



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 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.'

© Fr Michael Tate

## 18 January 2026

### 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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**Our Church's**

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

**ROSTERS**

**22 & 25 January 2026**

**O.L.O.L. 22 January**

Reader: Carolyn S

Minister of

Communion: Peter S

**St John's 25 January**

Reader: Gemma B

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Communion: Lisa De C

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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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*Fr David Gilbey*

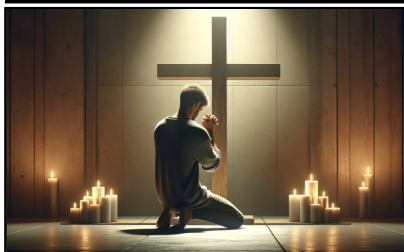
**LENT CALENDAR**

**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**

## **THANK YOU TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEERED AT OUR MASSES DURING CHRISTMAS**

To those who read and assisted with Holy Communion, the musicians who played, sacristans, altar servers, our data operators, our welcomers, those who assisted with the collections and the many who helped in the background.



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**Sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.**

*Fr David Gilbey*



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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

### **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**

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



School Holidays



*God bless.*

*Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's*

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Parishes and diocesan entities are invited to express their interest in exhibiting selected artworks from the Jubilee Art Prize throughout 2026.

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](mailto:business@lismore.catholic.org.au)).

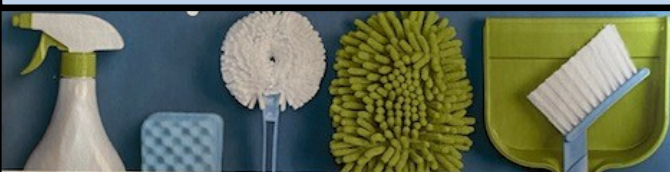
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