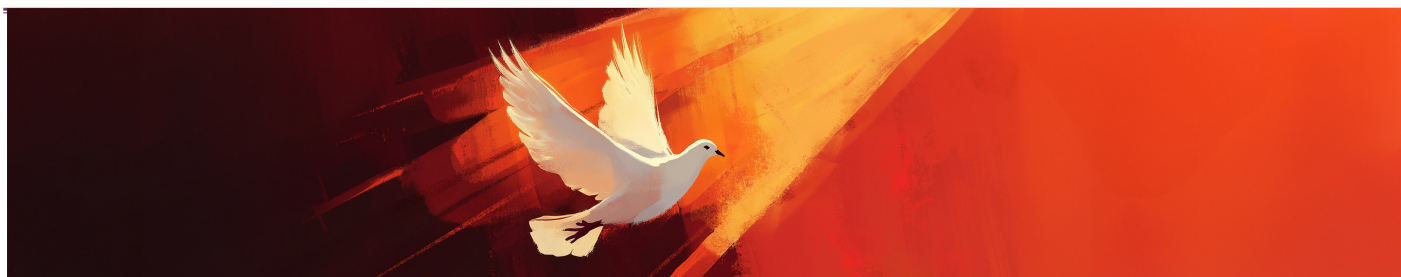


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

St John's Catholic Parish

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



A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own:
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am
going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may believe.'

Shortly before His death Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves', the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

St Paul's Sunday Missal

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Reflecting on Jesus' gift of peace, so eloquently expressed in today's Gospel passage, Pope Francis encouraged us to think about the context. This beautiful message is given in what Francis characterises as 'a moment that is anything but serene. Judas has left to betray him, Peter is about to deny him, and almost everyone else to abandon him.' What Jesus shows us in that moment is that 'he remains kind until the end.'

'Jesus demonstrates that meekness is possible', Francis says, by revealing his own peacefulness 'precisely in the most difficult moment'. Through this, Francis suggests, Jesus 'wants us to behave that way too, since we are the heirs of his peace.' We are called to be 'witnesses of peace.'

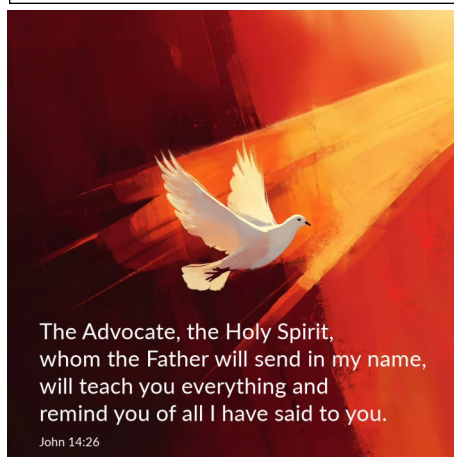
Understanding that 'this meekness is not easy', Francis intimated that this is where Jesus' gifting of his peace to us is so important. As he explains, 'Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to keep peace, that we need help, that we need a gift.'

This gift, Francis says, is 'the presence of God in us' – the Holy Spirit – helping us 'to forgive, to begin again, to set out anew because we cannot do this with our own strength.' © Nick Brodie

ST JOHN'S PARISH
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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

Please pray for the children
preparing to receive their
Sacraments; that Jesus may
continue to be a loving presence
in their lives.



Historical Context – The time of absence

At the time of writing of the Gospel of John (during the last decade of the 1st Century), the community of believers were beginning to come to terms with the continued absence of Jesus.

In the earlier gospels, particularly Mark, there is a feeling of expectation evident in the writing – an expectation that Jesus' promised return was imminent. By the time of John's community, there was an acceptance that the glorious return of Jesus still lay some time in the future. They wrestled with keeping alive the memory and message of Jesus when there was no end in sight.



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Vocations Prayer Champions.

