

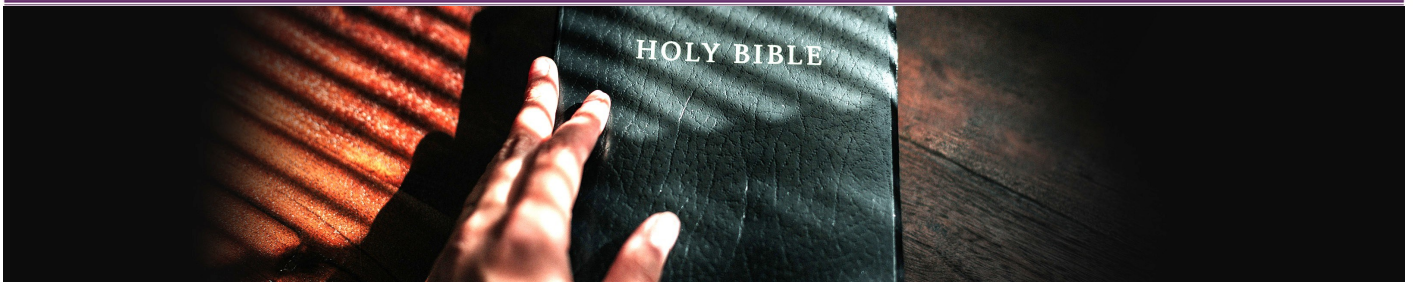


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

# 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 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

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**Our Church's**

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

**ROSTERS**

**19 & 22 February 2026**

**O.L.O.L. 19 February**

Readers: Frances G

Minister of

Communion: Carolyn S

**St John's 22 February**

Reader: Vivianne P

Minister of

Communion: Anna A

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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*



**MASS OF ANOINTING**

**Wednesday 10am**

**11 March 2026**

**St John's Church, Mullumbimby**



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**PARISH / SCHOOL MASS**

**Wednesday 2pm**

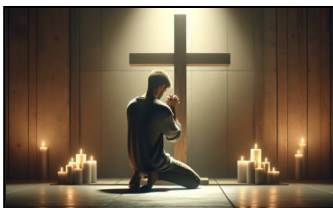
**18 February 2026**

**St John's Church, Mullumbimby**

Dear Parish Family, As we journey together through the sacred season of Lent and draw near to the joy of Easter, may your hearts be filled with peace, hope and renewal. This is a time to reflect, to grow in faith, and to embrace the boundless love of Christ. May the Lord bless you abundantly, strengthen you in spirit, and fill your days with His grace.

With warm thoughts and blessings,

*Fr David and Charmaine*



**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.**

Mary Polidano.

**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:**

*(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 - February**

**Frs:** Boniface Cotter, Russell Murray Redford, Jerome O'Rourke, William Joseph Murphy, Edward O'Gorman, James Kelly, James Carmel O'Rourke, Joachim Francis Hennessy, Augustine Parker, John Durney, John O'Sullivan, John Naylor.

## 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)

**JOIN OUR TEAM**



St Vincent de Paul Society  
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**JOIN OUR TEAM**

**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.**



**Interest Rate – 3.40%**

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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



**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 Bermingham*

*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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