



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 do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Reflection

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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7 September 2025

**23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C**

1st Reading:
Wisdom 9:13-18

Psalm:
(R.) *In every age, O Lord, you
have been our refuge.*

2nd Reading:
Philemon 9-10,12-17

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your
servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Luke 14:25-33



**Next weeks
readings**

**The Exaltation of the Holy
Cross**

1st Reading:
Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm:
Ps 77:1-2, 34-38. R.v7

2nd Reading:
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel:
John 3:13-17

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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 11 & 14 September

O.L.O.L.—11 September

Reader: Carolyn S
Minister of
Communion: Peter S

St John's—14 September

Reader: Vivianne P
Minister of
Communion: Joe B

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



ROSARY TEAM MEETING

Next Rosary Team meeting to
be held on

13 September 9.30am at home
of Gwen De Costa,

31 Stuart St. Mullumbimby phone 0492 920 669

Anyone interested will be very welcome

RCIA and RRFC Network

The Diocese of Lismore is planning to establish a network for those who work in the ministry of RCIA (*Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*) for unbaptised people and RRFC (*Rite of Receiving Full Communion in the Catholic Faith*) for Christians entering into full communion with the Catholic Church.

The network will meet four times per year via Zoom for a two-hour session. Meetings will include formation for leaders and opportunities for participants to share ideas and practices.

Our purpose is to build up the capacity of our parishes for this important ministry of mission and evangelisation.

This initiative is supported by Bishop Greg. The first meeting will be **Tues 7 Oct 7-8pm**.

Please register, with your name and parish, to receive a zoom link via email to Deacon Anthony Gooley agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Mark Taylor, John Bourke, Carmel Jeffery.

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, John Holmes.

**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—September

Frs: Raymond Smith, James William Reilly, D'Arcy McCarthy, William Ambrose Nicol, Francis Walsh, Douglas James Stewart, +Thomas McCabe **Bishop of Wollongong**, Peter John Perry, Daniel Francis McGrath, Patrick Kenny, Bernard Francis Gunn, Daniel J Doyle.



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.

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 14 September**, where it will be displayed at **St Finbarr's Parish Church**.

The *Boat* will be present at a School Liturgy on **Wednesday morning 10 Sept**. Also at the **Friday Mass at 9.30am** and the **Saturday Vigil at 6pm**.

Fr David Gilbey



FOREVER
Thankful
ALWAYS
Grateful
ABUNDANTLY
Blessed

A special shout out to our Parishioners that are there for us in our Church Family, we are blessed and grateful!

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance

Option 2: Church Collection Plate

Option 3: Direct Debit, details as follows

1st COLLECTION (Clergy) **2nd COLLECTION** (Parish)

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Parish financial support*

Fr David Gilbey PP



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Interest Rate—3.65%

For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516

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—13 September
Location details for this month
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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](#)



We are at Camp this week!

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



Jubilee of Consolation (15 September)

Pilgrims of Hope

The Jubilee of Consolation is an invitation for those who are experiencing a time of pain and affliction, due to illness, bereavement, violence or abuse together with their families and friends.

PRAYER

Blessed Mary, Mother of Consolation,
I ask you to pray with me now
as I come before you as your child.
Kindly be with me, dear Mother;
guide me in your gentle way.
Blessed Queen of Heaven,
you are the chosen one of our most loving Father.
You are the Blessed Mother of God,
our Savior, Jesus.
You are most close to His heart.
Please join your prayers to mine.
Pray with me, Mary, for my intentions,
these needs that are on my mind and in my heart.
Above all, dear Mother,
keep me always as your devoted child.
May I ever strive to hold in my heart
the teaching of your most blessed Son,
my Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

(From the Missionary Society of St Columban)

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 Thursday 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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