



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 3:13-17

When Jesus was baptised, the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him.

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.' At this, John gave in to him.

As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. A voice spoke from heaven, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.'

Reflection

'We are not made for a life where everything is taken for granted and static,' Pope Leo says, 'but for an existence that is constantly renewed through gift of self in love.'

Our baptismal calling is, after all, a call to action!

'There is a burning question in our hearts,' the Pope reflects, 'a need for truth that we cannot ignore, which leads us to ask ourselves: what is true happiness? What is the true meaning of life? What can free us from being trapped in meaninglessness, boredom and mediocrity?'

The Pope encourages us to recollect that 'the fullness of our existence does not depend on what we store up.' As we return from the holiday season to Ordinary Time, we may well reflect on this: Life is about more than possessions.

'We need to lift our eyes,' the Pope says, and 'realise that everything in the world has meaning only insofar as it serves to unite us to God and to our brothers and sisters in charity.'

We should, the Pope says, appreciate that 'fullness has to do with what we joyfully welcome and share.' Our lives are more fulsome when they are open to celebrating the gifts and serving the needs of others.

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The Baptism of the Lord, Year A

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

Psalm:
(R.) *The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

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

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
Matthew 3:13-17



Next weeks readings

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading:
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

Psalm:
Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10 R.vv.8, 9

2nd Reading:
Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel:
John 1:29-34

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Our Church's

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

ROSTERS **15 & 18 January 2026**

O.L.O.L. 15 January

Reader: Lisa R
Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 18 January

Reader: Vivianne P
Minister of
Communion: Anna A

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by
Tuesday 5pm
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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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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support. Fr David Gilbey

LENT CALENDAR

Lent Begins: February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)

Palm Sunday: March 29, 2026

Holy Thursday: April 2, 2026

Lent ends: April 2, 2026 (evening Mass)

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.



COMPASSIO - LENTEN PROGRAM 2026

This Lent, enter into the heart of *compassion* - to “*suffer with*” - a grace-filled invitation to stand with Christ and with one another. Let this beautifully designed, 76-page, full-colour companion guide you through daily reflections, Sunday Gospel readings and reflections, spiritual direction, prayers, and group discussion questions, all crafted to deepen your encounter with God’s mercy.

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***The booklets are \$10 each and can be purchased from the Parish office.
Please place orders by 20 January 2026***

THE ROSARY

We live in a hectic world. But God wants to put things in order. **Lent** is a special season to rededicate our lives to God, to invite him into the hectic parts of our soul, and to give him permission to put it all in order.

One of the most powerful ways to accomplish this is by praying the Rosary.

The Rosary is a meditative prayer that honours Mary and asks for her intercession. When we pray the Rosary, we reflect on the mysteries from the Gospel:

the Joyful Mysteries,
the Glorious Mysteries,
the Sorrowful Mysteries,
and the Luminous Mysteries.

You can pray the Rosary for a special intention. You can pray the Rosary to grow into a better person, employee, neighbour, citizen, and member of the human family. You can pray the Rosary to deepen your love and understanding of the Gospels. And it only takes about 20 minutes of your time!

The Rosary works. It’s a very powerful way to pray. There is just something about it that settles our hearts and minds. It puts everything in perspective and allows us to see things as they really are. It reaches deep down into our souls and puts us at ease, creating a peace that is rare and beautiful.

*Our next Rosary Team meeting will be held on the 2nd Saturday of February,
time and location will be in the Bulletin.*

Safeguarding Office.



The Safeguarding Office is available:
to listen to your concerns respectfully, offer support, and provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

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

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

Link to St John's Primary School Newsletter
[St John's Primary School Mullumbimby eNewsletter](#)



*God bless.
Dave Birmingham, Principal of St John's*

COFFEE GATHERING

*You are most welcome
to join us for a cuppa and a chat
Wednesday*

10.30am - 14 January
Mullum Ex Services Club
You may wish to bring a friend.

Building Fellowship: Coffee and fellowship create sacred moments where hearts connect and faith flourishes, turning ordinary encounters into lasting, faith-filled connections.

These benefits highlight the importance of coffee gatherings in fostering community, connection, and health within the Parish.



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH WEEKLY MASSES

St Finbarr's, BYRON BAY

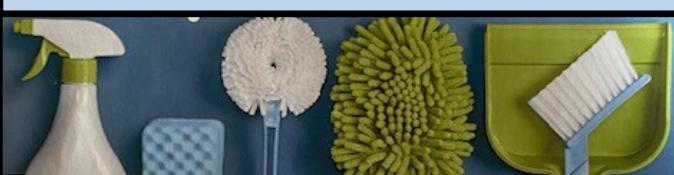
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 6pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am



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