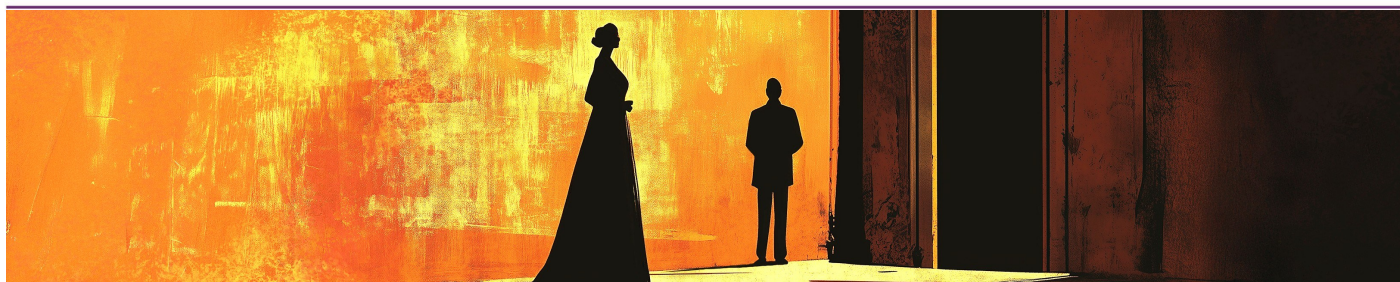


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

Reflection

Justice, Pope Leo says, 'cannot be reduced to the mere application of the law or the work of judges, nor limited to procedural aspects.' As the Pope points out, 'the persistence of the widow who urges the judge to recover his sense of justice' speaks to the real meaning of the concept. Justice means more than the keeping or enforcing of rules.

Because justice is a cardinal virtue, the Pope reminds us, it should always inform and guide our consciences and actions. 'When justice is exercised,' he says, 'one places oneself at the service of individuals, society and the state, with full and unwavering dedication.'

Referring to 'the deep desire for justice that is present in each of us, the thirst for justice that is the key instrument for building the common good in every human society,' the Pope encourages us to consider what justice demands with respect to individual dignity and communal relationships. True justice, he affirms, 'establishes a circularity of social relations, which places the value of every human being at its core.'

For Christians, therefore, justice cannot be selfish or dismissive. Rather, justice should positively orient our relations with each other. 'As we know,' the Pope continues, 'justice becomes concrete when it reaches out to others, when each person is given their due, until equality in dignity and opportunity among human beings is achieved.'

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19 October 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm:

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8



Next weeks readings

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

1st Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Psalm:

Ps 33:2-3. 17-19. 23. R.v.7

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14

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Our Church's

St John's Church Mullumbimby
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Heads

ROSTERS 23 & 26 October

O.L.O.L. 23 October

Reader: Mark R
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Communion: Lisa R

St John's 26 October

Reader: Marie W
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BULLETIN ARTICLE

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Please send in any notices or
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Tuesday 5pm
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With thanks Charmaine

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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

OUR PARISH HISTORY

In the early days of Mullumbimby, settlers dotted the green countryside with their dairy farms and banana plantations beneath the shadow of a mountain called Chincogan. There were no resident priests and the Eucharist had to be celebrated in a room at the Railway Hotel by a visiting priest.

The foundation stone of the Roman Catholic Church, Mullumbimby was laid on May 12, 1906, by the late Bishop Doyle. Dean Welsh oversaw the district.

In 1910 a cottage near the Railway Station was acquired for a convent and the first community of 3 Sisters of St Joseph arrived to teach 28 children in a room adjoining the new brick church. A new wooden convent was built on the hill above the church about 1915, and the sisters moved in. Unfortunately, the convent burnt. Mr Dan Buckley gave his house and three blocks for the Parish. St John's Primary School was built and opened in 1912. On April 18, 1920 Rev Monsignor McGuire V.G. laid the foundation stone of the new brick convent. The Presbytery was also erected and opened in 1920. All three buildings were constructed under the direction of **Rev Richard (Dick) Williams (1917)** the first Parish Priest of St John's Parish Mullumbimby.

There was no bridge across the Brunswick River and Mass times had to coincide with the tide so the people could get across on foot or their buggies.

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased

John Bourke, Carmel Jeffery, Denise O'Donnell.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Val Spears, Barrington Pheloung, Sister Carthage Kelly, Kevin Leroy, Eva & Daniel Maher, John Holmes, Ned & Cora Cook, Antonio Pinna, Joseph & Keith Walker.

