



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:

Luke: 2: 22 – 40.

"My eyes have seen your saving power."

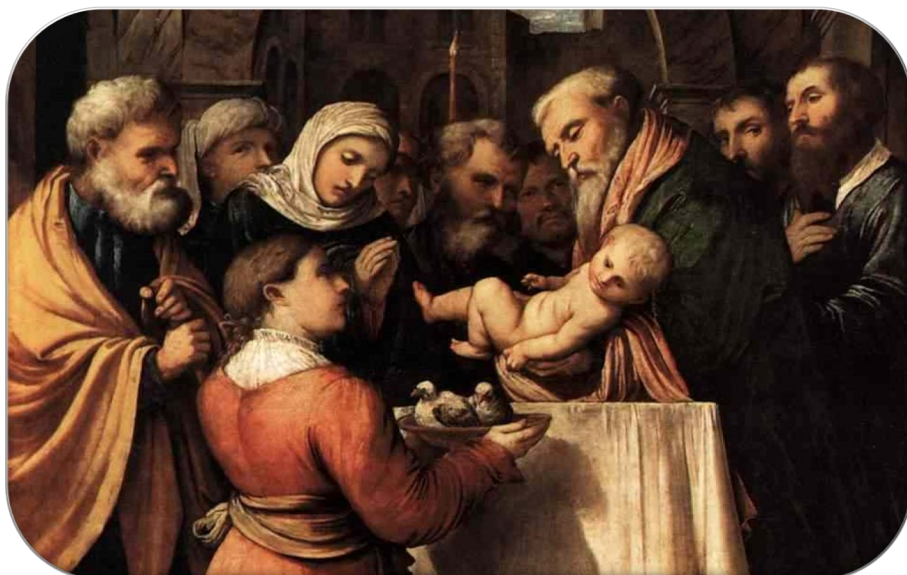
When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,
just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.



Sunday 2nd February 2025

**The PRESENTATION
of the LORD.**

Liturgy this week

Mal: 3:1-4,

Ps: 23:7-10,

Heb: 2:14-18,

Lk: 2:22-40.

Psalm Response

Who is this king of glory?

It is the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

*This is the light of revelation to the
nations, and the glory
of your people, Israel.*

Alleluia!

Next week's readings

5th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME:

Is: 6:1-8,

Ps: 137:1-5, 7-8

1 Cor: 15:1-11,

Lk: 5:1-11.

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WEEKLY MASSES

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Thurs. 6th Feb. **5:30pm**

St. John's Mullumbimby

Sun. 9th Feb. **8:00am**

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Brunswick Heads

Wednesday Adoration

6:00pm-7:00pm

Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8:30am-10:00am

St John's Catholic Parish
Brunswick Valley

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

Church Rosters:
6th & 9th February 2025

<u>Church</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Minister of Communion</u>
<u>OLOL</u>	Carolyn S	Peter S
<u>St John's</u>	Anna A & Viv P	Lisa De C

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:

Please send in any notices or information for the Parishioners for the Bulletin by
Wednesdays at 11:00am to:
mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au
If it does not get published in the week you sent it, it will be published the following week.

Diocese of Lismore
Catholic Schools
Newsletter:

Link here:
<https://bit.ly/DLCS7>

Hardcopy church rosters at the back of each church.

The Church Rosters for Parishioners are now available on our Church website:

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Gospel Reflection:

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the temple. The Presentation, which is celebrated 40 days after Christmas, is not mentioned in the other Gospels. Only Luke tells the story, most likely because he writes for Gentile Christians who are not familiar with the Jewish rite of presentation and purification. In addition, the intent of Luke's Gospel is to show that God's promise to Israel, fulfilled in Jesus, extends to Gentiles. Luke recognizes Joseph and Mary as faithful Jews who bring Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. Here they present their firstborn son to the Lord. Jesus is thus consecrated as required by the Law of Moses. Present in the temple at this time are Simeon and Anna. Both are awaiting the restoration of God's rule in Israel. Simeon had been promised by the Holy Spirit that he would see Christ the Lord, the Messiah, before he died. The holy man immediately recognized the infant Jesus as the promised Saviour, a "light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel." Anna also recognized Jesus as the fulfillment of the promise of redemption and spoke about him to all.

NEW OFFICE HOURS:

Change of office hours to:
Tue: 9:00am-2:00pm
Wed: 9:00am-4:00pm
no Thursdays.



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



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THANK YOU!

