



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

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Reflection

Heaven Embossed Invitations

Hearing Our Lord's command: 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast,' how do we respond as citizens of a nation which, in comparative global terms, is having a great feast? Jesus demands that we go well beyond an immigration policy which favours skilled and entrepreneurial people. They more than 'repay our courtesy' in terms of economic activity and social stability.

The majority of the poor and the crippled live in the subsistence villages, the refugee camps, and the squalor of the megacities of the Third World.

Heaven embossed invitations must be extended to such as those so that they may join in our national feast. Only then can we become the sort of people who, in the great Feast of Heaven, can join with those poor who are certain to be there.

We could pause for a moment to pray to put today's Gospel into effect so that we might hear Our Lord: 'Friend, join in the Feast. Be close to me.' © Fr Michael Tate

31 August 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29

Psalm:

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

2nd Reading:

Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 14:1, 7-14



Next weeks readings

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm:

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17.R. v.1

2nd Reading:

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Gospel:

Luke 14:25-33

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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 4 & 7 September

O.L.O.L.—4 September

Reader: Lisa R
Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's—7 September

Reader: Gemma B
Minister of
Communion: Vivianne P

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

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

FATHER'S DAY COLLECTION

*For our sick and retired priests
of the Diocese of Lismore*

The envelopes will be placed on the table in the church

BLESSING

Loving God,

We pray, that You will gift Jenny and Ross
with wisdom and guidance as they journey forward
towards the next phase in their lives.
Grant them happiness and contentment
and joy in your presence.

We thank you Jenny and Ross for your presence with us
and the many gifts
that you have generously shared with us.

May God bless you both,
with deep peace in your heart,
joy in your living
and hope to carry you through life's journey.
May you always be held in the palm of God's hand.
Amen.

Farewell and blessings from your fellow parishioners
of St. John's Parish, Brunswick Valley.
31 August 2025

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, Kevin Leroy, Eva & Daniel
Maher.

**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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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

The Jubilee Prayer 2025

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and
the whole cosmos

in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

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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Fr David Gilbey PP



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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

MORE DATES TO SAVE

Sunday Morning Tea

7 September—Sunday

Coffee Gathering

10 September—Wednesday

Reconciliation

11 September
Thursday 4.30pm
OLOL Church, Brunswick
Heads

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter

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



Next week, on **Wednesday, September 3**, our **Stage 2 and 3 students** will be embarking on a highly anticipated and action-packed camp! We are incredibly excited to see them connect, explore, and create lasting memories together.

Our three-day adventure is packed with a wide variety of activities designed to be fun, engaging, and educational. The journey begins with a stop at **Bounce in Burleigh** to burn off some energy before we head to Brisbane. Once we arrive, the students will be exploring some of the city's most iconic locations, including a ride on the **Wheel of Brisbane** and a riverside walk to enjoy the Brisbane skyline.

Throughout the camp, students will get a taste of Brisbane's rich culture and natural beauty. They will discover new things at the **Queensland Museum**, and then take a relaxing **City Cat ferry ride** to **New Farm Park** for lunch and some playtime. The fun doesn't stop there! Students will also get a chance to see the **Broncos vs Storm game** and enjoy a delicious dinner at the Normanby Hotel.

On our final day, we will be heading to **Movie World** for a day of thrilling rides and entertainment before heading back to school. We are so proud of our students and the positive energy they bring to every school event. We look forward to sharing stories and photos from what is sure to be an unforgettable camp!

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



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COUNTRY



FIRST RECONCILIATION

Children of the parish are currently preparing for their First Reconciliation. 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.

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