



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: 13:15-16. 21-22.

"When Jesus had been baptised and had been praying, the heavens were opened and the Holy Spirit came upon him."

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.'

Now when all the people had been baptised and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'



Gospel Reflection:

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In today's Gospel, as in the other Gospel accounts of Jesus' baptism, we hear John the Baptist address the confusion of the people who thought that John might be the Messiah. In response, John contrasts the baptism that he performs with the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John the Baptist says that he has baptized with water, but that someone will come and baptize with the Holy Spirit. The type of baptism that John performed was not yet a Christian Baptism; it was a preparation for Christian Baptism through which sins are forgiven and the gift of the Holy Spirit is received.

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Sunday 12th January 2025

The BAPTISM of the LORD.

Liturgy this week

Is: 40: 1-5, 9-11,

Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-30,

Titus: 2:11-14, 3:4-7,

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.

Psalm Response

Oh, bless the Lord, my soul!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

John said: He who is to come is mightier than I;

he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

Alleluia!

Next week's readings

Second Sunday in Ord time:

Is 62:1-5,

Ps: 95:1-3, 7-10: R,

1 Cor: 12:4-11,

Jn: 2:1-11.

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WEEKEND LITURGY
O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Lit. Word + H.C
Sat. 18th Jan. **5:00pm**

St. John's Mullumbimby
Mass

Sun. 19th Jan. **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

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

Church Rosters:
25th—26th January 2025

<u>Church</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Minister of Communion</u>
<u>LOL</u>	Frances G	Carolyn S
<u>St John's</u>	Marie W & Jenny T	Joe B

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




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The baptism of Jesus is reported in each of the three Synoptic Gospels—Matthew, Mark, and Luke. Clearly, it was an event of great significance for Jesus and for the early Christian community. The Evangelists Mark and Luke report the story from Jesus' perspective; the voice from heaven is addressed to Jesus. Compare this to Matthew's Gospel in which the voice from heaven speaks to everyone. In Luke, however, the Holy Spirit descends upon Jesus during his time of prayer after his baptism. Through his Gospel, Luke will show Jesus to be a person of prayer who withdraws regularly from the crowds and his disciples to pray to his Father. The baptism of Jesus is considered a manifestation of God in Jesus, another "epiphany." On this, the last day of the Christmas season, our Gospel reveals to us Jesus' relation to God: the son of Mary and Joseph is also God's own Son. In Luke's Gospel, all three members of the Trinity are manifested here: God the Father in the voice, the Holy Spirit descending, and Jesus the Son. At the beginning of his Gospel, Luke is communicating to us important information about the identity of Jesus. In the verses that follow, Luke lists the genealogy of Jesus, tracing Jesus' ancestry back to the first person, Adam, who is also identified as the son of God. We, the children of Adam and Eve, are again made children of God through Baptism.

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A Prayer for Endurance

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” -

Galatians 6:9

Father, give me the strength to persevere this year. When the work feels overwhelming or fruitless, remind me of Your promises. Help me to remain steadfast, trusting that You are bringing about a harvest in Your time. Encourage my heart and renew my spirit daily with the strength you pour out on me.

Amen.



CATENIANS

Meeting and Dinner
Wednesday 5th February
First Wednesday of each month

Fellowship 6.15pm - St Joseph's Staffroom, Alstonville
Meeting 6:30pm - St Joseph's Staffroom, Alstonville
Dinner 7:00pm - The Federal Hotel, Alstonville

A network of Catholic men who catch up regularly for dinner and friendship

For more information or to RSVP
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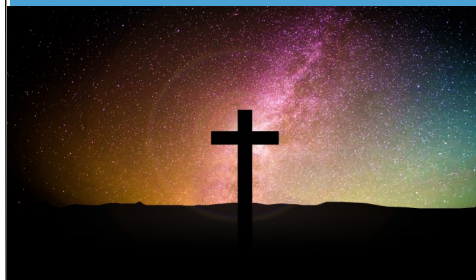
Prayer For Baptism:

Dear Father in Heaven,
Bless Leonardo, and bless this 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.



January Coffee Morning

will be Wednesday the 15th January at 10.30am at the Mullum Ex-services club.

See you there as we join together to enter a brand new year.



Let Us Pray



Recently deceased:

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

Anniversaries:

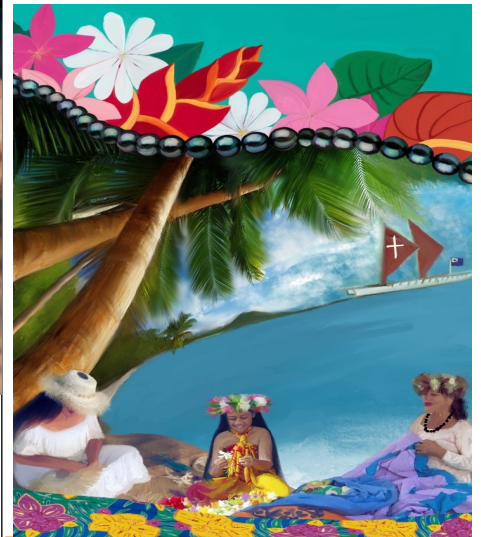
Robert (Mick) Bellenger, Phil Kearney, May Walker, Joseph & Keith Walker, Searl Browning, Athol Sawtell, Antonio Pinna, Cora & Ned Cook, Anne Carolan, Sheila & Bruce Pentland.

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 Carney and Brain Murphy.



World Day of Prayer 2025

"Cook Islands"

Theme "I Made You Wonderful"
Psalm 139:14

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



SAVE THE DATE:

COMING UP:

12th: Leonardo's Baptism.

15th: January Coffee Gathering!



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.

FILM/PHOTOGRAPHY GUIDELINES

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HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Christ the King

Unfortunately, political and military images of kingship have played a dominating role in the Church since very early in its history. The very earliest Christians, or followers of the Way, did not conform to social and political hierarchies of their day. But when Emperor Constantine declared Christianity to be the official religion of the Roman Empire the structure of the Church quickly adopted the political and social structures of the empire. At times in history the Pope has adopted a regal status and led huge armies into battle. Many of these structures persist today and we sometimes struggle to recapture Jesus' intention when he declared himself a king.

ST JOHN'S MULLUMBIMBY

Happy New Year!

We begin this year with the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a special celebration that honours Mary's profound faith, love, and trust in God. On this holy day, let us take a moment to reflect on our Blessed Mother, who said "yes" to God and brought our Saviour into the world for our redemption. May we ask for her intercession to keep us safe under her loving care and embrace throughout the year ahead. ❤️



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