



### Historical Context – Pentecost

The word Pentecost comes from the Greek for fiftieth day. Pentecost Sunday ends the season of Easter and comes as a Sabbath day after seven weeks of seven days. In Jewish tradition the 50th day after the Passover was celebrated as a blessing of the harvest and rather than the unleavened bread of Passover it was celebrated by leavening the bread. It was for this reason that the disciples were gathered together when they experienced the Holy Spirit empowering them. In Christian tradition, Pentecost is celebrated as the arrival of the Spirit, promised by Jesus, that animated the disciples to spread the gospel of Jesus and gather believers to form what would eventually become the Church.

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### The Jubilee Logo

The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross. The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.



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

*Jesus said to his disciples*

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
I shall ask the Father  
and he will give you another Advocate  
to be with you for ever.

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 that I have said to you.'

### Reflection

In our age of increasing division and discord we should learn to trust that the Holy Spirit can bring us together. The Holy Spirit, Pope Francis once quipped, 'knows how to bridge distances.'

Explaining that the Holy Spirit 'connects the teaching of Jesus with every time and every person,' Francis reminds us that 'Christ's words are not a memory.' Rather, through the Holy Spirit, they 'come alive today!'

Using Scripture as an example, Francis points out that the Holy Spirit 'speaks to us and guides us in the present.' Hearing today's Gospel proclaimed, for instance, means being called to renew our trust in Christ in the here and now. We have the Holy Spirit with us, after all!

'The Holy Spirit does not fear the passing of the centuries,' Francis says. Indeed, it is we who get caught in the past. 'We run the risk of making a museum piece out of faith,' he suggests, when we fail to recognise that the Holy Spirit 'makes believers attentive to the problems and events of their time.'

As the late Pope put it, 'the Holy Spirit does not bind himself to passing epochs or trends, but brings into today the relevance of Jesus, risen and living.' Alleluia to that!

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### Pentecost Sunday Yr C

**8 June 2025**

**1st Reading:** Acts 2: 1-11

**Psalm:**

*Lord, send out your Spirit and  
renew the face of the earth.*

**2nd Reading:** Romans: 8:8-17

**Sequence**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts  
of your faithful and kindle in them  
the fire of your love.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Jn 14:15-16,23-26

**Next weeks readings:**

**The Most Holy Trinity Yr C**

**1st Reading:** Proverbs 8:22-31

**Psalm:** 8:4-8.R.v.2

**2nd Reading:** Romans: 5:1-5

**Gospel:** Jn 16:12-15

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### St John's Catholic Parish

#### Brunswick Valley

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#### Parish Office

Office hours Tuesday 8.30-5pm  
Wednesday 8.30-5pm  
Phone: 6684 2106

#### Parish School

St John's Primary School  
Principal  
Dave Birmingham  
Phone: (02) 6684 2386

**THANK YOU** to all who  
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to journey together to full initiation  
of the Catholic faith.

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### ROSTERS 12 June & 15 June 2025

#### O.L.O.L 12 June

Reader: Lisa R

Minister of

Communion: Mark R

#### St John's 15 June

Readers: Paul B

Marie W

Minister of

Communion: Vivienne P

#### The Parish Survey

This has been compiled to assist the  
Parish Advisory Committee in  
preparing a Parish Pastoral Plan for St.  
John's Parish.

The implementation of a Pastoral Plan  
will help us to continue to develop into  
a place of spiritual nourishment for the  
parish community and a sign of  
Christ's love in the wider community.

Surveys are at the back of each Church.

*Once completed please place  
the Survey in the box provided  
by next Sunday 15 June*

#### BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE:

Please send in any notices or  
information for the Bulletin by  
Wednesday 12:00 noon

#### Rosary Team Monthly Prayer Meeting

This month's meeting will be held at  
the home of Pat Plater, Cnr. Train  
and Station Streets, Mullumbimby,  
on Saturday 14 June at 9:30  
am. The reflection is on *John 6:53-8*:  
"Unless you eat the flesh of the  
Son of Man and drink his blood, you  
do not have life within you." In Our  
Rosary Team though we do not  
celebrate the Eucharist, but like a  
good bread, we feed ourselves with  
the Word of the Lord. All welcome.

Enquiries Phone Pat 6684 1436

#### 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

#### Recently Deceased

Father Peter Karem, Father Kevin  
Ehlefeldt MSC, Beth Gibson, Pope  
Francis, Alan Gibney, Madeleine  
Merlot, Harry Wedd, Mary  
McCarten.

#### Anniversaries

Barrie Walker, Viva Walker,  
Ancestors of James Thompson  
Roberts, Col O'Donnell, Peter  
Nicholls, Nell Sawtell, Ann, Mary  
Nicholson, Vincent Nicholson,  
Garry Sawtell, Harold Patrick  
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 June

**Frs:** Jeremiah Joseph Doyle (*First  
Bishop of Lismore*), Patrick  
O'Mahoney, Edward M O'Brien,  
Charles Casey, Bernard Kenny,  
Joseph Ahern, Patrick Carey,  
Eamon Philip Leonard, Patrick  
William Duggan, Patrick Ahern,  
Edward Galavan, James Anthony  
Hoade, Paul Rex Brown.



#### 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.

[vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au)  
or 66811048. Leave your first  
name, parish and your chosen  
time. *Deacon Anthony Gooley.*

### EUROPE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES

#### FOR YOU?

#### SHRINES OF OUR LADY (18th Aug- 3rd September 2025)

Fr Johnson Malayil, CRS, would like to invite you for a 16-day Jubilee  
pilgrimage, departing on the 18th of August 2025. This pilgrimage  
features Fatima, Avila, Loyola, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Assisi,  
Rotondo, and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8890 + tips (30+  
pilgrims).

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itinerary and more. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or  
email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

#### FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL (7th-18th October 2025)

Fr. Joseph Panackal IVdei invites you to journey in the footsteps of St.  
Paul, reliving the Acts of the Apostles and exploring the letters of the  
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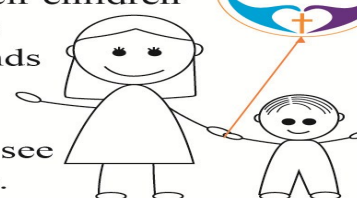
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hope into the lives of  
others."*

*Bishop Greg Homeming  
OCD*

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Would parents please keep their children  
**supervised at all times** in the  
church and surrounding grounds  
- including taking them to the  
bathroom. For their safety,  
please ensure you can always see  
them while on Parish grounds.



**You are most welcome** to join us  
for a cuppa and a chat on  
Wednesday (11th June) at 10.30am  
at the Mullum Ex Services Club.  
You may wish to bring a friend.

