

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

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Reflection

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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Jubilee of Catechists 26-28 September 2025

The Jubilee of Catechists is an opportunity to recognise the important role that catechists play in passing on the faith and to express our gratitude for their efforts.

21 September 2025

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Amos 8:4-7

Psalm:

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

2nd Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 16:10-13



Next weeks readings

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm:

Ps 145:6-10, R v.2

2nd Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel:

Luke 16:19-31

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

ROSTERS 25 & 28 September

O.L.O.L. 25 September
Reader: Mark R

Minister of

Communion: Lisa R

St John's 28 September

Reader: Minister of Olga F

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 Weekday Masses
O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Thursday 5.30pm

St John's MullumbimbySunday 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

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)

BSB: 082 729 A/C: 5097 97032 BSB 082 729 A/C: 5097 96718

Thank you for your continued Parish financial support Fr David Gilbey

Safeguarding Awareness Training @ St John's Church

Our Parish will be hosting Safeguarding Awareness Training

Presented by: The Diocese Safeguarding Office

Date: 5 November 2025 Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm

Why:

Bishop encourages all parishioners and volunteers within all Parishes to attend Awareness Training.

All Volunteers who hold a WWCC for their role within the parish are required to attend Awareness and Mandatory Reporting and Reportable Conduct Training.

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, Val Spears, Barrington Pheloung, Sister Carthage Kelly, Kevin Leroy, Eva & Daniel Maher, John Holmes.



RESPONSIBILITY

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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Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at <u>palms.org.au/events</u>

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm - 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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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

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

Safeguarding Office.

The Safeguarding Office is available:

to listen to your concerns respectfully, offer support, and provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

Phone (02) 6621 9444 e

email:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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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



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

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter St John's Primary School Mullumbimby eNewsletter



On Friday 12th September for *International First Aid Day*, our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students took an important step in becoming everyday heroes!

With the guidance of **Pacific Coast First Aid**, they learned essential CPR and First Aid skills—knowledge that could one day save a life. We are so proud of our students for embracing this hands-on learning experience and building the confidence to care for others in times of need.

A huge thank you to Pacific Coast First Aid for empowering our learners with skills that truly make a difference.

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







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