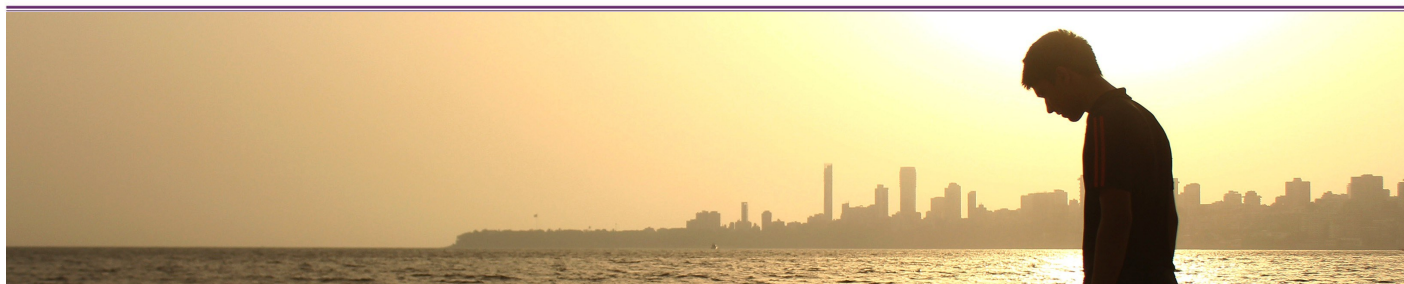


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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 5:1-12

Happy are the poor in spirit.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Reflection

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

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1 February 2026

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

Psalm:

*(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

2nd Reading:

1. Corinthians 1:26-31

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in
heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12



Next weeks readings

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading:

Isaiah 58:7-10

Psalm:

Ps 111:4-9. R.v.4

2nd Reading:

1. Corinthians 2:1-5

Gospel:

Matthew 5:13-16

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS

5 & 8 February 2026

O.L.O.L. 5 February

Readers: Mark R
Minister of
Communion: Lisa R

St John's 8 February

Reader: Pam L
Minister of
Communion: Vivianne P

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by
Tuesday 5pm

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With thanks Charmaine

WEEKLY 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
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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.

Fr David Gilbey

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - ST JOHN'S PARISH 2026

Parent Information night:	10 February	Tuesday 6pm	St John's Church
Reconciliation:	19 March	Thursday 4.30pm	Our Lady of Lourdes
Confirmation:	1 July	Wednesday 5pm	St John's Church
First Holy Communion:	6 September	Sunday 8am	St John's Church

If any parishioners in the St John's Parish would like to have their children receive the sacraments of the church namely Reconciliation, Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2026, please attend the Parent Information night (10 Feb) and also contact the Parish Office on 6684 2106 or 0409 785 104 by 8 February.

Please Pray for:

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time

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

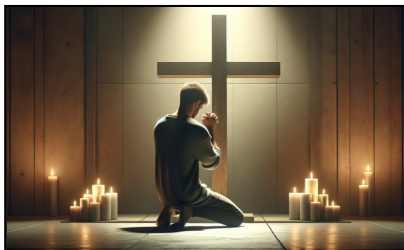
As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need

Mary Polidano.

(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.



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Reflection

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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BAPTISM'S OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - SUNDAY 1 FEBRUARY 11AM

Baptism is a sacrament that signifies spiritual rebirth, forgiveness of sins, and initiation into the Christian community, marking the beginning of a person's journey in faith.

We welcome to the Sacrament of Baptism this Sunday along with their families and friends who will be sharing this important occasion with them.



Madison P
Oscar G
Estelle G



Madison, Oscar and Estelle will be presented with their Baptism candle. The candle represents the light of Christ, guiding the newly baptised on their faith journey. The candle's white wax symbolises the purity of Christ, while the wick signifies His humanity and flame represents His divine nature. The baptismal candle is lit from the Easter Candle, symbolizing the risen Jesus as the light of the world. Additionally, it serves as a reminder for the baptised to keep the flame of faith burning throughout their lives.

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

How can you help?

As the new year starts the Parish needs more volunteers to help make everything run smoothly and spread the load! If you can help with any of the areas of need **please write your name and contact number on the worksheet** at the back of the Church.

Some areas of need are:

Welcomers, readers, sacristy help,
ministers of Communion, morning teas.

Many thanks to all who already help out.



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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
STARTS FEBRUARY 2026
Day and time to be advised
monthly - in Bulletin

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

School News: Walking Together in Faith and Action

As we prepare to open our gates for the 2026 school year, our staff spent this past week gathered in professional learning, prayer, and preparation. Our theme for the year, "**HIKING TOGETHER in Faith, Courage and Action**," set the tone for a week of collaboration and spiritual growth.

A Productive Week of Preparation

Our dedicated teachers and staff officially returned on Tuesday, January 27th. We kicked off the week with a community coffee at The Paddock before diving into the **2026 School Annual Improvement Plan**. Throughout the week, staff participated in several key workshops:

- **Faith & Mission:** Ellie led us in daily Christian Meditation and prayer. We also finalised our 2026 Formation Plan and developed our Class Retreats Scope and Sequence to ensure our Catholic identity remains at the heart of everything we do.
- **Wellbeing:** Dave facilitated "The Resilience Project" workshops, focusing on resources and planning to support our students' mental health and emotional literacy from Day 1.
- **Teaching & Learning:** On Thursday, Naomi and Kimberley led intensive sessions on "How Students Learn," exploring evidence-based practices to ensure every child in our classrooms can thrive.

Making a Splash!

The week concluded with a burst of energy and school spirit at our **Annual School Swimming Carnival** on Friday. It was wonderful to see our students back in the water, cheering for their houses and demonstrating great sportsmanship. Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped make the day a success.

Welcome Back: Monday, February 2nd

We are officially ready! We extend a very warm welcome back to all our returning students and a special "welcome home" to our new families joining our community.

School officially commences Monday, February 2nd. We look forward to a year of "hiking together" as we grow in faith and knowledge. May God bless our school community as we begin this new journey.

God bless.

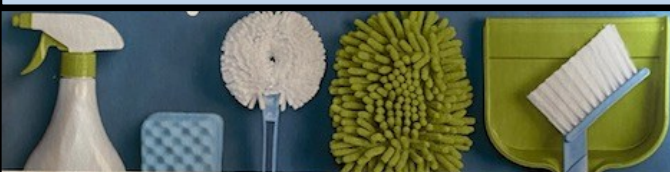
Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's



SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Our next morning tea is on **Sunday (1 February)**
following 8am Mass at St John's Church, Mullumbimby.
All Welcome - Feel Free to bring a plate.

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