

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

All who believe in Jesus have eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day.

Jesus said to the crowd:

'All that the Father gives me will come to me,
and whoever comes to me
I shall not turn him away;
because I have come from heaven,
not to do my own will,
but to do the will of the one who sent me.
'Now the will of him who sent me
is that I should lose nothing
of all that he has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Yes, it is my Father's will
that whoever sees the Son and believes in him
shall have eternal life,
and that I shall raise him up on the last day.'

Reflection

'Indeed, I promise you: today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Today, many of us will visit the grave or plinth of a beloved member of the family or a friend. If you are like me, you will first tidy the area, prune any dead heads off the rose bush, place some fresh flowers and then pray. The beautiful Catholic custom is that on this day especially – All Souls' Day – we pray for those who have died. We prayed for them when they were with us on earth. Death is no barrier to continuing that prayer. We pray for them and for ourselves that one day, when every tear is wiped away, we may join them in heavenly bliss.

What grounds our hope? Nothing more, nothing less, than the victory of Jesus Christ over death. We pray that those we love even now are sharing in the benefits of that triumph. For most, as I expect for me, that may involve a *purging* of those traits of personality which prevent the fullest participation in the bliss of Heaven. But that bliss is what God desires for each one of them and for me. God prays for the fulfilment of that desire whilst souls are being purged (whatever that may involve). Our praying for the dead is simply our participation in this prayer of God, our privilege which we intentionally share in. Even those not intentionally sharing our faith often say R.I.P., rest in peace, and that is a prayer! And so we pray with confident Christian hope: 'Endless light shine on those we love, O Lord. May their souls and the souls of all those who have died, through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.'

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2 November 2025

The COMMEMORATION of **ALL the FAITHFUL** **DEPARTED** **(All Souls' Day)**

1st Reading:
Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm:
(R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

2nd Reading:
Romans 5:5-11

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father,
says the Lord, that I should lose
nothing of all that he has given to
me, and that I should raise it up
on the last day.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
John 6:37-40



Next weeks **readings**

The DEDICATION of THE **LATERAN BASILICA**

1st Reading:
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm:
Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9. R.v.5.

2nd Reading:
1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel:
John 2:13-22

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Brunswick Valley

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St John's Primary School
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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS
6 & 9 November 2025

O.L.O.L. 6 November

Reader: Carolyn S
Minister of
Communion: Peter S

St John's 9 November

Reader: Vivianne P
Minister of
Communion: Joe B

ROSARY MEETING

Saturday 8th November at
9.30am at Jane Hotchkis home,
18 Eloura CRT (off Shara Blvde)
Ocean Shores.
Ph 0406 366 423 all welcome.

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

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A/C: 5097 97032

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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support Fr David Gilbey

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

RCIA and RRFC Network

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

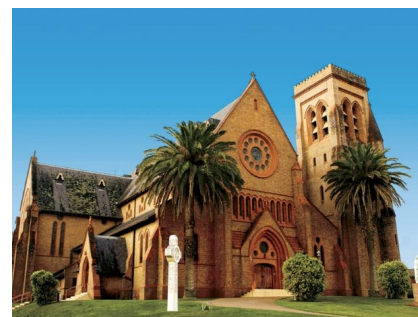
This **is not** for catechumens or candidates.

If you are someone in the parish leading these processes or working with those who do, this network is for you.

This initiative is supported by Bishop Greg Homeming.

The next planning meeting is **Wednesday 26 November, 7-8 pm.**

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

John Bourke, Carmel Jeffery, Denise O'Donnell.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Eva & Daniel Maher, John Holmes, Ned & Cora Cook, Antonio Pinna, Joseph & Keith Walker, James Jonathon Roberts, Searl Browning, Harold Gooley.

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 - November

Frs: Patrick McGuinness, John Joseph Durkin, James Henry Young, Michael O'Driscoll, James O'Reilly, Pierce Corcoran, Thomas Butler, Cornelius Hanly, John Fitz-Walter, Geoffrey Brennan.



