



# 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 4:12-23

*He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.*

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!  
Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,  
Galilee of the nations!  
The people that lived in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death  
a light has dawned.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' As he was walking by the Sea of Galilee he saw two brothers, Simon, who was called Peter, and his brother Andrew; they were making a cast in the lake with their net, for they were fishermen. And he said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.' And they left their nets at once and followed him.

Going on from there he saw another pair of brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they were in their boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. At once, leaving the boat and their father, they followed him.

He went round the whole of Galilee teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Good News of the kingdom and curing all kinds of diseases and sickness among the people.

### Reflection

#### *The Voice of Jesus*

Two sets of two brothers were running successful family businesses. But once Jesus passed by and *called* them, the Gospel says, at *once* they left their boats and followed him. I think because, hearing his voice, they realised that Jesus was the true vocalist of God.

Irish author and mystic, John O'Donohue, once wrote, 'Something in us senses and knows how perfectly the contours of the soul fit the divine embrace.'

Maybe Simon Peter, Andrew, James and John sensed that, in this Jesus, there was a Soul whose contours perfectly fitted the divine embrace. They were prepared to risk everything for the chance to have *their* souls contoured along the same lines.

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**25 January 2026**

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

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

**Psalm:**  
(R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

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

**Gospel Acclamation:**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 4:12-23



**Next weeks readings**

**4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**1st Reading:**  
Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13

**Psalm:**  
Ps 145:7-10. R Mt 5:3

**2nd Reading:**  
1. Corinthians 1:26-31

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 5:1-12

## St John's Catholic Parish Brunswick Valley

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#### Office hours

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#### Parish Secretary

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#### Our Church's

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

## ROSTERS

**29 January & 1 February 2026**

**O.L.O.L. 29 January**

Readers: Jan M / Nicci N  
Minister of  
Communion: Michael S

**St John's 1 February**

Reader: Silvana S  
Minister of  
Communion: Pam L

### **BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE**

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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 ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT**

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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)**



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## **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.



God Bless  
Australia

God, Bless Australia,  
Guard our people.  
Guide our leaders,  
And give us peace;  
For Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen



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### Reflection

The call: 'Follow me ...', was not to an isolated individual promising to save his soul, but to two brothers and then another two brothers. Immediately, a community was being formed and its task was to bring others into that Jesus-following community.

We could pause for a moment to hear the brothers beckoning us to follow the call of that voice sounded by Our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### 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.  
EXTENDED TIME Please place orders by 27 January 2026*



### SAINT OF THE WEEK

#### Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

St Thomas Aquinas was born in c.1225 and was one of the many children of the Count of Aquino. He was educated by Benedictine Monks, but eventually joined the mendicant Dominican friars in 1244, much to the shock and anger of his family. His brothers kidnapped and imprisoned Thomas in an attempt to change his mind, but after a year he was released. He went on to study under St Albert the Great and took a degree of master in theology. He devoted his life to teaching, preaching and especially writing; his philosophical and theological works have become integral to the thinking of the church. He experienced a divine revelation which lead him to abandon his writings, claiming that they were but straw in the wind when compared to the reality of the divine glory. He died four months later due to poor health. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church in 1567.



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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

## 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

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



God bless.

*Dave Bermingham, Principal of St John's*

## JUBILEE ART PRIZE ARTWORKS

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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