

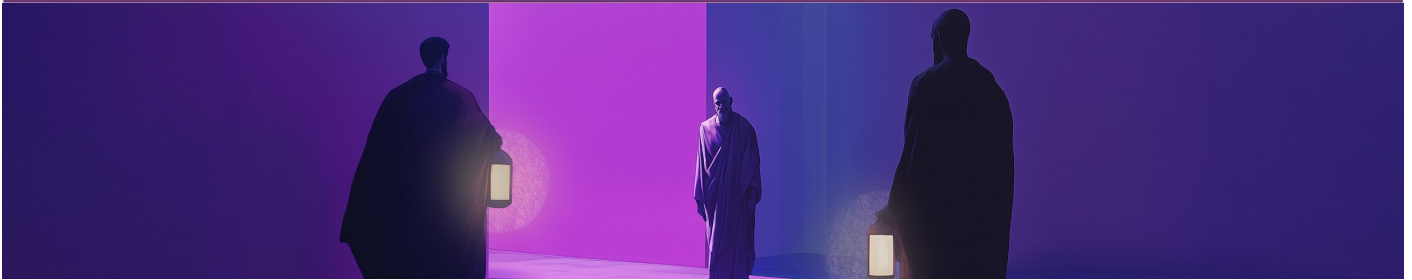


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks.

Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready.

You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.

You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reflection

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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10 August 2025

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C

1st Reading:

Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm:

*(R.) Happy the people the Lord
has chosen to be his own.*

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of
Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 12:35-40

Next weeks readings

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm:

Ps 39:2-4, 18, v14

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-53

St John's Catholic Parish
Brunswick Valley

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Our Church's

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

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DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
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Tuesday 5pm

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With thanks Charmaine

ROSTERS 14 & 17 August

O.L.O.L.—14 August

Reader: Michael S
Minister of
Communion: Sandra S

St John's—17 August

Reader: Anna A
Minister of
Communion: Olga F

ROSTERS

Please note that as of 17 August
the St John's Roster will reflect
only ONE Reader – Volunteers
are welcome!

Please contact Charmaine should
you wish to be a Volunteer.

****PLEASE CHECK****

Please check the names in the
list of *Anniversaries* and
Time of Need.

If a name needs to be removed
please contact

Fr David or Charmaine

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-7pm

St John's Mullumbimby
Friday Adoration

9am -10am

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Reconciliation

Thursdays 5pm—5.20pm

Recently Deceased

Mark Taylor.

Anniversaries

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,
Maria Alidenes.

Time of Need

Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Jan
Mangleson, Anne Carolan.

Deceased priests of the Diocese
August

Frs: John Relihan, Thomas
Walsh, Brian Scott, William
O'Hare, Martin Battle, William
Sullivan, Charles Edward
Maguire, William Joseph
O'Brien, Claude Bradley, William
John Giessen, Thomas King,
James Henderson, James Ryan,
William Vincent Ryan, Thomas
O'Regan Jnr, John Buckley,
Vincent Doyle, Thomas Joseph
Morris.



MASS OF ANOINTING

Wednesday 10.30am
27 August 2025

St John's Church,
Mullumbimby



PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION
ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

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HOSTING THE JUBILEE OF HOPE—BOAT

Through the initiative of Fr. Paul Gooley, PP Port Macquarie, and with the Bishops blessing, a **boat** design has been used to symbolically represent the rivers, waterways and ocean in which many of our parishes exist aligning with the international symbol for this years **Jubilee of Hope**. The **boat**, through it's journey south in the diocese will visit Byron Bay from **Tuesday 9 September to Sunday 11 September**, where it will be displayed at St Finbarr's parish church. Further information as to how the parish will celebrate the **boat** with be forthcoming.

Fr David Gilbey PP

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - The Good Ship Hope

The Church's Jubilee tradition dates back to the year 1300, when Pope Boniface VIII declared the first Holy Year. Originally held once every 100 years, Jubilees are now celebrated every 25 years as special times of renewal, pilgrimage, and grace.

As part of this Jubilee year, a symbolic pilgrimage is taking place through The Good Ship 'Hope' – a beautifully crafted boat inspired by the official Jubilee logo. Designed and built by our talented Newman College furniture teacher, Peter Hayes, the vessel has journeyed across the Lismore Diocese, beginning at Camden Haven Catholic Parish and concluding at St Joseph's Parish in Tweed Heads, before returning home to Newman College.



PRAYER for VOCATIONS

VOCATION MINISTRY

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Our diocese has two young men attending a discernment weekend August 8 -10, for those discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood.

Please keep them in your prayers.

If you are wondering if God is calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life please contact the Director of Vocations (02) 6681 1048 or vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au.

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*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

SPECIAL MASS

ASSUMPTION MASS

15 August
Friday 11.30am
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

MASS OF ANOINTING

27 August
Wednesday 10.30am
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

COFFEE GATHERING

You are most welcome

to join us for a cuppa and a chat
on Wednesday (13 August) at
10.30am at the Mullum
Ex Services Club.

You may wish to bring a friend.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

NAIDOC WEEK @ St John's

In Week 3 we celebrated NAIDOC Week, which was organised by Aliya King, our Indigenous Education Worker, along with the Koorie Kids at St John's.

The week was initiated by an opening ceremony, teachers were provided with a myriad of great resources to implement in the classroom and there were various activities throughout the week to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Cultures; such as a colouring in competition, poetry competition, Koorie Storytime, Sports competitions at break times, damper and tea at break times, colour dress day.

The 2025 theme is *The Next Generation: Strength, Vision and Legacy*. NAIDOC Week 2025 marked a powerful milestone: 50 years of NAIDOC Week, honouring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture and resilience. The NAIDOC committee chose this theme to celebrate "...not only the achievements of the past but also the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors."

Blessings for the week ahead,
Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's

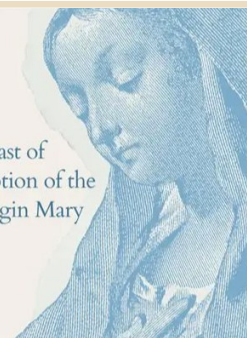
The Feast of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated every year on August 15.

This feast commemorates the belief that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken body and soul into Heaven.

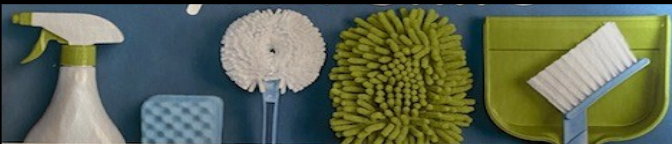
The doctrine was formally defined as a dogma of the Catholic Church in 1950 through the apostolic constitution "Munificentissimus Deus".

It declares: "the bodily Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven – which, regarding the heavenly glorification of the virginal body of the august Mother of God, could not be known by any human faculty with its natural forces alone – is a truth revealed by God, and therefore all the faithful of the Church must firmly and faithfully believe it" (12).

The Feast of
The Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary



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