



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: 13:1-9

Unless you repent you will all perish as they did...

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.' He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?"' "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

In today's Gospel reading, Pope Francis explains, we see that 'Jesus rejects and strongly contests the idea of blaming God' for the world's misfortunes.

God does not send disasters to punish people. God is not vindictive, but ever merciful. And we are all called to respond to God's mercy, the Pope says, 'especially during this time of Lent.'

This includes learning how to stop blaming God. We should try to turn our attention to those times when, as the Pope puts it, it is 'our selfishness that tears apart relationships; ... our wrong and violent choices that unleash evil.' We are called to become the kind of people who can acknowledge our own faults.

'But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy,' the Pope adds, 'and he wants to help us here.' This is why Jesus 'encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience of God.'

The fig tree is an obvious symbol for each one of us. 'More time is given to it,' the Pope says, 'another possibility. I like to think', he adds, 'that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity.' Such a chance is here, now. It is up to us to seize it.

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The Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday of the Lord's Supper

O.L.O.L Brunswick Heads

5.30pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord

O.L.O.L Brunswick Heads

10.00am Stations of the Cross

St John's Mullumbimby

3.00pm The Passion of the Lord

The Easter Vigil

St Finbarr's Byron Bay 6.30pm

Easter Sunday

St John's Mullumbimby 8.00am

2025 Lenten Reflection Resource

'Start Anew in Christ'

If you have received your book please place payment with your name on the collection plate or pay via Direct Deposit.

Mullumbimby RC Church

BSB: 082-729

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Sunday 23rd March 2025

3rd Sunday of Lent.

1st Reading Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

Psalm Response:

The Lord is kind and merciful

2nd Reading Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God,

Lord Jesus Christ!

Repent, says the Lord: the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Glory to you, Word of God,

Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 13:1-9

Next week's readings

4th Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

Response: Ps 33:2-7

2nd Reading: Cor 5: 17-24

Acclamation: Lk 15:18

Weekday Masses

O.L.O.L Brunswick Heads

Thurs, 27th Mar 5.30pm

(Sunday liturgy)

St John's Mullumbimby

Sun, 30th Mar 8.00am

Weekday Liturgy

Brunswick Heads:

Wednesday Adoration

6.00pm to 7.00pm

St John's Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8.30am to 10.00am

Reconciliation

**Vigil Mass: St Finbarr's Byron Bay
5.30—5.50pm**

**Sunday: St Kevin's Bangalow
9.00am to 9.20am**



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Our Churches

St John's Church Mullumbimby
Our Lady of Lourdes Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS 27 & 30 MARCH 2025

O.L.O.L 27th March

Reader: Lisa R
Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 30th March

Readers: Vivianne P
Anna A
Minister of
Communion: Lisa De C

***Rosters are at the back of each church
and also online.***

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Let Us Pray

Recently Deceased

Peter Lemon (Fr Anthony's father),
Juan Carlos Leal Pena, Jeanne Sjoborg,
Harry Wedd, Fae Charlie, Mary
McCarten, Denise Robinson, Sr
Michelle (Ann) Condon RSJ, Dot
Cornale

Anniversaries

Garry Sawtell, WDCMR Sean Patrick
Bellenger, James, Mavis, Colin, & Beth
Wiley, Pam Fraser, Terry Godbee, Pat
Boyle, Frank, Vince and Betty Walker,

Harold Patrick Walker,, Robert (Mick)
Bellenger, Phil Kearney, May Walker,

Joseph & Keith Walker, Antonio Pinna,
Searl Browning, Athol Sawtell,

Cora & Ned Cook, Shiela & Bruce
Pentland

Time of Need

Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor,
Jan Mangleson, Dot Andrews,

St John's Primary School, Mullumbimby



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Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and Time of Need

Parishioners are asked to please review the list above and advise Fr David if anyone can be removed from the list. At present we have a two page bulletin so there may be a need for space for articles. Thank you

BLESSING



*Loving God,
we thank you that you called
Michael and Anna
to be members of our parish.
We ask that you grant them
many blessings
and happiness in their new
home.*

*Michael and Anna,
we thank you for your presence with us
and the gifts that you have so generously shared
with us.
May God bless you and your growing family
with deep peace in your hearts always,
and joy in your
family life.
May the love of God
carry you through life's journey
and may you always be held in the palm
of God's hand.*

Amen

Let Us Pray