St John's Conference of SVDP Mullumbimby sincerely thanks Parishioners for their kind donations from July 2024 to January 2025 for the Poor Box and SVDP Christmas Appeal. \$1282.60 was collected in the Poor Box and \$80 for the Christmas Appeal.



Family Groups:

Our parish currently has 2 Family Groups, the **MacKillop Group** and **St John's Group**. Each group holds social gatherings every 5 to 6 weeks. It is a great way to get to know other parishioners and enjoy some social time together. Anyone wishing to join a group please contact: Vivianne Pyke 0457 637 726 or Pam Lang 0450 150 439.



Mackillop Family Group

A Planning Meeting to organise our events for this year will be held at the home of Denise O'Donnell, 3/23 Poinciana Place, Mullumbimby, on **Saturday, February 8th at 4:30pm**. Please bring along a plate of food to share afterwards. Text Denise on 0438 836 453 if you would like to come along.



PARISH MASS CHANGE:

Dear Parishioners, my sincere thanks for your patience with regard to our Parish Liturgies these last months since Fr Michael finished up his most generous and committed ministry in St John's Parish. We continue to pray for his health and convalescence.

I also wish to sincerely thank Deacon Anthony Gooley for his valued and timely ministry in the Parish. His last *Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion* will be at O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads this Saturday 25th January.

From that time on, for the foreseeable future, the liturgy for Sunday Mass will be celebrated:

5.30pm each Thursday at O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads.

8.00am each Sunday at St John's Mullumbimby.

A precedent to celebrate Sunday Masses, other than the usual time, has already been set in several other parishes in the Lismore Diocese.

Please keep an eye on this Bulletin, as I also arrange other Pastoral Ministries including *Reconciliation* and *Mass of Anointing*.

Thank you for your continued support. Fr David Gilbey, Pastor.

52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass. Coventry Press. 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. 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.

Let Us Pray



Recently deceased:

Harry Wedd, Barry Hammond, Betty Byrnes, Fae Charlie, Mary McCarten, Denise Robinson, Sr. Michelle (Ann) Condon RSJ, Dot Cornale.

Anniversaries:

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

Time of need:

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

Deceased priests of the Diocese January:

Frs: John Buggy, Joseph H Doyle, Louis Bean, Leo Francis Donnelly, Anthony Casey, James Eric



Office of the Children's Guardian



free TRAINING

A Safeguarding Workshop

PRESENTED BY CRAIG THACKER
CHILD SAFE TRAINING OFFICER

February 5, 2025
In person
9:30 AM - 1 PM

St Francis Xavier
Catholic Parish
Ballina

Register now!

Reporting Obligations and Processes
9:30am - 11:00am



Empowerment and Participation
11:30am - 1:00pm
Tea, Coffee and a Light Lunch will be provided



Coffee Gathering!

Our next gathering is:
**Wednesday 12th February
at 10.30am**

SAVE THE DATE:

COMING UP:

2nd: The Presentation of the Lord.

5th: Free Safeguarding workshop:
Ballina @ 9:30am—1:00pm
& Catenians Men's meet and greet
dinner in Alstonville.

6th: BACK TO SCHOOL.

8th: Baptism @ St John's 2:00pm.



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.



Rosary Team

The Rosary Team Monthly Prayer Meeting will be held on **Saturday 8th February at 9:30am** at the home of Mary Polidano 146 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. "In our Team, it is God who brings us together as brethren even though we have not chosen each other. From then on, it is he who builds our unity through the gift of his spirit". Please feel welcome to join us in prayer to our Blessed Mother. Contact Mary 0425 805 062.

ST JOHN'S MULLUMBIMBY



Dear Students,
Parents, and Staff,
Welcome to a new school year at St John's Mullumbimby! We are thrilled to have our hallways buzzing with energy again. This year promises new opportunities for growth, learning, and fun. Let's embrace the challenges, celebrate our achievements, and support each other every step of the way. Together, we will make this school year successful and memorable!



World Day of Prayer 2025
"Cook Islands"
"I Made You Wonderful"
Psalm 139:14

Planning Meeting for WDP.
St John's Parish is coordinating the World day of prayer this year.

We will be having a meeting at 3pm on Thursday 6th Feb at St John's Church to plan our celebrations for this event which is centred on the Cook Islands.

Everyone welcome to come along with your ideas. Extra information can be found at worlddayofprayeraustralia.org and biblesociety.org.au/wdp for a video.

Enquiries
Vivianne on 0457 637 726

Prayer For Baptism:

Dear Father in Heaven,
Bless Remy, and bless the day of new beginnings.

Smile upon this child and surround them with love from you Lord.

Teach them to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity.

Amen.