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 - October

Frs: James Duffy, William Byrne, Patrick Kiely, John Dalton, John Patrick Curran, +Norman Thomas Gilroy **Card. Archbishop of Sydney**, John Henry FitzPatrick, George C Barry, Synan McDonald, Alexander Fillodeau, Cyril Commins.



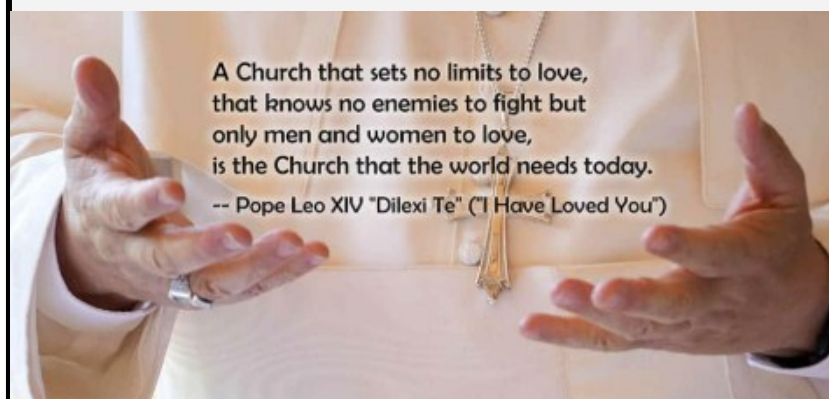


Dilexi te: Apostolic Exhortation of Pope Leo XIV on Love for the Poor

Delexi te *I Have Loved You*

The Apostolic Exhortation ***Dilexi te*** "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9), focused on love for the poor, was signed by Pope Leo XIV on October 4, 2025, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, and published on October 9.

"I am happy to make this document my own – adding some reflections – and to issue it at the beginning of my own pontificate, since I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that **all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor.** I too consider it essential to insist on this path to holiness, for "in this call to **recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ,** his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate", writes Pope Leo XIV (DT 3).



A Church that sets no limits to love,
that knows no enemies to fight but
only men and women to love,
is the Church that the world needs today.
-- Pope Leo XIV "Dilexi Te" ("I Have Loved You")

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2025 BETHLEHEM REVISITED

For the past three years, Lismore Anglicans have held a Christmas event call 'Bethlehem Revisited' in the grounds of St Andrew's Church, Zadoc Street Lismore.

**In 2025, *Bethlehem Revisited* will be on
Saturday 13th December
5.30pm until 8.30pm at St Andrews.**



The event has proved to be popular with the general public. It has been an excellent way to reach out and connect with the community during the Christmas season to direct people's thinking toward the birth of Jesus.

We would love to encourage all the Christian churches in Lismore and surrounds to become part of this opportunity to bring understanding and joy from this gift that God has given - to celebrate the birth of our Saviour.

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](#)



A fresh start and a renewed energy are buzzing around **St. John's Primary School!**

We're delighted to share that the students, teachers, and staff returned to school on **Monday** to officially begin **Term 4**. After a restful break, the children came back **refreshed, reinvigorated, and visibly excited** to dive into a new term of learning and fun.

This final term is always a busy and memorable one, packed with special events, important learning milestones, and the wonderful anticipation of the festive season. From catching up with friends to opening their books for new lessons, the enthusiasm was infectious.

Please continue to keep the students and staff of St. John's in your prayers as they embrace the opportunities and challenges this term will bring. May their curiosity be sparked, their efforts be rewarded, and their time together be filled with joy and growth.

We look forward to sharing all the highlights of Term 4 with you in the coming weeks!

Best wishes for the week ahead!

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's

JUBILEE OF THE WORLD OF EDUCATION

31 October – 2 November

PRAYER

Education offers hope and opportunity. Those who serve in this vocation shape minds and hearts, strengthen character, and empower children and young people to realise their full potential. Today, we give thanks for the role they play in our communities, and we lift up our prayers for their continued wisdom, patience, and fortitude.

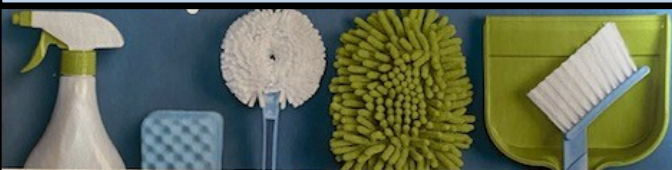
We pray for all of our education communities.

Thank you, loving God, for the teachers, mentors, administrators, and support staff who devote themselves to the nurturing and development of students, and for their unwavering commitment to cultivating knowledge, fostering curiosity, and instilling a profound love of learning in the hearts of future generations.

May their work always be guided by compassion, humility, and a deep desire to inspire every student entrusted to their care. Amen.



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