



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 2:15-20

The shepherds found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger.

Now when the angels had gone from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened which the Lord has made known to us.' So they hurried away and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in the manger. When they saw the child they repeated what they had been told about him, and everyone who heard it was astonished at what the shepherds had to say. As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds went back glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen; it was exactly as they had been told.



Bishop Greg's CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2025

I am quite relieved that 2025 is coming to an end. So much has happened this year, much of which held our attention both emotionally and intellectually. As Australians we have been on the periphery of significant world events. Wars and conflicts which caused so much suffering and loss of life seemed to be without reason. Natural disasters have abounded. In our own diocese Kempsey, Laurieton and Port Macquarie were flooded twice. At a time when so many have nowhere to live and are without food, the economics of greed and power are growing.

On 21 April Pope Francis died and Pope Leo XIV was elected pope on 8 May. A massive change in the Church but a move from one impressive pope, to an equally impressive, but different pope. Pope Leo is an Augustinian who comes from an ancient spiritual tradition of interiority, community and pastoral care. I think that he will bring this gift to the Church.

As 2025 draws to a close we have much to pray for and much to be thankful for. I pray that the Christmas Child will bring peace to our troubled world, and inspire us through the goodness of people who work tirelessly for the good of others. May He soften our hearts to see with gratitude the goodness around us, and to love with generosity.

Happy Christmas. *Bishop Greg Homeming OCD*

25 December 2025 CHRISTMAS, Year A

Christmas Eve

1st Reading:

Isaiah 9:1-7

Psalm:

*(R.) Today is born our Saviour,
Christ the Lord.*

2nd Reading:

Titus 2:11-14

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all
the world: today is born our
Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 2:1-14

Christmas Day

1st Reading:

Isaiah 62:11-12

Psalm:

*(R.) A light will shine on us this
day: the Lord is born for us.*

2nd Reading:

Titus 3:4-7

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God in the highest,
peace to his people on earth.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 2:15-20

28 December 2025

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Year A

1st Reading:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Psalm:

Ps 127:1-5, R see v.1

2nd Reading:

Colossians 3:12-21

Gospel:

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS

24, 25 & 28 December 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE

O.L.O.L. 24 December

Reader: Michael S

Minister of

Communion: Sandra S

St John's 24 December

Reader: Nicci N

Minister of

Communion: Olga F

CHRISTMAS DAY

St John's 25 December

Reader: Pam L

Minister of

Communion: Lisa De C

ST JOHN'S SUNDAY 28 DEC

St John's 28 December

Reader: Paul B

Minister of

Communion: Anna A

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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A/C: 5097 97032

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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support. Fr David Gilbey

ON BEHALF OF FR DAVID AND CHARMAINE (Parish Secretary)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your kindness, prayers and generosity. Please watch out for each other during this Christmas/New Year festive time. As Parishioners we open our arms where and when we can. We end this year with warm hearts knowing what a blessed community we have here at St John's Parish.

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

Denise O'Donnell, 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 - December

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