

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 John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak

for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

22 March 2026

5th Sunday of Lent, Year A

1st Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

Psalm Response

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

2nd Reading

Romans 8:8-11

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

*Glory and praise to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel

John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45



**Next weeks
readings**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of
the Lord, Year A**

1st Reading

Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response

Psalm 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24, Rv.2

2nd Reading

Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel

Matthew 27:11-54

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

ROSTERS

26 & 29 March

O.L.O.L. 26 March
Readers: Lisa R
Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 29 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*

**Easter
Volunteers**

EASTER ROSTER VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed for the Easter Rosters at both the Mullumbimby and Brunswick Heads Churches for the Easter Liturgies and Masses.

Can you please check out the sheet on the back table and put your name down where you are able to help out.

A big thank you to all our volunteers.

MASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE CATH NEWS - www.cathnews.com

Google Catholic Masses and click your choice

AVAILABLE FREE TO AIR ON TV Channel 10 - every Sunday - Mass 6am



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Mary Polidano, Ann Steengaard (nee Gilbey), Sr Berenice Kerr,
Harry William Jenkins, Anthony John Mills.

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, Sharyn Leroy.

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.

Reflection

Pope Leo wants us to remember that we are not children of 'a distant, inaccessible and immovable God ... but a God who is close to us and accompanies us on our journey in the world, even in the darkest places on earth.'

This mystery has profound implications for how we understand our Christian calling.

'Is God for me the living God, close to me in every situation, the Father to whom I turn with filial trust?', the Pope asks. 'Is he the Creator to whom I owe everything I am and have, whose mark I can find in every creature?'

Such reflection prompts the Pope to ask further questions: 'Am I willing to share the goods of the earth, which belong to everyone, in a just and equitable manner? How do I treat creation, the work of his hands? Do I exploit and destroy it, or do I use it with reverence and gratitude, caring for and cultivating it as the common home of humanity?'

'Love for God without love for neighbour is hypocrisy', the Pope declares emphatically. 'In following Jesus,' he says, 'the ascent to God passes through descent and dedication to our brothers and sisters ... In the face of disasters, wars and misery, we bear witness to God's mercy to those who doubt him only when they experience his mercy through us.'

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**PROJECT
COMPASSION**

Fifth Sunday of Lent 21–22 March 2026

Since October 2023, Caritas Jerusalem staff in Gaza have endured displacement, personal loss, and danger alongside the communities they serve. Despite unimaginable challenges, they remain committed to providing lifesaving support, standing in solidarity with families enduring this conflict.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent.*

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH EASTER SERVICES 2026



Holy Thursday - 2 April - 5.30pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brunswick Heads

Good Friday - 3 April - 10am
Stations of the Cross
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brunswick Heads

Good Friday (Liturgy) - 3 April - 3pm
Good Friday Service
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Easter Sunday - 5 April - 8am
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Easter Sunday (Liturgy) - 5 April - 9.30am
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brunswick Heads

HOLY SPIRIT EASTER SERVICES 2026

Holy Thursday - 2 April - 7pm
St Kevin's, Bangalow



Good Friday - 3 April - 3pm
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay

The Easter Vigil (Saturday) - 4 April - 6.30pm
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay

Easter Sunday - 5 April - 9.30am
St Kevin's, Bangalow



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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

UPCOMING DATES

Chrism Mass 2026

St Carthage's Cathedral,
Lismore
23 March, Monday 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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Fueling Minds: The St John's Breakfast Club!

We are thrilled to announce that on Monday, 16th March, we officially launched the St John's Breakfast Club!

We believe that every student deserves a "learning-ready" start to their day. A nutritious breakfast leads to better focus, more energy, and happier classrooms.

If you'd like to lend a hand or drop off a donation, please feel free to bring them in at any time. Every bit helps!

We are ensuring that no student starts the day on an empty stomach. Thank you for your incredible support!

**Thank you to Daily Counter Cafe in Bruns for these donations!!!
I was a bit excited!**



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

**EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028
SYDNEY AUSTRALIA**



In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, an extraordinary global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world will come together in worship, reflection, and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world.

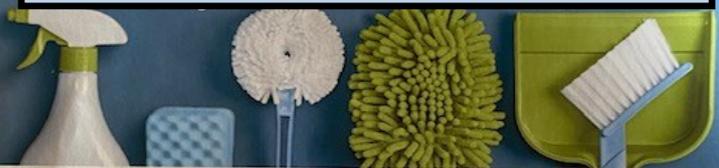
More details to follow in the coming months.

There are posters and more information placed in both of our churches, and prayer cards for you to take.

The website for this event is eucharist28.org.



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