The Diocese of Lismore vocations team is seeking vocations prayer champions. This year our focus in prayer will be the priesthood. We invite 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. You can register at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au or 66811048. Leave your first name, parish and your chosen time. *Deacon Anthony Gooley, Director of Vocations.*

No Mass—The Confirmation ceremony on Thursday 5 June with Bishop Greg presiding will be held at 5pm at St John's Mullumbimby. ***There will be no Mass*** at Our Lady of Lourdes that evening however, there will be Liturgy of the Word with Communion commencing at 5.30pm

The Ascension of the Lord

1 June 2025

1st Reading:

Acts 1:1-11

Psalm:

God mounts His throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Ephesians 1:17-23

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 24: 46-53

Next weeks readings:

Pentecost Sunday Yr C

1st Reading: Acts 2: 1-11

2nd Reading: Romans: 8:8-17

Sequence

Gospel: John 14:15-16, 23-26

Weekday Masses

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Thursday 5.30pm

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Sunday 8am

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Christian Meditation

Tuesday 9.30am,

Wednesday Adoration

6pm-7.00pm

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Friday Adoration

8.30-10am

Reconciliation

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Thursdays 5pm—5.20pm

Diocesan Retreat

Bishop Greg will be facilitating a Diocesan Retreat from 3-5 July in Lismore at Invercauld House. This retreat is available for anyone working or volunteering in Diocesan Ministries such as members of PPC, PFC, parish staff. Further information is available on the flyer at each church.



Pope Leo XIV has already put his own stamp on what it means to be a Pope. He will promote peace between people, peaceful relationships in the Church, peace in the political life of nations and peace between nations. And the peace that he promotes will be the peace of Christ embodied in his life and death, guaranteed in his rising from the dead, and seeded in his Church.

Pope Leo's motto *in illo uno unum*, drawn from St Augustine's exposition of Psalm 127 which stresses the value of each person and the unity of human beings in Christ. It expresses the human dignity that underpins Catholic social teaching on social issues and makes the good of each the responsibility of all.

**BULLETIN
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DEADLINE:**
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God's love, mercy and goodness lie at the foundation of every vocation, including that of the pope, Pope Leo XIV said. Source: extract CNS.

"Let us ask the Lord for the grace to cultivate and spread his charity and to become true neighbours to one another," he said, paraphrasing his predecessor, Pope Francis, in a homily at Rome's Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls yesterday.

The prayer service was dedicated to St Paul, the so-called "Apostle to the Gentiles" who brought the Gospel to peoples across the central and eastern Mediterranean, exemplifying evangelical zeal and the missionary spirit.

The visit was part of entrusting "the beginning of this new pontificate to the intercession of the apostle," the Pope said.

St Paul received the grace of his vocation from God, acknowledging "that his encounter with Christ and his own ministry were the fruit of God's prior love, which called him to a new life while he was still far from the Gospel and persecuting the Church," the Pope said.

St Augustine also was a convert who experienced choosing God after having realised God had chosen him first, he said. "We cannot love unless someone has loved us first."



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Different View – Peace

Jesus promises his peace to the disciples in today's gospel passage. However, some people argue that the world has not known that peace in the time since then. Some Jewish people cite this as one of their arguments against Jesus being regarded as the promised Messiah. One of the prophecies about the Messiah was that there would be universal peace once the Messiah arrived. Those who argue against Jesus as the Messiah point to the fact that since the time of Jesus, not a single day has gone by in our history in which there has not been some war or conflict occurring somewhere on earth.

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From Pope Francis' Homily for the X World Meeting of Families (2022): "You are fathers, mothers and children, grandparents, uncles and aunts. You are adults and children, young and old. Each of you brings a different experience of family, but all of you have one hope and prayer: that God will bless and keep your families and all the families of the world. "All of you married couples, in building your family, made, with the help of Christ's grace, a courageous decision: not to use freedom for yourselves, but to love the persons that God has put at your side. Instead of living like little islands, you became "slaves of one another". That is how freedom is exercised in the family. There are no "planets" or "satellites", each travelling on its own orbit. The family is the place of encounter, of sharing, of going forth from ourselves in order to welcome others and stand beside them. The family is the first place where we learn to love. We must never forget that the family is the first place where we learn to love."



JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 30 MAY TO 1 JUNE

This Jubilee celebrates the importance of the family unit, recognising the unique roles played by children and grandparents; and also honours the elderly members of our communities, some of whom are without family members of their own.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, We come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family. We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church. We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love. We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them; We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world. 1 Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church. Amen.

(Official prayer for the X World Meeting of Families, 2022)

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