



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

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

Reflection

In *Dilexi Te*, the Apostolic Exhortation first drafted by his predecessor, Pope Leo frequently uses Pope Francis' metaphor of 'concrete' Church activity to make an important point.

For example: 'Concrete love was the criterion of holiness' exemplified by Saint Basil. Caring for the sick showed 'that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action.' Authentic Christian monasticism is 'a style of holiness and a concrete way to transform society.'

Overall, this 'concrete' metaphor underlines how the Church is not a building but a building process. Our firm and lasting commitment to active, charitable discipleship in Christ helps manifest the Church in our world.

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16 November 2025

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time,
Year C

1st Reading:

Malachi 3:19-20

Psalm:

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

2nd Reading:

2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see;
your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 21:5-19



Next weeks
readings

Our Lord JESUS CHRIST,
KING of the UNIVERSE,
YEAR C

1st Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm:

Ps 121:1-5 R see v.2

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43

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Brunswick Valley

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS
20 & 23 November 2025

O.L.O.L. 20 November

Reader: Mark R
Minister of
Communion: Lisa R

St John's 23 November

Reader: Olga F
Minister of
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
With thanks Charmaine

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)

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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

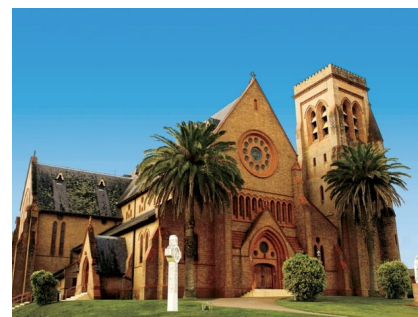
The Diocese of Lismore are planning to establish a network in the Diocese of Lismore for those who work in the ministry of **RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)** for unbaptised people and **RRFC (Rite of Reception into Full Communion)** for Christians entering into full communion with the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



Reflection (*Continued from page one*)

Our mission, the Pope makes emphatically clear, therefore involves being willing 'to welcome Christ who comes in the person of the poor and the stranger.' It means working towards 'an economy of solidarity in contrast to the logic of accumulation.' And it involves embracing 'a mysticism of God's presence in the little ones' to whom the world remains indifferent.

'When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person,' the Pope declares, 'she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.'

As such, the Church has a 'mission of liberation' that, when put into practice, can be understood as 'an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice.'

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NOVEMBER MASSES

It is traditional to pray during November for our loved ones and for all who have died. You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes.

Please print names clearly so they can be easily read.

All Masses in November will be offered for all those on the list.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Sunday, 30 November 2025

First Sunday of Advent

St Vincent de Paul are asking you to support the appeal, ensuring those in our community doing it tough will continue to receive assistance through their **Conference work**.

St Vincent de Paul will also be organising **Christmas Hampers** with St John's Primary School, which you can also donate items to.

More information regarding where and when to drop off any donations will be forthcoming.



PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus,
as these children receive their First Holy Communion, may
their hearts be filled with Your love and presence.

Help them to always seek You in the Eucharist and to grow in
faith, guided by Your grace.

Bless their journey, that they may walk in Your light and share
Your love with the world.
Amen.

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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

First 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](#)



Splash Hit for Charity!

Goal-Kicking Fundraiser Soaked Teachers for a Good Cause

A wave of excitement - and water - swept through the school last Wednesday, November 12th, as staff and students participated in a **Catholic Mission Fundraiser** organised by mission leader, **Ellie Bailey**. The event, held during the final session of the day, successfully raised money through a simple yet highly entertaining premise.



The mission team **set up soccer goals**, inviting students to pay \$1 for **two attempts** at scoring. However, the real draw lay in the stakes: any student who successfully **kicked a goal earned the right to drench a participating teacher** with a bucket of water! The energy was fantastic, the students loved the chance to take aim, and the teachers were great sports, lining up to get soaked all in the name of charity.

The initiative proved to be a splash hit, combining sporting fun with significant fundraising for the important work of Catholic Mission.



Best wishes for the week ahead!

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 8am Sunday - 16 November 2025

St John's Church - Mullumbimby

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

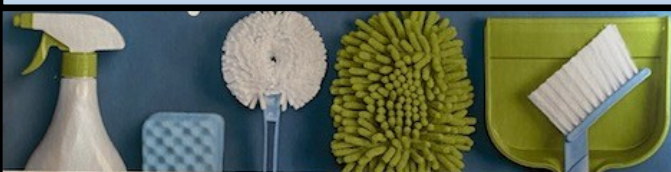


Our candidates are:

*Savannah G, Savannah B, Ivy H,
Gemma A, Suri G, Kobi H,
Milo DG and Mia DG.*



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