



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

The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper

the Father wants.

God is spirit,

and those who worship

must worship in spirit and truth.'

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8 March 2026

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A

1st Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

Psalm Response

*If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

2nd Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of
the world; give me living water,
that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God,
Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

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



**Next weeks
readings**

4th Sunday of Lent, Year A

1st Reading

1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

Psalm Response

Psalm 22 R.v.1

2nd Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel

John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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Our Churches
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Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

12 & 15 March

O.L.O.L. 12 March
Readers: Michael S
Minister of
Communion: Sandra S

St John's 15 March
Reader: Pam L
Minister of
Communion: Vivianne P

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by
Tuesday 5pm

mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au
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

Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance

Option 2: Church Collection Plate

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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
Sacrament: Thursday 19 March at 4.30pm

O.L.O.L. Church, Brunswick Heads
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Confirmation: Term 2 Year 3

Practice: Thursday 25 June at 4pm
Sacrament: Wednesday 1 July at 5pm

St John's Church, Mullumbimby
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

First Holy Communion: Term 3 Year 4

Practice: Thursday 3 Sept at 4pm
Sacrament: Sunday 6 Sept at 8am

O.L.O.L. Church, Brunswick Heads
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), Harry William Jenkins.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Robert (Mick) Bellenger, May Walker, Harold Patrick Walker, Jack Walker,
Mary Nicholson, Terry Godbee, Patricia Boyle, Frank, Vince & Betty Walker.

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.

(Continued from front page) **A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42**

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

Reflection

'Walking together, walking with everyone,' Pope Leo declares, 'means being a Church that lives among the people, welcomes their questions, soothes their sufferings and shares their hopes.'

The Pope reminds us 'to be close to families, young people, the elderly and those who live in solitude. Continue to devote yourselves to the care of the poor', he adds.

Similarly, the Pope encourages us to pay 'attention to the smallest and most vulnerable, so that a culture of prevention of all forms of abuse may also develop.'

'I would like everyone to commit themselves to the challenge of effective communion,' he explains, 'so that the face of a collegial Church, which shares common steps and choices, may take shape.'

We are called, he reminds us, to adopt a 'synodal style', through which 'we learn to work together, and ... we all make an effort to build open, hospitable and welcoming Christian communities in which relationships are translated into mutual responsibility for the proclamation of the Gospel.'

'A synodal Church,' he explains, is one 'which walks the path traced by history while confronting the emerging challenges of evangelisation'. It also, he adds, 'needs to renew herself continually. We must avoid allowing inertia, even when motivated by good intentions, to slow down the necessary changes.'

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A FAMILY GROUP?

FAMILY GROUPS (OR HOME GROUPS) are purely a social group, and you will find them very welcoming.

We just enjoy each other's company and have all found good friends. It's a lovely way to meet people and feel part of the parish community.

Each group gathers about once every 5 or 6 weeks for picnics, BBQ's, pub lunches, casserole nights, bowling, and even an annual weekend camp.

Our Parish currently has two groups.

If you are interested in joining please write your name on the sheet at the back of the church.

**OUR PARISHIONER
JUDY NICHOLLS IS SINGING IN THE
NEXT AMATORI CHORAL CONCERT**
Details in the poster below.

AMATORI CHOIR

**SONGS OF NATURE &
YEARNING**

Director: Ian Knowles

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Sunday March 15th @ 3pm

**St. Martins Church,
Mullumbimby**

Tickets:

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\$15 concession

children free

Safeguarding Children and Young People?



We ask that parents are accompanying and **supervising** their own **children** at **all times**.

Your child's safety is our priority please ensure you can always see them whilst on **Parish grounds**.

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Interest Rate – 3.40%

For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516

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

UPCOMING DATES

Mass of Anointing

St John's Church, Mullumbimby
WEDNESDAY
11 March - 10AM

Chrism Mass 2026

St Carthages's Cathedral,
Lismore
MONDAY
23 March - 11AM

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

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World Day of Prayer 2026

This coming Friday, our parish and school community will join millions of Christians across more than 170 countries for the **World Day of Prayer**.

This annual ecumenical movement is led by women from a different nation each year. For 2026, the women of **Nigeria** have prepared our service, inviting us to reflect on the comforting words of Jesus:

"Come to me... and I will give you rest." — Matthew 11:28

Leading up to Friday, our students have been participating in a "Chain of Prayer" activity. Each child has written/will write a personal intention - for a loved one, their community, or the world - on a coloured strip of paper. These individual prayers will be looped together to form a paper chain, symbolising our unity in Christ and the collective strength of our petitions.

On Friday morning, we will be led by the Student Mission Team at 8:50am as we gather to pray for Nigeria and the needs of our global family.

Prayer for World Prayer Day

*Loving God, today, with Christians around the world, we come to you.
We bring our worries, our hopes, and our prayers for others.
You know our names. You know our needs.
Give rest to those who are tired. Give hope to those who are struggling.
Give peace to our world. Amen.*

Note: The prayer chains will remain on display throughout the week as a beautiful reminder that we are part of a universal Church that prays together across the whole world.

Blessings, Dave Bermingham
Principal of St John's Primary School

MASS OF ANOINTING - MORNING TEA

St John's Church, Mullumbimby
WEDNESDAY 11 March - 10AM

MORNING TEA will be held in the St John's Church following the Mass of Anointing.

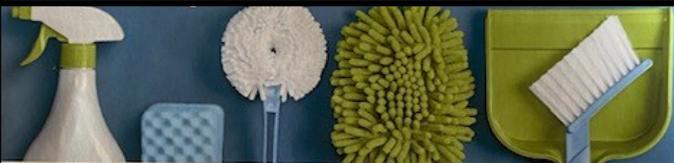
ROSARY TEAM MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

This month's meeting will be held at the home of Kay McDonagh, 310 Kennedy's Lane, Ewingsdale, on Saturday 14 March at 9:30am.

The reflection is from the *Book of Kings 5:1;9-16*. – Naaman the Leper. *In faith we discover the true power of God.*

Would you like to join us? Enquiries phone Pam 0450 150 439.

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