



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

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Reflection

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility. © Dianne Bergant CSA

24 August 2025

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time,

Year C

1st Reading:

Isaiah 66:18-21

Psalm:

(R.) Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 13:22-30



Next weeks readings

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Psalm:

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R.v.11

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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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 28 & 31 August

O.L.O.L.—28 August

Reader: Mark R
Minister of
Communion: Lisa R

St John's—31 August

Reader: Marie W
Minister of
Communion: Anna A

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

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Mark Taylor, John Bourke.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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, Val Spears, Barrington Pheloung, Sister
Carthage Kelly.

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

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

*(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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MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

among all peoples



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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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.

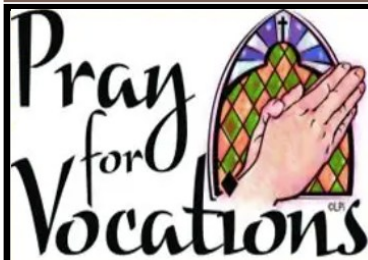


VOCATION MINISTRY

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.



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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
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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

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[St John's Primary School Mullumbimby eNewsletter](#)



Unforgiveness eats us up

Forgiveness is not something natural to any of us; more natural is the desire to avenge the wrong done to us. There is an amusing twist in the Gospel about forgiveness. The Lord starts to preach about forgiveness, yet He ends up saying that those who will not forgive will be tortured. "Send him out to gnash his teeth." Torture, as you know, is the highest form of unforgiveness.

On the other hand, perhaps there is no twist to the Gospel because, you see, when we do not forgive, we become tortured. But the torture is not inflicted on us by God.

When we do not forgive, the torture is not inflicted on us by the priest who hears our sins. When you do not forgive, the torture comes to and from you. You inflict the penalty on yourself. You punish yourself. You rob yourself of peace and joy.

Christians who refuse to forgive, who harbour resentment in their hearts, who harbour bitterness inside themselves, torture, punish and rob themselves of so many graces. When you do not forgive, you become irritable. When you do not forgive, you become very grouchy. When you do not forgive, you become psychologically down. When you do not forgive, you are unable to sleep well.

When last did you forgive a brother or sister? Jesus knows we will experience hurts, betrayal, deceit and the host of other offences- but love covers this multitude of sins.

For your inner peace, learn to let go... Start serving God this very day. This may be the last day of your life. Live as if this day were your last. Tomorrow is uncertain, yesterday no longer belongs to you, only the present is yours.

Let us learn from Jesus, forgiveness is not an optional extra in Christian life. No, it is at the heart of the Gospel. A Christian must encourage and restore relationships and be willing to make peace always. We are called to be ministers of reconciliation and forgiveness in our daily life situations. Don't rob yourself of peace again.

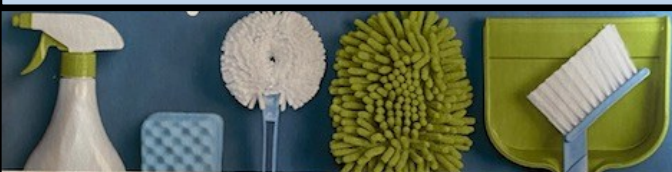
All of us have people we may not like to forgive. All of us have in our hearts people who irritate us because of what they did to us. Let us pray for such people today. Let us also pray for ourselves, that our hearts may be as forgiving as the heart of Jesus. Amen.

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