



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

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Reflection

This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.

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17 August 2025

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year C

1st Reading:

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

Psalm:

(R.) *Lord, Come to my aid!*

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:1-4

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 12:49-53

Next weeks readings

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year C

1st Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm:

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30

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Brunswick Valley

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS 21 & 24 August

O.L.O.L.—21 August

Reader: Frances G
Minister of
Communion: Carolyn S

St John's—24 August

Reader: Gemma B
Minister of
Communion: Lisa De C

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 OF ANOINTING

Wednesday 10.30am
27 August 2025

St John's Church,
Mullumbimby



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

FIRST RECONCILIATION



Children of the parish are currently
preparing for their First Reconcilia-
tion. The Sacrament will be received
at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at **4.30pm Tuesday**
11 September 2025.

Please pray for the children and their
families and pray that they will
always know that our God is
compassionate, forgiving, full of love
and mercy for each of us.



Reconciliation

On behalf of the
Parish

We would like to thank
Jenny for the amazing
support she has given to the
Parish for 35 plus years.



Not only is Jenny the most giving soul, she is kind
and so very valued amongst the entire Parish and
community.

We all wish Jenny and Ross all the best in their next
adventure.

With love and prayers from us all!!

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Mark Taylor, John Bourke.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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.

As a faith community,
we pray with our brothers and sisters
in their time of need:

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

*(Due to Privacy Laws, names are only placed on this list
when requested by the sick person or family member
and will remain on this list for at least 6 weeks. As we
are not aware if illness improves or continues, you are
welcome to make a further request for inclusion)*

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.

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For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



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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** will 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 will journey 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.

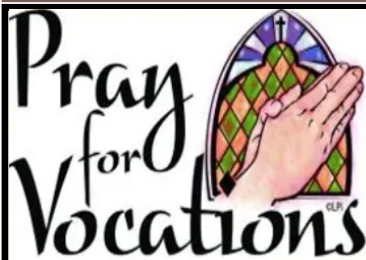


VOCATION MINISTRY

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.



PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

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Thank you for your continued

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Fr David Gilbey PP



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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

MORE SPECIAL OCCASIONS

MASS OF ANOINTING

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

RECONCILIATION

11 September
Thursday 4.30pm
OLOL Church, Brunswick Heads

CATHOLIC MISSION

**Lew Wallace - Director of
Catholic Mission in Lismore
Diocese**

Mass 21 August OLOL
Mass 24 August St John's



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Lismore Catholic Schools Communications and Marketing Team Visits Our School

This week, our school was delighted to host the Lismore Catholic Schools Communications and Marketing team for a two-day visit on Tuesday and Wednesday. The team spent time with our students and staff, capturing the vibrant life of our school community through a series of photos and videos. The visit was a huge success, with the team getting a firsthand look at the unique spirit and educational excellence that defines our school. They documented various aspects of school life, from classroom activities and sports to creative arts and community events. The content gathered during their visit will be used in future advertising campaigns to help prospective families and students understand what makes our school such a special place to learn and grow.

We are incredibly grateful to the Lismore Catholic Schools Communications and Marketing team for their time and effort. We look forward to seeing the wonderful results of their work and sharing them with our community. The pictures and videos will beautifully highlight our students' achievements and the dedication of our staff, serving as a powerful tool to share our story with a wider audience.

Blessings for the week ahead,

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's



Thank you to all



A very big thank you to the community of St John's for your shared faith, friendship and generosity as we leave this beautiful community. You are very special people, and we know you will never be replaced. It is with both sadness and excitement that we move onto the next phase of our lives. You will always be remembered and missed.

Jenny and Ross Tucker

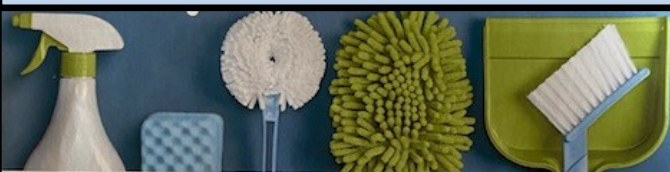
Baptism

"Welcome Samuel Archer to St John's Community"

Samuel, the son of Lauren and Anthony Archer, was baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes Church on Sunday 3 August.



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