



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



"Pilgrims of Hope": What does it mean? This year's Jubilee has a special theme: 'Pilgrims of Hope.' In choosing the motto 'Pilgrims of Hope', Pope Francis noted that 'We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so greatly desire.' We all need hope, that little spark that keeps us going even when things are tough. A "pilgrim" is someone on a journey, and this Jubilee reminds us that we're all on a journey through life. We're all searching for meaning and connection. "Pilgrims of Hope" means we're on that journey together, supporting each other and looking towards a brighter future. It's about finding hope within ourselves and sharing it with others. What happens during a Jubilee Year? The Jubilee officially begins with the opening of the Holy Door at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome. This is a symbolic act, like opening a door to God's grace and forgiveness. Throughout the year, there will be special events, pilgrimages (spiritual journeys), and opportunities for prayer and reflection. It's a time for people to come together, share their experiences, and find common ground. How can I get involved? No matter your background, the Jubilee Year is a great opportunity to: Reflect: Take some time to think about your own life, your values, and what you want to achieve. Connect: Reach out to your community, help those in need, and build stronger relationships. Find Hope: Look for the positive in the world around you and nurture your own sense of hope. Learn: Explore different perspectives and learn about other cultures and beliefs.

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

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Lit of the Word with Communion
9.30am



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'On Calvary,' Pope Francis observes, 'two ways of thinking collided.'

On one side was rampant self-centredness. We see this in what the crowd says to Jesus.

Three times he is told to save *himself*. The leaders, the soldiers and a criminal all think in terms of what Jesus should do for *himself*. Their way of thinking is entirely based on individual gain.

The Pope invites us to think about this: 'Save yourself. Take care of yourself. Think of yourself. Not of others, but only of your own well-being, your own success, your own interests: your possessions, your power, your image. *Save yourself*. This is the constant refrain of the world that crucified the Lord.'

But this way of thinking is defeated by another way – God's way.

On the Cross, as the Pope puts it, we see 'the Saviour who *offers his self*.' Indeed, as the Pope underlines, even while in agony on the Cross 'Jesus himself obeyed the most demanding of his commandments: that we love our enemies.'

As we begin Holy Week, we pray for the grace to give up the selfish mindset of the crowd so that we can follow the selfless way of the Cross.

Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday of the

Passion of the Lord

1st Reading Isaiah 50:4-7

Response: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

2nd reading: Phil 2:6-11

Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross, therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name able all other names.

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Gospel: Luke 23:1-49

Next week's readings

Sunday of the Resurrection

1st Reading Acts 10:34, 37-43

Response: Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

2nd Reading Col 3:1-4

Acclamation: Col: 3:1-4

Gospel: Jn 20:1-9

HOLY LAND COLLECTION-GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 18th. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. Parishes, and orphanages. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the ongoing war, the Church and people of the Holy Land are still struggling with reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and lower church attendance around the world. In 2024 Australian Catholics were once again extremely generous and so we again ask Catholics around the world again to be as generous as possible, with their financial support as well as the spiritual support. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

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Our Churches

St John's Church Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS 17&20April 2025

O.L.O.L 17th April

Reader: Viv P

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Communion: TBA

St John's 20th April

Readers: Jenny T

Sequence: Pam L

Minister of

Communion: Lisa De C

**ST JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL
PROGRAM**

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:

Thursday May 15th at 4pm Our Lady of
Lourdes Brunswick Heads

CONFIRMATION: Thursday 5th June at
5pm St John's Mullumbimby

RECONCILIATION: Thursday 11th
September 4.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes
Brunswick Heads

HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday 16th

November at 8am St John's
Mullumbimby

*If you are aware of families
unable to attend Mass and
have children who may
qualify for their
Sacraments please pass this
information on.*

CHRISM MASS

St Carthage's Cathedral
Monday 14th April at
7.00pm

**Hosanna in
the highest!**

Mark 11:10

Let Us Pray

Recently Deceased

Peter Lemon (Fr Anthony's father),
Juan Carlos Leal Pena, Jeanne Sjoberg,
Harry Wedd, Mary McCarten, Sr
Michelle (Ann) Condon RSJ

Anniversaries

Mary Nicholson, Victor Nicholson,
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, May Walker, Antonio Pinna,
Searl Browning, Athol Sawtell, Cora &
Ned Cook, Shiela & Bruce Pentland

Time of Need Paul Murphy, Martin
Taylor, Jan Mangleson, Dot Andrews,
Anne Carolan

Deceased priests of the Diocese April

Frs: Charles Kakumanu, Steven
O'Donnell, John Joseph Dougherty,
George Cranney, Charles Joseph
Cullen, Mathias P Walshe, John Steven
Satterthwaite (4th Bishop of Lismore),
Thomas D'Arcy, John Washington,
Paschal O'Halloran

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