

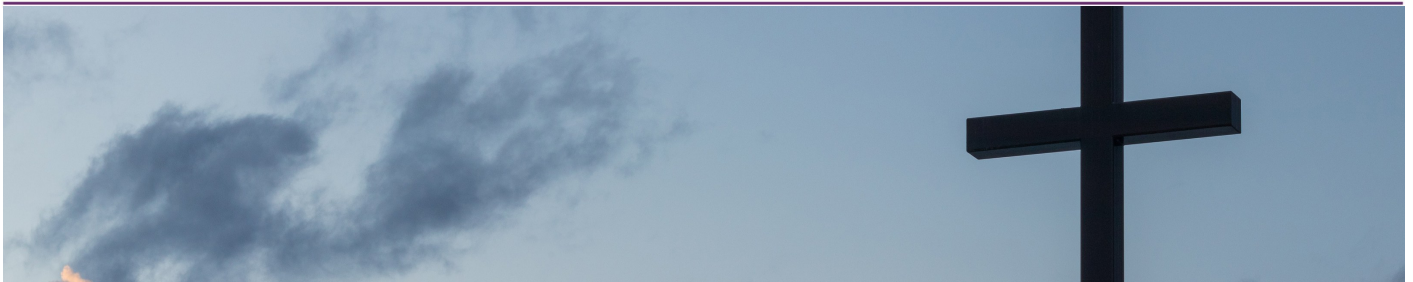


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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 John

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'No one has gone up to heaven
except the one who came down from heaven,
the Son of Man who is in heaven;
and the Son of Man must be lifted up
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.
Yes, God loved the world so much
that he gave his only Son,
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost
but may have eternal life.
For God sent his Son into the world
not to condemn the world,
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

When this Feast falls on a Sunday, the Creed is said.

Reflection

The message of the Cross is not condemnation, but salvation. Not despair, but hope.

Such themes are strongly evident in Pope Leo's comments on migrants and refugees. 'In a world darkened by war and injustice,' he says, 'even when all seems lost, migrants and refugees stand as messengers of hope. Their courage and tenacity bear heroic testimony to a faith that sees beyond what our eyes can see and gives them the strength to defy death.'

Indeed, he suggests, they 'remind the Church of her pilgrim dimension, perpetually journeying towards her final homeland.'

'Their presence, then,' the pope declares, 'should be recognised and appreciated as a true divine blessing, an opportunity to open oneself to the grace of God, who gives new energy and hope to his Church.'

We too, in turn, have the opportunity to 'be a living witness to hope, one that is understood as the promise of a present and a future where the dignity of all as children of God is recognised.'

We are called therefore to be people who welcome the stranger, manifesting the hope of the Cross where and when we can.

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14 September 2025

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross, Year C

1st Reading:
Numbers 21:4-9

Psalm:
(R.) *Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

2nd Reading:
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
John 3:13-17



Next weeks readings

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:
Amos 8:4-7

Psalm:
Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf vv, 1, 7

2nd Reading:
1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel:
Luke 16:10-13

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Brunswick Valley

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Dave Birmingham
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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS 18 & 21 September

O.L.O.L.—18 September

Reader: Jan M/Nicci N
Minister of
Communion: Michael S

St John's—21 September

Reader: Paul B
Minister of
Communion: Olga F

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

 **ONLINE MASSES**

Join Bishop Greg
for Mass on the
Diocese of Lismore
YouTube Channel



www.lismorediocese.org



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.

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

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St John's School Camp



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Nomination and Expression of
Interest Form - Diocesan Pastoral
Council



Diocesan Pastoral Council – From Bishop Greg

The Council of Priests and I have decided that it is time to re-establish the Diocesan Pastoral Council in the hope of drawing on the many talents in the Diocese. A Diocesan Pastoral Council will be in keeping with the synodal process of renewal, which began a few years ago.

The QR code that links to the expression of interest/nomination form is attached for your assistance.

Further details will be placed in the Church

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance

Option 2: Church Collection Plate

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please visit our website
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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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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter

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



What a great time our Stage 2 and 3 students had on their Brisbane camp last week!

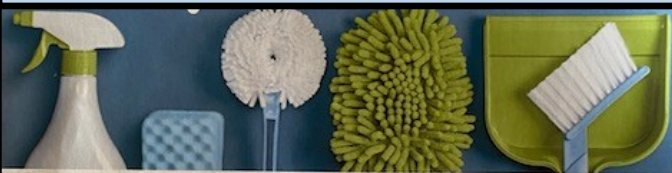
We couldn't be prouder of how they conducted themselves and represented St. John's so beautifully. A huge shout-out to the staff and parent helpers who gave their time to make it all happen!

Blessings for the week ahead,

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's



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