

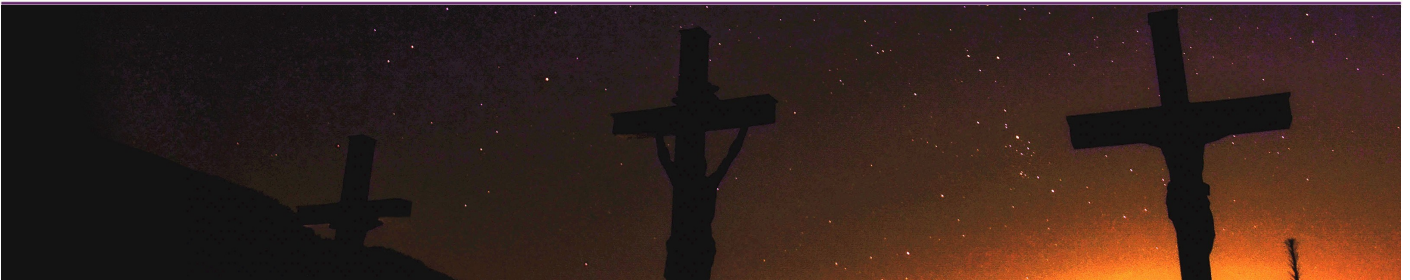


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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

Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom.

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

Reflection

'When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor,' Pope Leo says, 'she becomes a paschal sign.' And, he also says, 'when the Church bends down to care for the poor, she assumes her highest posture.'

The Church, the Pope makes clear, has constantly adapted to changing circumstances, bringing Christ to the here and now. Education plays an important part in this stream of history. As he says, 'since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth.' Even children and criminals can come to know Christ, as scripture makes clear.

The Pope also speaks of how 'teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith.' Indeed, the Church's teaching mission remains 'a service to the Kingdom of God.'

To that end, the Church has a duty to teach and live its mission of justice and service. That especially includes welcoming the stranger. As the Pope says, 'the Church has always recognised in migrants a living presence of the Lord.'

Similarly, with the poor. 'It is in them', the Pope notes, 'that the church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.' The poor are 'not only objects of our compassion,' he adds, 'but teachers of the Gospel.'

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23 November 2025

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

1st Reading:

2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm:

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

2nd Reading:

Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 23:35-43



Next weeks readings

1ST SUNDAY of ADVENT,
YEAR A

1st Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm:

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R see v.1.

2nd Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Gospel:

Matthew 24:37-44

St John's Catholic Parish
Brunswick Valley

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Dave Birmingham
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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS

27 & 30 November 2025

O.L.O.L. 27 November

Reader: Carolyn S
Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 30 November

Reader: Vivianne P
Minister of
Communion: Anna A

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

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

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.

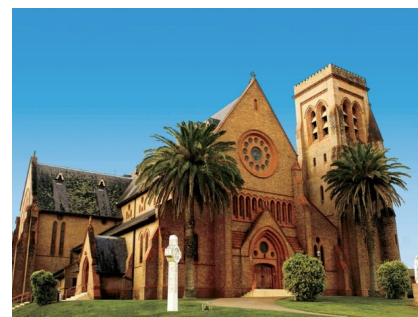
This is **not** for catechumens or candidates.

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:

Antonio Pinna, James Jonathon Roberts, Searl Browning, Harold Gooley, Joseph & Keith Walker, Athol Sawtell, Anne Carolan, Sheila & Bruce Pentland.

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 PARISH - Brunswick Valley

24 December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm OLOL, Brunswick Heads

7pm St John's, Mullumbimby

25 December - Christmas Day

8am St John's, Mullumbimby



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - Bangalow/Byron Bay

24 December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm St Kevin's, Bangalow

8pm St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

25 December - Christmas Day

7.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

9.30am St Kevin's, Bangalow



Charismatic Healing Mass

3pm Sunday 23 November, 2025

Celebrant: Fr Erik Quinteros

St Mary's Chapel behind
St Carthage's Cathedral,
Leycester Street, Lismore.



At a Charismatic Healing Mass, we pray for the extraordinary power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of healing us spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Personal Prayer ministry available

Contact Valerie 0400 752 072

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.

THE MIGRANT JUBILEE CROSS

The Migrant Jubilee Cross will be at the Carmelite Monastery from 25th to 27th November and will be present during all **7am Masses**. The sisters will be leading two Holy Hours: **10am on Tuesday 25th** and **6pm on Wednesday 26th**. *All welcome.*

All may visit the church at any time for personal prayer.

Cards, information and free rosaries will be available.

The Cross will be leaving Goonellabah after Mass on 27th.



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*.

If you can contribute, an envelope will be on your seat.

Please fill it out and return it to a Vinnies Member.

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

The best Items to donate (new) are non perishable Christmas food, personal bathroom products, books, small games and toys for young children (under \$15).

These items may be left in the basket at the back of the church.

Many thanks!



Safeguarding Office.

The Safeguarding Office is available:

to listen to your concerns respectfully, offer support, and provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

Phone (02) 6621 9444

email:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

*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

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](#)

Best wishes for the week ahead!

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's



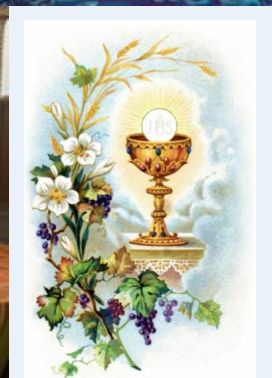
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **Congratulations to our Candidates**

St John's Church - Mullumbimby

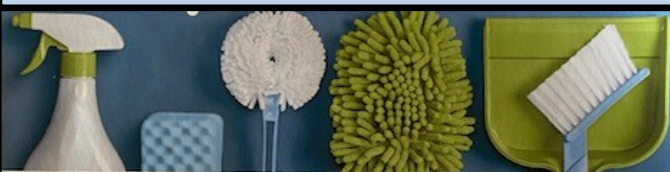
The Parish thank **Ellie Bailey** and **Joe Bernard** who prepared the children; also the **parents and carers** who prepared the children for the Sacrament. A big thank you for the people who set up the hall, refreshments and catering on the day.

Our candidates were;

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



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