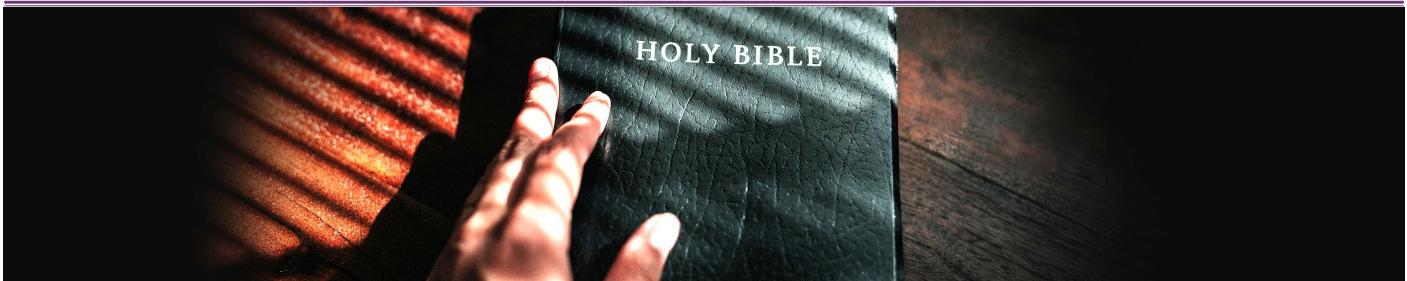




St John's Catholic Parish

Brunswick Valley

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27



A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Reflection

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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15 February 2026

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1st Reading:
Sirach 15:15-20

Psalm:
(R.) *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

2nd Reading:
1. Corinthians 2:6-10

Gospel Acclamation:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel:
Matthew 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37



Next weeks readings

First Sunday of Lent, Year A

1st Reading:
Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Psalm:
Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17 R see v3

2nd Reading:
Romans 5:12-19

Gospel:
Matthew 4:1-11

CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

How can you help?

As the new year starts the Parish needs more volunteers to help make everything run smoothly and spread the load! If you can help with any of the areas of need **please write your name and contact number on the worksheet** at the back of the Church.



Some areas of need are: ***Welcomers, readers, sacristy help, ministers of Communion, morning teas.***
Many thanks to all who already help out.

POPE TO VISIT SYDNEY FOR EUCHARIST28

Pope Leo XIV will visit Sydney in the spring of 2028 to preside over the International Eucharistic Congress. On the day after the Pope's installation in May last year, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese invited him to visit Sydney for the congress, known as Eucharist28. Since Pope Leo is the head of a foreign government, the Holy See, diplomatic protocol requires the Australian Government to extend a formal invitation to him, and he responds to that invitation.



Pope Leo XIV told Sydney Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP "it's still a way off, but I'll be there" (CNS/Vatican Media)

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Our Lady of Lourdes Conference, Brunswick Heads is looking for more members. Do you have 3-4 hours each week or fortnight to help the disadvantaged in your local community? If you would like to find out more please phone Suzanne on 0409 972 469.



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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

**FEBRUARY CANCELLED
DUE TO FUNERAL**

Rosary Team Meeting

2nd Saturday
STARTS FEBRUARY 2026

Day and time to be advised
monthly - in Bulletin

SAVE THE DATE

Ash Wednesday Parish / School Mass

18 February 2pm
St John's Church,
Mullumbimby

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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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL School News: Walking Together in Faith and Action



What a day! 🕊 Since St. John's Feast Day usually falls on December 27th during the holidays, we decided to celebrate our patron saint in style last Tuesday! From formation to high-energy fun, our students truly soared:

📖 **Faith & Creativity:** We learned about St. John, the patron saint of authors, through St. John Kahoots, hand-printed T-shirts, and iPad activities.

👑 **Strength & Rhythm:** The kids showed off their bravery at Spaghetti Circus and found their beat during drumming sessions.

💦 **The Grand Finale:** We wrapped up with the ultimate Slip and Slide!

St. John's Gospel reminds us to look after one another, and seeing the encouragement and smiles today was the perfect tribute.

God bless.

*Dave Birmingham
Principal of St John's Primary School*



ROSARY MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Rosary Team will be held at the home of
Gwen De Costa, 31 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby
on **Saturday 14 February at 9:30 am.**

This month's reflection is on Luke 2:22-32 – The Presentation in the Temple. *"Simeon held a child in his arms and allowed his heart to speak. We should also speak with God in a personal way allowing our heart to speak".*

New team members welcome. Phone Gwen on 0492 920 669.

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