



# 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 17:1-9

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

## Reflection

Pope Leo says that 'we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart.'

'This', he adds, 'is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times.'

Such silence and reflectiveness, the Pope suggests, helps us prioritise our 'relationship with God'. But such disposition should also, he adds, 'help us to be more open, more welcoming to others.'

This active dimension of Christian contemplation is something the Pope wants us to remember. Even in our recreational moments, he suggests, we can find 'an opportunity to care for others, to get to know each other and to offer advice and a listening ear.'

Caring and listening, he reminds us, 'are expressions of love, and that is something we all need.' We should therefore all love 'with courage'. As the Pope points out, such active love is transformative, because 'through solidarity, in the sharing of faith and life, we will help to promote a culture of peace.'

Each of us, therefore, should respond to the Lord's call to start 'helping those around us to overcome divisions and hostility and to build communion.'

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## 1 March 2026

### 2nd Sunday of Lent, Year A

#### **1st Reading:**

Genesis 12:1-4

#### **Psalm:**

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

#### **2nd Reading:**

2 Timothy 1:8-10

#### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### **Gospel:**

Matthew 17:1-9



## Next weeks readings

### 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

#### **1st Reading:**

Exodus 17:3-7

#### **Psalm:**

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. Rv.8

#### **2nd Reading:**

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

#### **Gospel:**

John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42

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**Our Church's**

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

**ROSTERS**

**5 & 8 March**

**O.L.O.L. 5 March**  
Readers: Carolyn S  
Minister of  
Communion: Peter S

**St John's 8 March**  
Reader: Silvana S  
Minister of  
Communion: Pam L

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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

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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey*

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - ST JOHN'S PARISH 2026**

**First Reconciliation: Term 1 Year 4**

Practice:	Thursday	19 March at 4pm	O.L.O.L. Church, Brunswick Heads
Sacrament:	Thursday	19 March at 4.30pm	O.L.O.L. Church, Brunswick Heads

**Confirmation: Term 2 Year 3**

Practice:	Thursday	25 June at 4pm	St John's Church, Mullumbimby
Sacrament:	Wednesday	1 July at 5pm	St John's Church, Mullumbimby

**First Holy Communion: Term 3 Year 4**

Practice:	Thursday	3 Sept at 4pm	O.L.O.L. Church, Brunswick Heads
Sacrament:	Sunday	6 Sept at 8am	St John's Church, Mullumbimby

*Please pray for the children of St John's Parish preparing to receive these Sacraments;  
that Jesus may continue to be a loving presence in their lives.*



**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.**

Mary Polidano, Ann Steengaard (nee Gilbey).

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Robert (Mick) Bellenger, May Walker, Rita Gooley, Jean Nicholls,  
Harold Patrick Walker, Jack Walker, Mary Nicholson.

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

Mary Collins.

*(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 - March**

**Frs:** Frederick James Fry, Francis Aloysius McEvoy, Daniel Troy, John Colahan,  
Daniel Lawton, William Mills.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

The 2026 World Day of Prayer service was prepared by group of Christian women from Nigeria, with a focus on the invitation of Jesus found in Matthew 11:28 – 30.

At a time when people worldwide are carrying heavy burdens, our Nigerian sisters offer profound insights into finding rest in God.

**This year World Day of Prayer will be held at the  
Uniting Church, Dalley St, Mullumbimby  
10am Friday 6th March.  
Everyone is welcome.**

**“I Will Give You Rest: Come”**

Matthew 11:28-30

March 6, 2026



## VOTIVE CANDLES

People purchase and light votive candles, to symbolize their prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some hours or days (depending on the size) and thus signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a “burnt offering.” In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

Catholics who light candles are making an offering to God of prayer and praise.  
The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the oblation (offering) of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say  
*“Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray.”*



## THANK YOU FROM ST VINCENT DE PAUL

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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  
Day and time to be advised  
monthly in Bulletin

### SAVE THE DATE

#### **Mass of Anointing**

11 March  
Wednesday 10am  
St John's Church,  
Mullumbimby

#### **Chrism Mass 2026**

23 March  
Monday 11am  
St Carthages's Cathedral  
Lismore

### 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 PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Link to newsletter*

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A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for joining us last Friday for our rescheduled **Meet and Greet Morning!** Despite the rain causing a delay the week prior, the sun was shining on our classrooms as parents and carers gathered to share in their children's learning journey.

It was a joy to witness our students stepping up as leaders. Following a "6-Task Mission," students guided their families through the heart of their school day:

- **Hospitality & Greeting:** Students practised their social skills by introducing their parents to their teachers.
- **Stewards of Learning:** Families were given tours of the learning spaces, where students explained *how* and *why* they learn the way they do.
- **Creative Talents:** Our young authors proudly shared recent writing pieces, showcasing their hard work and imagination.
- **The HIKE Matrix:** Students explained our school-wide HIKE values, demonstrating how these principles guide their behaviour and choices.
- **The Resilience Project:** A special moment was shared as students opened their journals to discuss gratitude, empathy, and mindfulness - core values that align so beautifully with our parish mission.
- **Curiosity & Connection:** The morning concluded with a student-led Q&A, allowing parents to engage deeply with their child's classroom experience.

We are deeply grateful to our dedicated teachers and staff for their hard work in preparing the classrooms, and to our families for their patience and flexibility with the date change. These mornings remind us of the strength of our parish-school bond and the importance of walking together in support of our children.

**Blessings, Dave**

*Dave Bermingham*

*Principal of St John's Primary School*

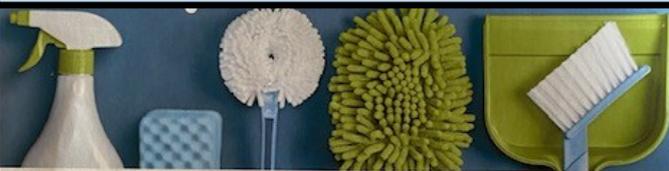
### SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Our next morning tea is on **Sunday (1 March)** following 8am Mass at St John's Church, Mullumbimby.

*All Welcome - Feel Free to bring a plate.*



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