



St John's Catholic Parish

Brunswick Valley

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give my sheep eternal life.

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.

I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me.

The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father.

The Congregation of Cardinals has asked the faithful for prayers as they prepare to enter the conclave to elect a new pope. Source: *The Tablet*.

In a statement issued yesterday, the cardinals invited "the People of God to live this ecclesial moment as an event of grace and spiritual discernment, listening to the will of God".

"Faced with the enormity of the task ahead and the urgency of the present time, it is first of all necessary to make ourselves humble instruments of the infinite wisdom and providence of our Heavenly Father, in docility to the action of the Holy Spirit," the statement said,

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

'Sometimes Jesus calls us, he invites us to follow him, but perhaps we do not realise that it is he who is calling,' Pope Francis once said.

Francis explained that these few lines in today's Gospel passage 'contain the whole of Jesus' message ... he calls us to share in his relationship with the Father.' Indeed, he continued, 'Jesus wants to establish with his friends a relationship which mirrors his own relationship with the Father: a relationship of reciprocal belonging.'

Such listening and reciprocity is at the heart of the late Pope's call for the Church to become more synodal. 'Synodality', Francis explains, means journeying together. It is, therefore, really 'an expression of the Church's nature, her form, style and mission.' We journey to the Father, with Christ, in the Holy Spirit.

As Francis put it at one point: 'we are sheep, yet we are also members of the flock.'

We must rediscover, he declared, 'that we are a people meant to walk together, with one another and with all humanity.' We must learn 'to trust that the Spirit will always make his voice heard.' And a good place to start discerning God's voice, he suggested, is 'by listening to each other.' © Nick Brodie

Fourth Sunday of Easter

11 May 2025

1st Reading:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

Psalm:

We are his people, the sheep of his flock

2nd Reading:

Rev 7:9, 14-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 10:27-30

Next weeks readings:

1st Reading: Acts 14:21-27

2nd Reading: Rev 21:1-5

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

Weekday Masses

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Thursday 5.30pm

St John's Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

Weekday Liturgy

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Christian Meditation

Tuesday 9.30am,

Wednesday Adoration

6pm-7.00pm

St John's Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8.30-10am

Reconciliation

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Thursdays 5pm—5.20pm

Project Compassion

Boxes/envelope contributions can be placed on the collection plates by next Sunday. Thank you

St John's Sacramental Program Compulsory Parent Information Meeting

Thursday 15th May 4.00pm - Our Lady of Lourdes Church Brunswick Heads

Sacrament of Confirmation
Thursday 5th of June 5.00pm
St John's Church Mullumbimby

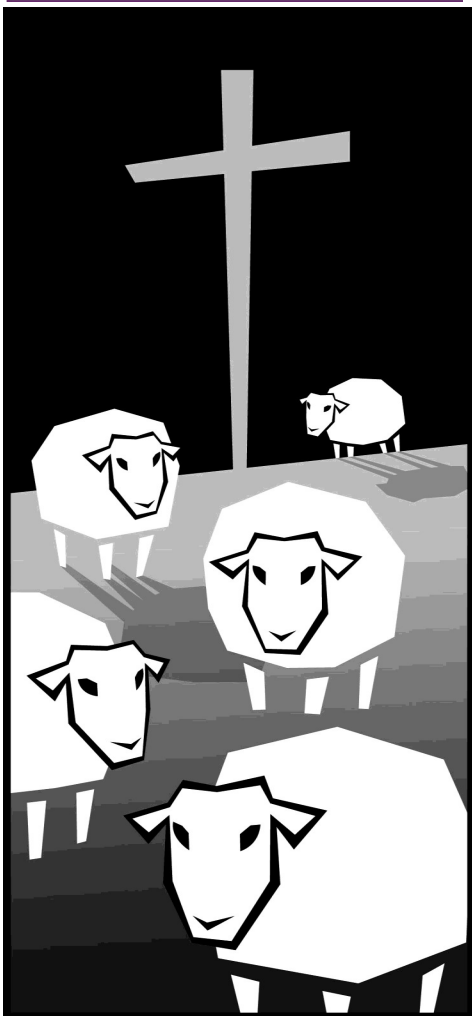


ONLINE MASSES

Join Bishop Greg for Mass on the Diocese of Lismore YouTube Channel



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The Rosary Team Monthly Prayer Meeting

This will be held *one week later* this month and will be at the home of Kay McDonagh, 301 Kennedy's Lane, Ewingsdale, on Saturday 17th May at 9:30. All welcome. Enquiries phone Pam 0450 150 439.

HOMILY by Richard Leonard SJ

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that we follow him, not because we are too dumb to know otherwise, or because we are anxious or fearful of our alternatives, but because we know his voice, we know him, he knows our name. We follow Jesus' lead for no other reason than throughout our life we have come to trust him and to rely on the intimacy of our relationship with him. In return he protects us and makes sure no one can steal us from his flock.

