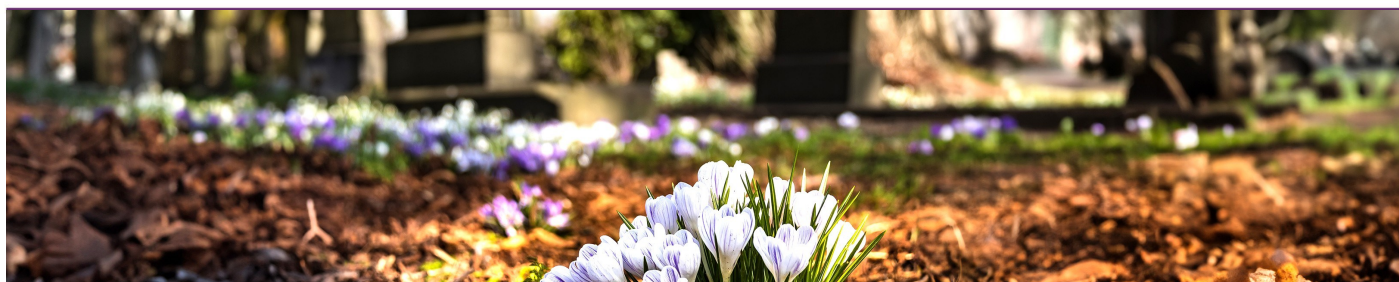


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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

The publican returned to his home justified; the pharisee did not.

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector.

The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get."

The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner."

This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Reflection

Some people like just salt on their food and other people like only pepper. Like black and white, salt and pepper seem to be opposites. But some people like them both and use them together, as complements to each other's flavour. The proud Pharisee and the humble sinner seem to be opposites, but they can also be seen as complements as well.

The proud Pharisee was able to understand the good things about himself. This gave him confidence to pray in thanksgiving for his blessings.

It's good to be thankful for blessings, but Jesus would probably say the proud Pharisee took it a bit too far. Why do you think so?

The humble sinner was able to understand the flaws in himself. But still he had the confidence to pray for forgiveness and mercy. It's good to be aware of all your flaws, but a person could take this a bit too far as well.

Do you think Jesus wants us to focus only on our sinfulness, and to be obsessed with being an unworthy, 'second-class' citizen? Why or why not?

Is it possible to have a healthy pride in your talents, as well as a healthy humility in your place on earth as a servant of God? What would that look like? How would you know when you had achieved such a balance?

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**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C**

1st Reading:

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Psalm:

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

2nd Reading:

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:9-14



**Next weeks
readings**

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

1st Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm:

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14 R v.1.

2nd Reading:

Romans 5:5-11

Gospel:

John 6:37-40

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS

30 October & 2 November

O.L.O.L. 30 October

Reader: Lisa R
Minister of
Communion: MarkR

St John's 2 November

Reader: Gemma B
Minister of
Communion: Vivianne P

BULLETIN ARTICLE

DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by
Tuesday 5pm
mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au
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

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION
ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance

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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support Fr David Gilbey

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.

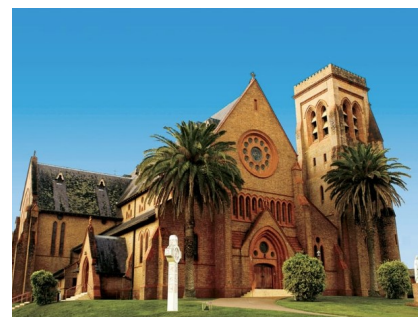
This **is not** for catechumens or candidates.

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:

Sister Carthage Kelly, Kevin Leroy, Eva & Daniel Maher, John Holmes, Ned & Cora Cook, Antonio Pinna, Joseph & Keith Walker, James Jonathon Roberts, Searl Browning.

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.

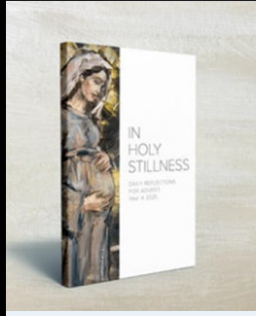


PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS 2025

Parish Secretary (Charmaine) has 10 books in the office

(please let me know if you would like me to hold one for you)

***“IN HOLY STILLNESS”* is the new prayer resource for Advent 2025.**



This year's Advent resource, **In Holy Stillness**, invites us to pause amid the busy rhythms of our lives and to enter a holy stillness that opens our hearts to God-with-us.

Advent is a special season that reminds us that growth in holiness begins in the silent soil of waiting, and hope flourishes when we allow ourselves to rest in God's promise.

In Holy Stillness is an inspiring Advent resource that will help round out the final weeks of the Jubilee year, themed ***“Pilgrims of Hope”***, finishing on 6 January 2026.

This Advent resource has been developed for both individual prayer and small groups. Advent small groups can be an excellent way to gather together, to share life, faith, and to pray with one another.

The beautiful artwork used on the front cover, and provided throughout the book, is titled ***“Benedictus Fructus”*** and comes to us from the artist Jose Luis Castrillo.

The price for each booklet is \$5.00. If you wish to reserve a booklet, kindly prepare an envelope with your name and payment enclosed and put it on the plate or drop it at the office **by 29 October 2025**. Otherwise, you can conveniently order booklets online at: evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/



St John's Church has a new TV Screen



We give THANKS to all who contributed to OUR NEW SCREEN – very much appreciated!



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.



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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](#)



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.



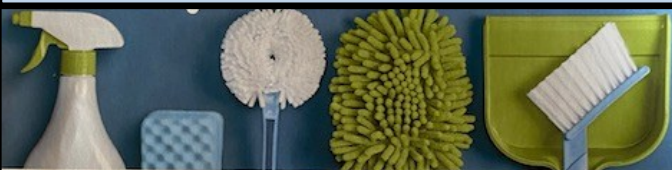
We pray for all of our education communities.

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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