

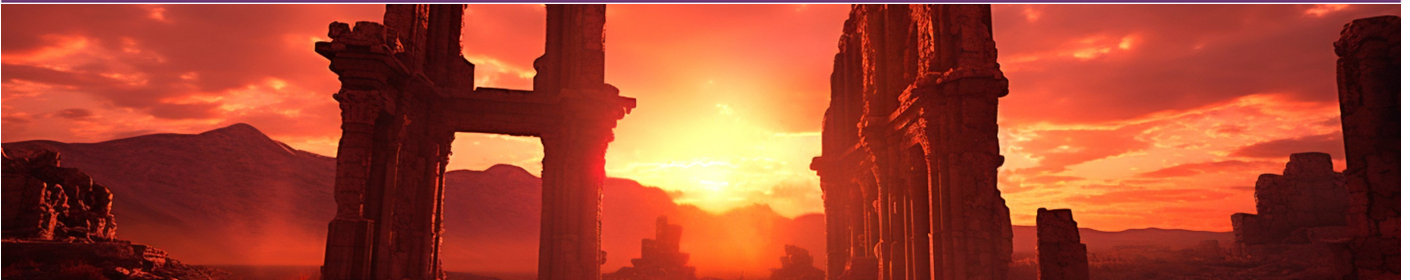


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

Reflection

'I often wonder,' Pope Leo reflects, 'even though the teaching of Sacred Scripture is so clear about the poor, why many people continue to think they can safely disregard the poor.'

'Why complicate something so simple?', he asks, before reminding us that 'the early Christians were clearly aware of the necessity to care for those who were most in need.' They 'did not separate belief from social action.'

Any idea that contradicts this simple message is not truly of the Church. Lived Christianity always involves active charity. Anything less is not truly Christian.

As the Pope reminds us, the Church is called to a profoundly mystical service. 'From the first centuries,' he says, 'the Fathers of the Church recognised in the poor a privileged way to reach God, a special way to meet him.'

Charitable works, therefore, are about more than doing good things to get to heaven. Authentically charitable action involves the recognition of God's presence in moments of need and mercy.

The Pope wants us to remember the teachings of Saint Justin that 'it is not possible to separate the worship of God from concern for the poor', and that of Saint Augustine that 'the poor are not just people to be helped, but the sacramental presence of the Lord.'

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9 November 2025

THE DEDICATION of the LATERAN BASILICA

1st Reading:

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

Psalm:

*(R.) The waters of the river
gladden the city of God.*

2nd Reading:

1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

John 2:13-22

Next weeks readings



33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

1st Reading:

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm:

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v9

2nd Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19

St John's Catholic Parish
Brunswick Valley

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Principal
Dave Birmingham
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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS
13 & 16 November 2025

O.L.O.L. 13 November

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

St John's 16 November

Reader: Paul B
Minister of
Communion: Olga F

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

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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.

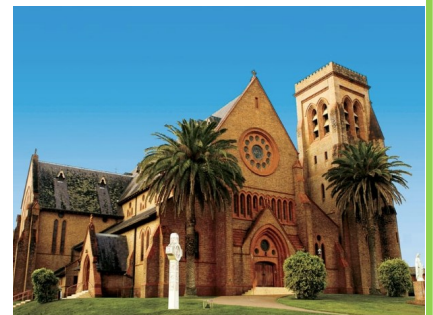
This **is not** for catechumens or candidates.

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, 7-8pm.**

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

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.



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New Diocese Website



The new site features a fresh design and better navigation
so you can find everything you need.

- The navigation is grouped under five key areas: About, Connect, Life, Safeguarding, News & Stories.
- Mass Online and Donate are visible at the top, like on the previous website.
- The site has been optimised for desktop, mobile and tablet devices, ensuring a seamless experience.



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INFO & BOOKING:

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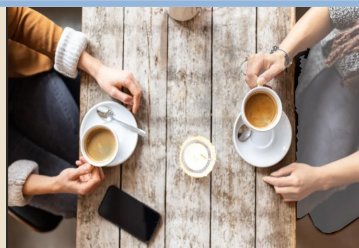
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COFFEE GATHERING

You are most welcome

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



DIF INTEREST RATE

Please note that there has
been a reduction in the **DIF**
interest rate of 0.25%,
effective 1 November 2025.

*The new rate is **3.40%***

Interest Rate—3.40%

For further information and our current interest rate,
please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on
1800 802 516



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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
Location will be advised each
month

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

1st Holy Communion

Sunday 8am
16 November 2025
St John's Church
Mullumbimby

Anointing Mass

Wednesday 10.30am
26 November 2025
St John's Church
Mullumbimby

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
WEEKLY MASSES**

St Finbarr's, BYRON BAY

Friday 9.30am
Saturday 6pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter

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



On Monday afternoon, we celebrated All Saints' Feast Day with a liturgy led by our Kindy students.

All Saints' Day is a day of celebrating all recognised saints—both the famous ones and those unknown—as positive role models for the community. For our students, the day was framed as a special time to remember people throughout history who lived exceptionally good, kind, and dedicated lives, demonstrating great moral courage and kindness. The core meaning of this was to reinforce the idea that everyone should strive to be their best self, exhibiting virtues like patience, generosity, and love. The Students learnt that All Saints' Day is part of the three-day Hallowtide tradition, following All Hallows' Eve and preceding All Souls' Day (dedicated to all deceased loved ones). In the classroom, this occasion offered a valuable opportunity to discuss the concept of a "hero" or "role model" and focus on positive character traits like honesty and helpfulness.

On Thursday night, the Stage 3 sleepout took place at school, bringing the students' recent persuasive writing task to life in an engaging, real-world experience. After working hard to convince me that they wanted to camp at school, students got to participate in the event they wrote about. The night offered a unique split experience: some students embraced the outdoors by sleeping in tents pitched on the school oval, while others enjoyed the novelty of bedding down inside the classroom. It was a memorable evening of community, fun, and reflection on the power of their persuasive arguments.

Best wishes for the week ahead!

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's

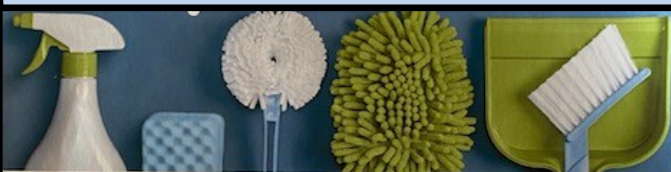


**1ST HOLY COMMUNION
8am Sunday - 16 November 2025**

We have our candidates
celebrating their
1st Holy Communion at Mass,
with a morning tea to be held in
the hall following Mass to
celebrate this special occasion.



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