



Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

St John's Catholic Parish

Brunswick Valley

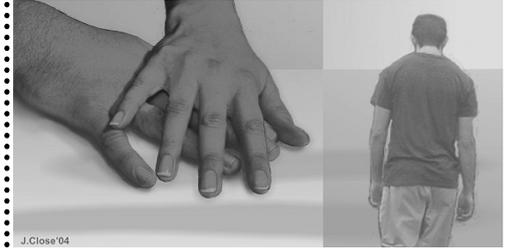
"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



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Reflection by Nick Brodie

'Jesus loved us first', Pope Francis reminded us. This is the key to the newness of Jesus' commandment.

As Francis pointed out, it was already an established principle that you should love your neighbour. What Jesus does is extend this, going beyond formal concern to a really deep love – 'as I have loved you'.

Jesus' love, Francis elaborates, 'is God's universal love, without any conditions or limits.'

Which is why it is important to start by knowing that Jesus already loves us, irrespective of who we are or what we have done. He loves us, Francis explains, 'despite our frailties, our limitations and our human weaknesses.'

In fact, as Francis adds, it was Jesus himself 'who ensured we become worthy of his boundless and never-ending love.' There is nothing we can do to make him love us more or less than he already does. God's love, by definition, is boundless.

So, aided by the Holy Spirit, we are called to experience and express the love of Christ. As the late Pope said, if we are truly open to this, then 'we can spread everywhere the seed of love that renews relationships between people and opens horizons of hope.'

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

18 May 2025

1st Reading:

Acts 14:21-27

Psalm:

*I will praise your name for ever, my king
and my God.*

2nd Reading:

Rev 21: 1-5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment: love one
another as I have loved you.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 13:31-35

Next weeks readings:

1st Reading: Acts 15:1-2,22-29

2nd Reading: Rev 21:10-14,22-23

Gospel: Jn 14:23-29

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

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Searches for “how to become Catholic” increased by 373 per cent across the world between April 20 to 26, according to analysis of data from Google Trends. Source: *The Tablet*.

The new data follows research published last month by the Bible Society, which shows a rise in Gen Z Catholic attendance, with young adults aged 18-34 among those newly drawn to Christian beliefs after years of declining congregations.



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

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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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Love One Another.

Today’s Gospel comes from Jesus’ Last supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: ‘as I have loved you, you also must love one another’. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

St Paul’s Sunday Missal



June 20 World Refugee Day is a global event dedicated to honouring the strength, courage, and resilience of millions of refugees worldwide. The Church is encouraging all people to welcome, promote, accompany, and integrate those who knock on our doors.

You're invited to join us for our Diocesan Book Club

Mustard Seeds Book Club

Small books, big ideas, growing faith

A chance to come together online, as a community, to share our faith as we read *52 Sundays* and other Church Documents. **Our first book club is on the 28th of May, from 7pm-8pm.**

We will be discussing the Introduction and Chapters 1-4 from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays*, and a chapter of your choice from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*. **Flyers are at the back of the church.**

Zoom Meeting ID: 847 3248 5504

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Dates:

28th May WEDS

24th June TUES

24th July THURS

27th August WEDS

23rd September TUES

30th October THURS

24th November MON

The Gospel mentions Judas and if we are to understand what Jesus means by love we need to remember that up until this stage in the Gospel Judas has been present. He is one of Jesus’ own who gather for his final meal. Judas has had his feet washed by Jesus and received from Jesus’ hand the morsel of bread. Jesus willingly gives of himself even to one who will betray him.

This is Jesus’ definition of love – a giving of self even when that will not be reciprocated, even when that love will be rejected and betrayed. This is not a romantic fuzzy feeling, but the tough faithful love asked of disciples. It’s the love seen in families where parents give themselves to the care of their children even when it seems their care is not appreciated. It’s the love seen when adult children give themselves to the care of an aged parent who can no longer remember them. It’s love in sickness and in health, in good times and in bad.

Dr Mary Coloe PBVM

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ROSTERS 22 & 25 May 2025

O.L.O.L 22nd May

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St John's 25th May

Reader: Marie W

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Communion: Anna A

**ST JOHN'S PARISH
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

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.*

Recently Deceased

Beth Gibson, 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

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Our school will celebrate the appointment of our Mission Team 2025 with a
special Blessing of the Mission Badges during our Whole School Mass on:

Wednesday, 21st May at 9:30 AM at St John's Church

Families and friends are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion.

Let us keep our 2025 Mission Team in our prayers as they begin their journey of service and leadership.

Mother's Day Liturgy

Thank you to all of the Mother's and Motherly figures who joined us for our special Mother's Day
Liturgy on Friday, 9th May.

This heartfelt service was led by our newly appointed 2025 Mission Team and included prayers,
reflections, and blessings for all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures in our community.

It was a beautiful opportunity to celebrate the love and care that mothers provide and to give thanks for
their presence in our lives.

David Bermingham Principal

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The election of Pope Leo XIV is a time of great joy for Catholics all over Australia and indeed for well-meaning people throughout the world. We have a new Father who gives us good reason to look to the future with confidence and hope. I believe this man, chosen by the Holy Spirit, will be the Pope needed in these difficult times.

As a young priest, Pope Leo, who is a member of the Augustinian Order, joined the Augustinian Mission to Peru. He has spent most of his life, caring for the poor and marginalised in Peru. Such is his commitment to this mission, that he became a Peruvian citizen. Our Pope's commitment and love marks him as a significant man.

Like Pope Francis, he is also a Religious. He is a member of the Ancient Augustinian Order of which he was the General. This means that Augustinians throughout the world chose him as a man capable of thinking the difficult thoughts and questions proposed by St Augustine, and a man who lived the spirituality and prayer of that great Saint. These two attributes give me even more confidence in the shepherding and care that Pope Leo will bring to the church and to the world.

Please join with me in praying for our new Pope.

Bishop Greg Homering OCD



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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