

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 2:1-12

*We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah,  
for out of you will come a leader  
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

## Happy New Year A Prayer for Hope in the New Year 2026

Dear Lord,

As the new year begins, I look to You for our hope,  
joy, and peace.

Give me the courage to do all that You ask of me.  
Please also make me brave to not do what isn't from You.

Show me how to walk in grace and embrace

Your love for me even more.

In Jesus' Name. Amen.

## 4 January 2026

### The Epiphany of the Lord, Year A

**1st Reading:**  
Isaiah 60:1-6

**Psalm:**  
(R.) *Lord, every nation on earth  
will adore you.*

**2nd Reading:**  
Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
We have seen his start in the  
East; and have come to  
adore the Lord.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 2:1-12



### Next weeks readings

### The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

**1st Reading:**  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Psalm:**  
Ps 28:1-4, 9-10. R.v.11

**2nd Reading:**  
Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 3:13-17

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**Our Church's**

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

**ROSTERS**

**8 & 11 January 2026**

**O.L.O.L. 8 January**

Reader: Frances G

Minister of  
Communion: Carolyn S

**St John's 11 January**

Reader: Paul B

Minister of  
Communion: Pam L

**BULLETIN ARTICLE  
DEADLINE**

Please send in any notices or  
information for the Bulletin by  
Tuesday 5pm  
[mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto: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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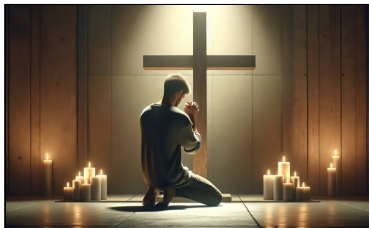
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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support. Fr David Gilbey*

**SUNDAY MORNING TEA  
4 January 2026**

*You are most welcome to join us  
for a cuppa and a chat  
Sunday 4 January following 8am Mass  
at St John's Church at Mullumbimby*

*Feel Free to bring a plate.*



**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased**  
Fernanda Marinelli.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time**

Antonio Pinna, James Jonathon Roberts, Searl Browning, Harold Gooley,  
Athol Sawtell, Anne Carolan, Sheila & Bruce Pentland,  
Robert (Mick) Bellenger, May Walker.

**As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need**

Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Jan Mangleson, Anne Carolan, Mary Pollidano.

*(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 - January**

**Frs:** Thomas Patrick Cusack, William Hanley, James Eric Carney, Anthony Casey, John Buggy,  
Joseph H Doyle, +Thomas William Muldoon **Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney**, Brian Murphy,  
Leo Francis Donnelly, Louis Bean, Henry van Riel.