



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: 6:17, 20-26.**

"Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!"

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven.

This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'



**Sunday 16th February 2025**

**6th Sunday in ORDINARY**

**TIME.**

**Liturgy this week**

**Jer:** 17:5-8

**Ps:** 1:1-4: R

**1 Cor:** 15:12

**Lk:** 6:17, 20-26

**Psalm Response**

*Happy are they who hope  
in the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Rejoice and be glad; your reward is  
great in heaven.*

*Alleluia!*

**Next week's readings**

**7th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME:**

**1 Sam:** 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Ps:** 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13:R

**1 Cor:** 15:45-49

**Lk:** 6:27-38

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**WEEKLY MASSES**

**O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads**

Thurs. 20th Feb. 5:30pm

**St. John's Mullumbimby**

Sun. 23rd Feb. 8:00am

**WEEKDAY LITURGY**

**Brunswick Heads**

Wednesday Adoration

6:00pm-7:00pm

**Mullumbimby**

Friday Adoration

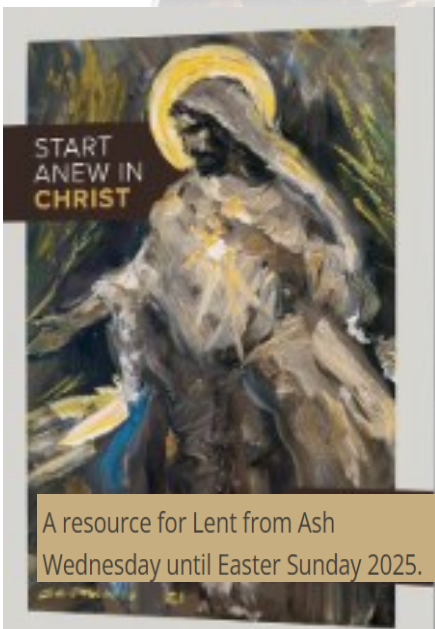
8:30am-10:00am

**2025 Lenten Reflection Resource**

**'Start Anew in Christ'**

*Start Anew in Christ* is a resource designed with both individuals and groups in mind, offering simple easy-to-follow prompts for small group leaders to use each Sunday during Lent. Each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thought to provoke prayer and discussion.

Individual orders for the books are: **\$5.00 a copy.** Books will be in available before Ash Wednesday. There will be a sign up sheet at the back of each church. Please write your name and how many you purchased, then place money in the jar.



A resource for Lent from Ash  
Wednesday until Easter Sunday 2025.

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Brunswick Valley**

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**Tuesdays:** 9:00am—2:00pm  
**Wednesdays:** 9:00am—4:00pm

**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.

**Church Rosters:**  
**20th & 23rd 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>	Olga F & Viv P	Michael C

**BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:**  
Please send in any notices or information for the Parishioners for the Bulletin by **Wednesdays at 12:00pm to:** [mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto: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:**

[News & Events - Mullumbimby Parish](#)

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**Gospel Reflection:**

Today's gospel reading is the beginning of what is often called the Sermon on the Plain. We find a parallel to this passage in Matthew 5:1-7,11 that is often called the Sermon on the Mount. As these titles suggest, there are differences and similarities between these gospel readings. When spoken from the mountaintop in Matthew's Gospel, we can't miss the impression that Jesus is speaking with the authority and voice of God. The mountaintop is a symbol of closeness to God. Those who ascend the mountain see God and speak for God; recall the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments. As Luke introduces the location of Jesus' teaching, Jesus teaches on level ground, alongside the disciples and the crowd. Luke presents Jesus' authority in a different light. He is God among us. Another distinction found in Luke's version is the audience. Luke's Sermon on the Plain is addressed to Jesus' disciples, although in the presence of the crowd; Matthew's Sermon on the Mount is addressed to the crowd. In keeping with this style, the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel sound more personal than those in Matthew's Gospel— Luke uses the article “you” whereas Matthew uses “they” or “those.” There is also a difference in number: Matthew describes eight beatitudes; Luke presents just four, each of which has a parallel warning. The form of the Beatitudes found in Luke's and Matthew's Gospel is not unique to Jesus. Beatitudes are found in the Old Testament, such as in the Psalms and in Wisdom literature. They are a way to teach about who will find favour with God. The word *blessed* in this context might be translated as “happy,” “fortunate,” or “favoured.” As we listen to this Gospel, the Beatitudes jar our sensibilities. Those who are poor, hungry, weeping, or persecuted are called blessed. This is, indeed, a Gospel of reversals. Those often thought to have been forgotten by God are called blessed. In the list of “woes,” those whom we might ordinarily describe as blessed by God are warned about their peril. Riches, possessions, laughter, reputation . . . these are not things that we can depend upon as sources of eternal happiness. They not only fail to deliver on their promise; our misplaced trust in them will lead to our demise. The ultimate peril is in misidentifying the source of our eternal happiness. The Beatitudes are often described as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. We are challenged to examine our present situation in the context of our ultimate horizon, the Kingdom of God.



### 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.



### 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.*



## ASPIRE

Young Adults Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD for 18 - 35 years old

- 6 March, Thursday
- 3 April, Thursday
- 21 May, Wednesday
- 12 June, Thursday
- 3 July, Thursday
- 5 Aug, Tuesday
- 11 Sept, Thursday
- 2 Oct, Thursday
- 20 Nov, Thursday

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM  
Zoom Login: 299 665 7662

For more information, contact:  
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### World Day of Prayer 2025 "Cook Islands" "I Made You Wonderful" Psalm 139:14

WDP is a worldwide movement of Christian women of many traditions who come together to observe a common day of prayer each year. The Cook Islands have prepared the 2025 service.

**On the 7th March 2025 at 10:00am** The World Day of Prayer for the Brunswick Valley will be coordinated by the St Johns Parish so we are calling on parishioners for any help you can offer. Anyone who has been to the Cook Islands. Anything would be helpful.

Extra information at: [worlddayofprayeraustralia.org](http://worlddayofprayeraustralia.org) and [biblesociety.org.au/wdp](http://biblesociety.org.au/wdp) for a video.

For more Info call:  
**Vivianne: 0457637726**



### GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.

### Let Us Pray



#### Recently deceased:

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

#### Anniversaries:

Harrold Patrick Walker, 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 February:

Frs: John Naylor, William Joseph

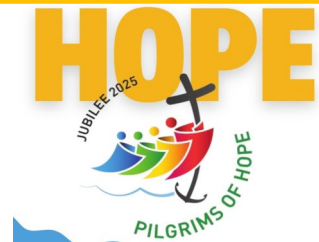
### Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.

1. Streams of Mercy (May),
2. Italy & Poland (May),
3. Marian Shrines (June),
4. Shrines of our Lady (August),
5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

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## SAVE THE DATE:

### COMING UP:

- 12th: Coffee Gathering.
- 17th: Drama and Movement Classes.
- 18th: School Feast Day Mass.



### 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.

### OFFICE HOURS:

**Tue: 9:00am-2:00pm**  
**Wed: 9:00am-4:00pm**



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



## ST JOHN'S MULLUMBIMBY



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# Drama & Movement Class



Brian Dale is pleased to offer students from year 3 to year 6 a drama and movement classes. The classes will consist of 8 sessions, beginning on Monday, February 17. Each session will go for an hour.

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**For more information**

**Brian Dale**  
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Brian Dale is the Director and Teacher at Bright Lights Performance School and author and publisher at Possumwood Publishing.

Whole School Mass Feast day of St John at St John's  
Church, Fr David Presiding on  
18th February at 9:30 am.

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