

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 Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reflection

We may be accustomed to think of Advent as the time when we prepare for the coming of God, but the readings also train our attention on our own journey to God. We see this most clearly in this first Sunday with readings that tell us the identity of the pilgrims, the destination toward which they travel, and the way of life that is required of them on their journey. As the Vatican Council has proclaimed: We are a pilgrim people.

Both the reading from Isaiah and the psalm response speak of the pilgrimage to the mountain of the Lord, the place where God can be found. Although the psalm speaks about Jerusalem and refers to the temple there, the broader theological significance of the mountain, the city and the temple is one and the same. They represent the presence of God in our midst, and this presence is the goal of our striving. There are clear directions about how we are to live while we are on this pilgrimage to God. In Isaiah we learn that we must put away our instruments of violence and hatred, our swords and our spears. Lest we pick them up again, we are told to convert them into life-producing implements, into ploughs and pruning hooks. Paul exhorts us to put away our deeds of darkness and self-indulgence and to clothe ourselves instead in the deeds of Jesus Christ. Matthew points out the need for alertness, attentiveness, a disposition that is open to a change of heart.

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30 November 2025

1st Sunday of Advent, Year A

1st Reading:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm:

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

2nd Reading:

Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 24:37-44



Next weeks readings

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

1st Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm:

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17.
R.cf.v.7

2nd Reading:

Romans 15:4-9

Gospel:

Matthew 3:1-12

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS
4 & 7 December 2025

O.L.O.L. 4 December

Reader: Michael S
Minister of
Communion: Sandra S

St John's 7 December

Reader: Paul 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

Option 2: Church Collection Plate

Option 3: Direct Debit, details as follows

1st COLLECTION (Clergy) **2nd COLLECTION** (Parish)

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A/C: 5097 97032

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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support Fr David Gilbey

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ST JOHN'S PARISH - Brunswick Valley

24 December - Christmas Eve

5.30pm Our Lady of Lourdes, 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

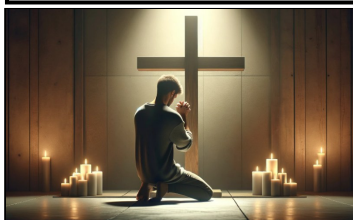
25 December - Christmas Day

7.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay
9.30am St Kevin's, Bangalow



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.*



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,
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.



ADVENT

Advent is a four-week season that focuses on preparation and reflection. Each week has a specific theme:

Week 1 (Nov 30 - Dec 6): Hope - Reflecting on the coming of Christ

Week 2 (Dec 7 - Dec 13): Preparation - "Make straight the way of the Lord"

Week 3 (Dec 14 - Dec 20): Joy - Celebrated on Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing

Week 4 (Dec 21 - Dec 24): Love - The final waiting period before Christmas

PRAYER

We begin in the name of the Father, and of the son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Heavenly Father, open the eyes and ears of our hearts to recognise your presence and voice in our daily lives as we journey this season of **Advent** together.

In this time of sharing, may we see each other with eyes of compassion and listen to one another with ears of understanding.

Help us to live according to our identity as beloved children of God. Amen.



*Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!
Discover How you can get involved in Palms International Volunteering*

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](#) in these two special sessions where you'll hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities in our Southeast Asian region.

1. Explore our **GAP YEAR opportunities** for (18-25yo) Year 12 graduates and university students, that could shape your future.

Date: Thursday 4 December 2025

Time: 6pm or 9pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

2. Join our **TIMOR-LESTE ENCOUNTER** Information session for those who would like a short taste and tour of Palms placements to Timor-Leste from 14-27 May 2026.

Date: Monday 8 December 2025

Time: 7.30pm-8.30pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

Venue: ONLINE-Scan the QR code or register at palms.org.au/events

02 9560 5333

palms@palms.org.au

SCAN ME



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 and please place in the collection plate at the back of the church.

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.



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
21 Yalla-Kool Drive,
Ocean Shores Ph 0406 949 645

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Christmas by the Creek at the Nicolls Farm

Sunday
11am - 7 December 2025

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



CHRISTMAS BY THE CREEK AT THE NICHOLLS FARM

**SUNDAY 7 DECEMBER 2025
11AM ONWARDS**

BYO PICNIC/BBQ PLUS FOLDING CHAIRS AND
SWIMMERS OF COURSE, **ALL WELCOME**
ANY QUESTIONS CALL JUDY AND MIKE
ON 6684 2225 OR 0401 629 748



SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Farewell to Marie Wedd

Sunday 7 December following 8am Mass at Mullumbimby

Feel Free to bring a plate

Marie has been with our Parish all her life and is now moving to Brisbane to be closer to her family. Please come and reminisce, say farewell and thank her for all the wonderful contributions she has made to our community.



COFFEE GATHERING, FAREWELL and CHRISTMAS LUNCH

You are most welcome

to join us for a cuppa and a chat **Wednesday
10 December 10.30am**

Mullum Ex Services Club

You may wish to bring a friend

We will be saying farewell to our dear Marie who will be moving to Qld.

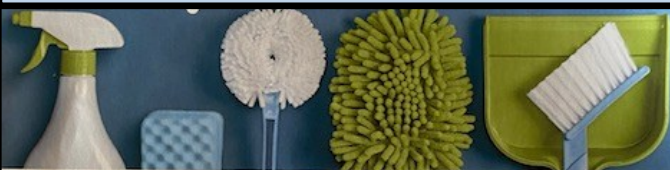


ROSARY MEETING

Saturday 13 December at 9.30am

at Dorothy Bakers home,
21 Yalla-Kool Drive, Ocean Shores
Ph 0406 949 645 all welcome.

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