School Mass—
Fr David Gilbey presiding.

14th: Rosary Gathering @ 9:30am
Ocean Shores.

December Notes:

* At the back of each church this week are 2 empty volunteer sign on sheets for the 24th and 25th Masses. Parishioners whom are attending the masses, please complete sheet to decided on whom will be doing what role on each day.



WEEKLY:

Christian Meditation—

Tue 9.30am;
Our Lady of Lourdes,
Brunswick Heads.

MONTHLY:

Sunday Morning Tea:

1st Sunday;
St John's Church, after Liturgy

Coffee Gathering:

2nd Wednesday.

Rosary Team Meeting:

2nd Saturday.



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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



Whole School End of Year Mass

9:30am 13th of December,
Fr David Gilbey Presiding.
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*Blessings for the week ahead,
Dave Bermingham; Principal of St John's*



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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

Our Lady of Lourdes – Brunswick Heads: 5:30pm
(Carols begin at 5:00pm)

St John's – Mullumbimby: 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

St John's – Mullumbimby: 8:00am

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH:

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

St Kevin's – Bangalow 5:30pm

St Finbarr's – Byron Bay: 8:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

St Finbarr's – Byron Bay: 7:30am

St Kevin's – Bangalow 9:30am