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

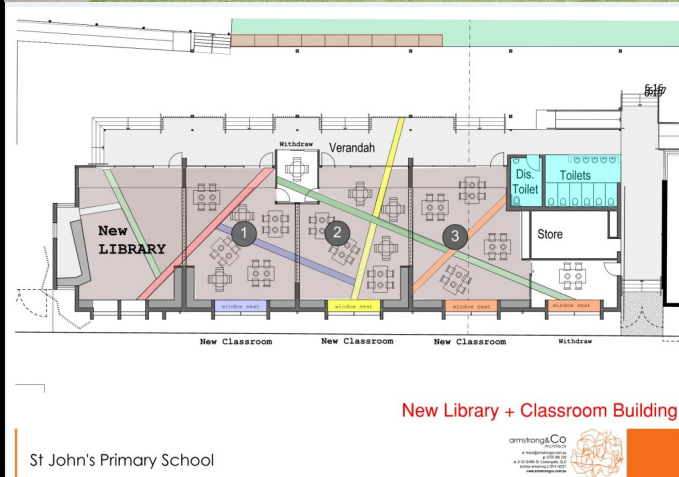
Photos of new project
(carried over from back page)



—View of Playspace near Hall

—View of Open Play Space

View from Casuarina Street of existing Entry



New Library + Classroom Building

St John's Primary School



Administration Refurbishment

St John's Primary School



SUNDAY MORNING TEA

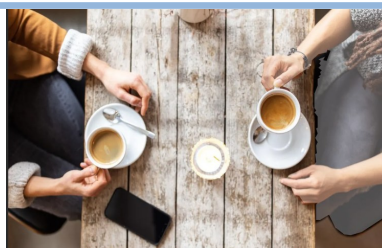
You are most welcome

to join us for a cuppa and a chat
Sunday 2 November following 8 am Mass
at Mullumbimby
Feel Free to bring a plate.

COFFEE GATHERING

You are most welcome

to join us for a cuppa and a chat
Wednesday 12 November 10.30am
Mullum Ex Services Club



For all **Volunteers** who
completed their **Code of Conduct**
and **Safeguarding Induction**
Information, I am grateful!

For a very few who have yet to
send in, I will give you a call to
follow up.

With thanks, Charmaine



DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

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 5-5.20 pm
Our Lady of Lourdes,
Brunswick Heads

MONTHLY

Sunday Morning Tea:

1st Sunday
St John's Church, Mullumbimby,
after Mass

Coffee Gathering:

2nd Wednesday 10.30 am,
Mullumbimby Ex Services Club

Rosary Team Meeting:

2nd Saturday
Location will be advised each
month

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Safeguarding Awareness Training:

5 November 10 am-12 pm
St John's Church
Mullumbimby

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH **WEEKLY MASSES**

St Finbarr's, BYRON BAY

Friday 9.30 am
Saturday 6 pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30 am



ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter

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



It has been a long time coming, but yes, it is happening.
Starting during the Christmas holidays will be our Capital Works
project.

The project includes:

- New Library
- 3 x New classrooms
- New toilets
- New undercover area
- New Sports Shed
- New Meeting room (current canteen)
- New canteen (current hall kitchen)
- Restructured Admin building
- New Bus pickup area
- New car parking spaces in Casuarina St
- Updated access to the Hall and boundary fence movement



A tremendous amount of work has been happening behind the scenes
to get us to this point. This included sending back our State Govern-
ment grant and re-applying for a larger grant, navigating delays with
the council's DA process, adding additions to our DA and updating our
plans to meet current bushfire safety requirements.

At the same time, we were also successful in our application for a State
Government grant to build an Early Learning Centre at St John's, so we
have already started planning that Capital Project as well! We will re-
lease more details about that later - it will be open and operational at
the start of 2027!

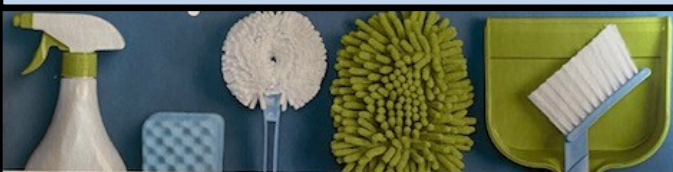
Best wishes for the week ahead!

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's



**View of New Entry
and Administration
Replanning**

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