



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 John 1:29-34

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

Reflection

The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off. Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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

Psalm:
(R.) *Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

2nd Reading:
1. Corinthians 1:1-3

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children of God.
Alleluia!

Gospel:
John 1:29-34



Next weeks readings

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading:
Isaiah 8:23 - 9:3

Psalm:
Ps 26:1, 4. 13-14 R.v.1

2nd Reading:
1. Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

Gospel:
Matthew 4:12-17

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Fr David Gilbey



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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

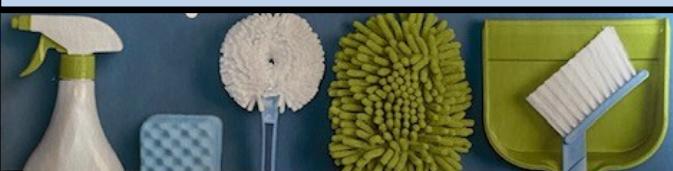
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Saturday 6pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am



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God bless.

Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's

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These works reflect the Jubilee theme of Hope and have been created by students, families, and community members across the Diocese.

Hosting an artwork is an opportunity to:

- Celebrate the Jubilee Year within your local community
- Support and showcase faith-inspired creativity
- Provide a visual focus for prayer, reflection, and ministry spaces

Venues may include churches, parish centres, schools, offices, chapels, and aged care facilities, and the hospital. Artwork allocations will consider suitability of space, security, accessibility, and distribution across the Diocese.

To express interest, please complete the short EOI form by **31 January 2026**: <https://forms.office.com/r/m0wL0HrXRJ>

If you have any queries, please contact Madeline Beveridge at the Chancery (phone 6621 9444, email business@lismore.catholic.org.au).

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