The possibility of being stolen away from the Christian family is a real one. We know many people who, for a variety of reasons, have left the fold and been seduced into pursuing other leads. Whereas every Sunday we affirm that we cannot find a better way to live than following the Way, the Truth and the Life which is Christ present here and now. No one can suggest it is always easy to follow the Gospel and hang in here with one another. Jesus was never under any illusions about what following his lead may cost, but he underlines how much we need each other to survive in this world.

In this Eucharist, then, let's steal a few moments to experience again the intimate love of the Risen Lord who knows, claims and loves us. May we respond by following his lead by enfolding all our world in our care and welcoming all his children into his flock.

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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

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Join Catholic Mission online to honour Mother Mary during the month of May through praying the Rosary.

World Mission



May Rosary Prayers

Mon to Fri via Teams
Date: 1st May to 31st May 2025
10:00 am to 11:00 am

Meeting LINK:
<https://tinyurl.com/cmrosary>



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ROSTERS 15 & 18 May 2025

O.L.O.L 15th May

Reader: Mark R

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Communion: Lisa R

St John's 18th May

Reader: Viv P

Anna A

Minister of

Communion: Lisa De C



Monthly Coffee Gathering

Come Join us on Wednesday
14th May at 10.30 for Coffee at
the Mullumbimby Ex Services
Club.

Friends are welcome and Trish
and Maureen can vouch for the
muffins and chocolate cake.

Yum

**A guide from the Australian
Catholic Bishops Conference on
the Conclave process, which
began Wednesday at 6pm AEST
is available at the back of each
church.**

Recently Deceased

His Holiness Pope Francis, Alan
Gibney, Madeleine Merlot, Narelle
McLaughlin, Deb Wilmington, Billy
Brown, Leo Alidenes, Peter Lemon,
Juan Carlos Leal Pena, Jeanne
Sjoberg, Harry Wedd, Mary
McCarten, Sr Michelle (Ann)
Condon RSJ

Anniversaries

Peter Nicholls, Nell Sawtell, Ann,
Mary Nicholson, Vincent
Nicholson, Garry Sawtell, Harold
Patrick Walker, Vi Walker,
Margaret Walker, May Walker,
Antonio Pinna, Searl Browning,
Athol Sawtell, Shiela & Bruce
Pentland

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

Deceased priests of the Diocese May

Frs: Edward Crowley, Thomas
O'Reagan Snr, +John Joseph Carroll
(*Second Bishop of Lismore*), Denis
Mullins, William John Power,
Charles John Smith, Thomas
O'Byrne, Richard Henry Williams,
Robert Allen Kennedy, John Walsh,
Charles O'Gallagher, +Patrick
Joseph Farrelly (*Third Bishop of
Lismore*), Arthur Andrew Daley

I KNOW MY SHEEP. The Apostles
faced much opposition as they
proclaimed the Good News of Christ.
Since then, many Christians have
suffered martyrdom in great
persecutions. Today's Scripture
readings make reference to such
difficulties but they also offer a firm
message of hope and consolation. The
faithful followers of Jesus, those who
listen to his voice, will have eternal life.
They will never be lost forever or
destroyed by evil forces. May these
words console us as we strive to follow
Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the
joys and struggles of life.

St Paul's Sunday Missal

Commitment to Safeguarding Statement

Commitment to Safeguarding Statement publicly
commits the Diocese of Lismore's
culture, zero tolerance, transparency and approach
for safe environments.

Further supports the Safeguarding
Framework these are the Code of
Conduct, Safeguarding policies and
procedures

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A Blessing for Mothers

Bless all women who bring life into the world.

Bless all women who cannot give birth.

Bless all women expecting the birth of their child.

Bless all women who mourn the loss of a child.

Bless all women who love and care for their children.

Bless all women who share their love and care with others.

Bless all women who tend the needs of their families.

Bless all women supported by a partner.

Bless all women who parent alone.

Bless all women who struggle with who they are.

Bless our mothers and our grandmothers.

Bless our carers.

Bless the dads who also mother.

Bless the mums we never knew.

God, our Mother and our Father,

look with favour on all those we call 'mother'.

Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Mary, who intercedes for us. Amen

Vocations Prayer Champions. The Diocese of Lismore vocations team is seeking vocations prayer champions. All the baptised share the vocation to be missionary disciples but some in the church are called to other vocations for building up missionary disciples. We want women and men who will join in prayer each day for an increase in these other vocations. This year our focus in prayer will be the priesthood. We want you to register as a vocation's prayer champion. Prayer champions agree to pray at 9am or 6pm (both if you want) for an increase in vocations to the priesthood. At the designated time each prayer champion recites one Glory be., one Hail Mary, one Our Father for the intention of an increase in priestly vocations. You can register at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au or 02 6681 1048. Leave your first name, parish and your chosen time. We will let you know how many people are in prayer with you at that time. *Deacon Anthony Gooley. Director of Vocations.*

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