



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

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Reflection

'The worth of our societies, and our own future,' Pope Leo declares, 'depends on the answers we give' to situations where human equality, dignity, and opportunity are diminished. We are only truly as equal as our neighbour. Our dignity must be reflected in their dignity. And our opportunity should never be their disadvantage.

'All the members of the People of God', he says, 'have a duty to make their voices heard' wherever and whenever opportunity presents. We are all called 'to point out and denounce such structural issues' as homelessness, pollution, and other afflictions of our world.

Our faith demands that we do not keep silent in the face of injustice. After all, the Pope notes, 'the Gospel message has to do not only with an individual's personal relationship with the Lord, but also with something greater.' *(Continued on page 3)*

7 December 2025

2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

1st Reading:
Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm:
(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

2nd Reading:
Romans 15:4-9

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight his paths: all
people shall see the
salvation of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Matthew 3:1-12



Next weeks readings

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A

1st Reading:
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Psalm:
Ps 145:6-10 R. see Is 35:4

2nd Reading:
James 5:7-10

Gospel:
Matthew 11:2-11

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS

11 & 14 December 2025

O.L.O.L. 11 December

Reader: Frances G
Minister of
Communion: Carolyn S

St John's 14 December

Reader: Gemma 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
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)

BSB: 082 729

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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



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 - December

Frs: Jeremiah Joseph Dineen, Patrick Kerwick, John Conway, Thomas Farrelly, Michael Quinn.



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

Reflection (Continued from front page)

Rather than simply praying to enter the Kingdom of God, we are called to help manifest it and bring it to others.

This calling, the Pope adds, requires 'an attentiveness to others.' Because 'the poor have learned many things that they keep hidden in their hearts', he says, we 'certainly have much to gain from the source of wisdom that is the experience of the poor.' We must always be open to listening to those in need and hearing their cries.

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BLESSING - MARIE WEDD

Loving God,

We pray, that You will gift Marie with wisdom and guidance as she takes the journey forward towards the next phase in her life.

Grant her happiness and contentment and joy in your presence.

We thank you Marie for your presence with us and the many gifts that you have generously shared with us.

May God bless you, with deep peace in your heart, joy in your living and hope to carry you through life's journey.

May you always be held in the palm of God's hand. Amen.

*Farewell and blessings from your fellow parishioners of
St John's Parish, Brunswick Valley.*



ADVENT

PRAYER for 2nd Sunday of Advent

O holy, patient, and loving God, in this season of grace-filled longing, we await the coming of your Son and our Savior.

It is difficult for us to remember that this is a holy time.

There are many distractions: commitments seem to pile up, and expectations are high.

In the midst of our busy world, our busy lives, we need your help to remind us of what is important and necessary. While many of those things that we do not need will come to us in packages gleaming and bright, the one gift that will last comes from you alone, gracious God, as we grow in our awareness of your love.

Bless us, our family and friends, and the food and the company that we share.

Increase in us a growing urgency to celebrate the birth of your Son, in whose name we pray. Amen.



St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

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. 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

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

OTHER UPCOMING

EVENTS

Christmas by the Creek at the Nicholls 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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