

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

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

## Reflection

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings?

First and foremost we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits.

We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all of our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born.

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**20 July 2025**

**16th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year C**

**1st Reading:**  
Genesis 18:1-10

**Psalm:**  
*The just will live in the presence  
of the Lord.*

**2nd Reading:**  
Colossians 1:24-28

**Gospel Acclamation:**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy are they who have kept the  
word with a generous heart and  
yield a harvest through  
perseverance.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:** Luke 10:38-42

**Next weeks readings**

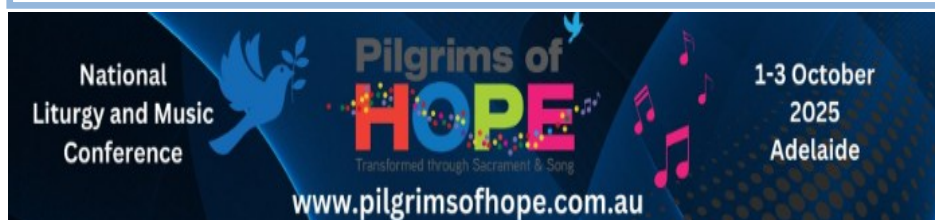
**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Year C**

**1st Reading:**  
Genesis 18:20-32

**Psalm:**  
137:1-3,6-8: R

**2nd Reading:**  
Colossians 2:12-14

**Gospel:**  
Luke 11:1-13



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Wednesday 8.30-5pm

**Parish Secretary**

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**Parish School**

St John's Primary School

**Principal**

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

**BULLETIN ARTICLE**  
**DEADLINE**

Please send in any notices or  
information for the Bulletin by  
Tuesday 5pm

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With thanks 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

**Family Group Outing**

**MacKillop Family Group** will  
meet at Rummery Park near  
Minyon Falls

**Sunday 20 July from 11:00am**

Come along and join us for  
friendship and fun around the  
fire.

Bring sausages to cook on the  
fire or a picnic of your choice  
and we'll boil the billy for a  
cuppa.

Don't forget a fold up chair.  
Some may like to do a short  
bush walk or play a game of  
boules or klop(!).

All parishioners are invited to  
join us.

*Enquiries phone  
Paul Brennan 0427 740 645*

**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.



**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.

Fr Tony can be contacted directly on **0431 122 361**.

*We are grateful to have him guiding our parish  
community over the next month.*



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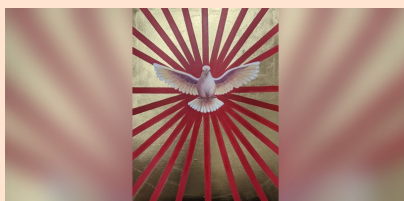
## JUBILEE ART PRIZE

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.



## 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](mailto:mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au)**

**Zoom Link: <https://rb.gy/ppp046>**

**Next meeting: Wednesday,**  
**30 July, 7-8pm**



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### Winter Appeal

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Marginalized in our area would be  
greatly appreciated.



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• that is alert,  
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• reports



## 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

### **SIGN OF THE CROSS**



Since we make the Sign of the Cross before and after all of our prayers, many Catholics don't realize that the Sign of the Cross is not simply an action but a prayer in itself. Like all prayers, the Sign of the Cross should be said with reverence; we shouldn't rush through it on the way to the next prayer.



St John's Primary School  
Mullumbimby

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## **Charismatic Healing Mass**



**2pm Sunday 27 July, 2025**

**Celebrant: Father Erick Quinteros**

**St Mary's Chapel behind St Carthage's Cathedral  
Leycester Street, Lismore**

At a Charismatic Healing Mass, we pray for the extraordinary power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of healing us spiritually, physically, mentally, and emotionally.

Personal Prayer ministry available.

Contact: Valerie 0400 752 072

### **THE BETTER PART.**

*Hospitality entails not only serving others but also listening attentively to them. Often, this is the better. What people need most of all is to be heard and to hear. To grow in the Christian life, we need to combine the good works of Martha with the contemplative attitude of Mary.*

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