



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 Luke

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C - 13 July 2025

1st Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalm:

*Turn to the Lord in your need,
and you will live.*

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your words, Lord, are spirit and
life; you have the words of
everlasting life.*

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

Next weeks readings:

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

Psalm: 14:2-5.R.v.1

2nd Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

Reflection

Life, Pope Leo says, 'is made up of encounters, and in these encounters, we emerge for what we are.'

'We find ourselves in front of others,' he continues, 'faced with their fragility and weakness, and we can decide what to do: to take care of them or pretend nothing is wrong.'

The pope reminds us to stand with the victims of circumstance, wherever we find them. We should pray for those who are deprived of homes and livelihoods by war. Where possible, we should also give practical aid and work for peace.

Closer to home, too, we have responsibilities to those around us: the elderly, migrants and refugees, the poor, the lonely, and so on.

We should never rest on our spiritual laurels. The pope warns those who, even among Christians, 'think that their own journey must take precedence.' Christianity, as he so often points out, has a unifying mission. We cannot walk by on the roads of our own age, unwilling 'to stop for another.'

Reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan, the pope reminds us that 'the practice of worship does not automatically lead to being compassionate.' Rather, he points out that 'before being a religious matter, compassion is a question of humanity! Before being believers, we are called to be human.'

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Brunswick Valley

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St John's Church Mullumbimby
Our Lady of Lourdes Brunswick
Heads

We welcome
Charmaine Patterson
to our parish as **Parish**
Secretary



Charmaine and her husband are at Middle Pocket and delighted to be back in the area.

Charmaine has already felt the friendship our parish is well known for.
Welcome Charmaine!

ROSTERS 17 July & 20 July 2025

O.L.O.L 17 July

Reader: Lisa R
Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 20 July

Readers: Vivianne P
Anna A
Minister of
Communion: Pam L

BULLETIN ARTICLE
DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or information for the Bulletin by Tuesday 5pm
mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au
Phone: 02 6684 2106
With thanks Charmaine

Mass in honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

This will be offered at
10:00 am on Wednesday, 16 July
at the Carmelite Monastery,
Goonellabah.
Please note that there will be no
7:00 am Mass on that day.

All welcome.
Sr Maria

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
9am -10am
Reconciliation
O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads
Thursdays 5pm—5.20pm

Recently Deceased

Beth Gibson, Alan Gibney, Mary McCarten.

Anniversaries

Barrie Walker, Viva Walker, Ancestors of James Jonathon 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 July

Frs: Patrick Cregan, John Ridgway Roger, Terence Bernard McGuire, William Reade, Patrick M Ryan, Bede Francis Parker, Adrian Patrick Curran, Thomas Mahon, Vincent John Ryan, Patrick McCambridge, Felix Schurr, James Prendergast, Charles Collingridge, Owen Francis Daley, Thomas McEvoy
2025 Frs: Michael Brady, Peter Karam.



MEET FR TONY—OUR VISITING PRIEST AND PASTORAL SUPPORT

We warmly welcome Fr Tony, a classmate of Fr David and a priest of the Bathurst Diocese, ordained in 1987. Fr Tony is currently serving as a part-time chaplain and relief priest. He is generously assisting our parish with home visits for sick calls, pastoral care, or simply for a friendly chat and a cuppa. He can be contacted directly on **0431 122 361**.
We are grateful to have him guiding our parish community over the next month.

Our Parish say's



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Prayer of Aboriginal People

For the Pope's visit to Australia in 1986, Aboriginal people composed the following prayer for the ceremony in Alice Springs. This prayer now is prayed by many Catholic Aboriginal groups around the country.



THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY

6-13 JULY 2025

Father of all, you gave us the Dreaming. You have spoken to us through our beliefs.
You then made your love clear to us in the person of Jesus. We thank you for your care. You own us.
You are our hope. Make us strong as we face the problems of change.
We ask you to help the people of Australia to listen to us and respect our culture.
Make the knowledge of you grow strong in all people, so that you can be at home in us and we can make a home for everyone in our land.
Amen

JUBILEE ART PRIZE

In celebration of the Jubilee Year, the Dioceses of Lismore will be launching a Jubilee Art Prize reflecting the theme of *hope*.

The artwork is being nominated prior to the closing date

5 August 2025.

Please find more details of the Jubilee Art Prize located at the back of the church.



Scriptural Context

The 'Rule of Three'

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.



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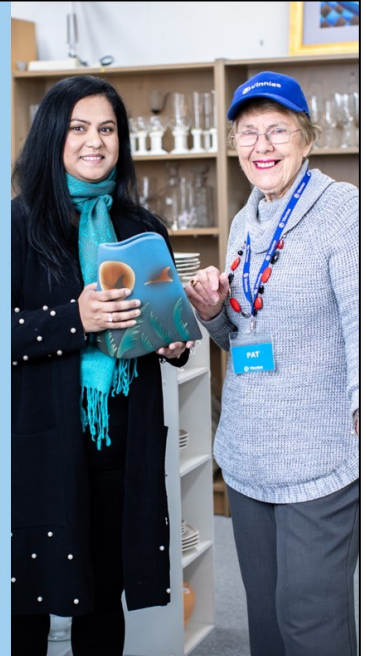
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Mustard Seeds Book Club - Small books, big ideas, growing faith

A warm invitation to all interested parishioners to join us for our online book club - Mustard Seeds.

We will be discussing Chapters 9-13 from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays*, and a chapter of your choice from Pope Francis' encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*.

To register interest, contact: Dr Madeline Beveridge, Pastoral Projects Officer, Diocese of Lismore
Chancery, 0491 137 854 mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE

WEEKLY:

Confession:

Thursdays 5-5.20pm

Our Lady of Lourdes, Brunswick Heads

MONTHLY:

Sunday Morning Tea:

1st Sunday

St John's Church, Mullumbimby, after Mass.

Coffee Gathering:

2nd Wednesday 10.30am,

Mullumbimby Ex Services Club

Rosary Team Meeting:

2nd Saturday

Location will be advised each month

St Vincent de Paul St John's Conference Mullumbimby

"Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held on Sunday, 13 July, and envelopes will be in the pews for parishioners wishing to donate to the Winter Appeal."

St Vincent de Paul Brunswick Heads Conference

St Vincent de Paul Brunswick Heads will be running their Winter Appeal over the next 2 weeks.

Parishioners support for the Marginalized in our area would be greatly appreciated.



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Mullumbimby

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Charismatic Healing Mass



2pm Sunday 27 July, 2025

Celebrant: Father Erick Quinteros

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Contact: Valerie 0400 752 072

Rosary Team Monthly Prayer Meeting

This month's meeting will be held at the home of Dorothy Baker, 21 Yallakool Drive, Ocean Shores, on Saturday, 12 July at 9:30 am. The reflection will be from the Acts of the Apostles...*"and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit". The breath of God is given to us because there is a discrepancy between what we are capable of being and doing by ourselves, and what we are called to be, to do and to live"*.

Everyone welcome. Enquiries phone Dorothy 0406 949 645.

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