



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 27:11-54

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate, the governor, and the governor put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' Jesus replied, 'It is you who say it.' But when he was accused by the chief priests and the elders he refused to answer at all. Pilate then said to him, 'Do you not hear how many charges they have brought against you?' But to the governor's complete amazement, he offered no reply to any of the charges.

At festival time it was the governor's practice to release a prisoner for the people, anyone they chose. Now there was at that time a notorious prisoner whose name was Barabbas. So when the crowd gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Which do you want me to release for you: Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?' For Pilate knew it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over.

Now as he was seated in the chair of judgement, his wife sent him a message, 'Have nothing to do with that man; I have been upset all day by a dream I had about him.'

The chief priests and the elders, however, had persuaded the crowd to demand the release of Barabbas and the execution of Jesus. So when the governor spoke and asked them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' they said 'Barabbas'. 'But in that case,' Pilate said to them 'what am I to do with Jesus who is called Christ?' They all said, 'Let him be crucified!' 'Why?' he asked 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Let him be crucified!' Then Pilate saw that he was making no impression, that in fact a riot was imminent. So he took some water, washed his hands in front of the crowd and said, 'I am innocent of this man's blood. It is your concern.' And the people, to a man, shouted back, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' Then he released Barabbas for them. He ordered Jesus to be first scourged and then handed over to be crucified.

The governor's soldiers took Jesus with them into the Praetorium and collected the whole cohort around him. Then they stripped him and made him wear a scarlet cloak, and having twisted some thorns into a crown they put this on his head and placed a reed in his right hand. To make fun of him they knelt to him saying, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' And they spat on him and took the reed and struck him on the head with it. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the cloak and dressed him in his own clothes and led him away to crucify him.

On their way out, they came across a man from Cyrene, Simon by name, and enlisted him to carry his cross. When they had reached a place called Golgotha, that is, the place of the skull, they gave him wine to drink mixed with gall, which he tasted but refused to drink. When they had finished crucifying him they shared out his clothing by casting lots, and then sat down and stayed there keeping guard over him.

Above his head was placed the charge against him; it read: 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.' At the same time two robbers were crucified with him, one on the right and one on the left.

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29 March 2026

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

1st Reading
Isaiah 50:4-7

Psalm Response
*My God, my God, why have you
abandoned me?*

2nd Reading
Philippians 2:6-11

Gospel Acclamation
*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

Christ became obedient for us
even to death dying on the cross.
Therefore God raised him on
high and gave him a name above
all other names.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

Gospel
Matthew 27:11-54



**Next weeks
readings**

**Easter Sunday of the
Resurrection of the Lord,
Year A**

1st Reading
Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

Psalm Response
Psalm 117:1-2, 16-17, 22-23
Rv.24

2nd Reading
Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel
Matthew 28:1-10

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Our Churches

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

ROSTERS

2 & 5 April

O.L.O.L. 2 April

Holy Thursday & Easter Sunday:
As per volunteer roster sheet

St John's 5 April

Good Friday & Easter Sunday:
As per volunteer roster sheet

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

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

Option 3: Direct Debit, details as follows

1st COLLECTION (Clergy) **2nd COLLECTION** (Parish)

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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.

GENTLE REMINDER

DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS SUNDAY 5 APRIL - 3AM

CLOCKS ARE MOVED BACK 1 HOUR TO 2AM



**DAYLIGHT
SAVINGS
TIME
ENDS**

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Mary Polidano, Sr Berenice, Sr Frances, Ann Steengaard (nee Gilbey),
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,
Sean Bellenger AM, WGC DR.

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 Matthew 27:11-54**

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said ‘So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself! If you are God’s son, come down from the cross!’ The chief priests with the scribes and elders mocked him in the same way. ‘He saved others,’ they said ‘he cannot save himself. He is the king of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He put his trust in God; now let God rescue him if he wants him. For he did say, “I am the son of God.”’ Even the robbers who were crucified with him taunted him in the same way.

From the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. And about the ninth hour, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?’ that is, ‘My God, my God, why have you deserted me?’ When some of those who stood there heard this, they said, ‘The man is calling on Elijah,’ and one of them quickly ran to get a sponge which he dipped in vinegar and putting it on a reed, gave it him to drink. ‘Wait!’ said the rest of them ‘and see if Elijah will come to save him.’ But Jesus again crying out in a loud voice, yielded up his spirit.

At that, the veil of the Temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth quaked; the rocks were split; the tombs opened and the bodies of many holy men rose from the dead, and these, after his resurrection, came out of the tombs, entered the Holy City and appeared to a number of people. Meanwhile the centurion, together with the others guarding Jesus, had seen the earthquake and all that was taking place, and they were terrified and said, ‘In truth this was a son of God.’

Reflection - insert attached

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on **Good Friday, 3 April**. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Due to the Covid pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, recent years have been and continue to be extremely difficult for the Church and people of the Holy Land with much reduced income due to fewer pilgrims and visitors. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.7 million through the Good Friday Collection, a wonderful effort that went a long way to assist the Church of the Holy Land. But this year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers.
Thank you.

**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

Interest Rate—3.65%
(eff 1/4/2026)

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



We advise that effective **1 April 2026**, the interest rate on DIF investments will change to **3.65%** (an increase of 0.25%).



Our Parish supports and commits to embedding the;

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Child Safe Standards
& the
National Catholic Safeguarding Standards



Office of the Children’s Guardian



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

Daylight Saving end date

Sunday 5 April - 3am
CLOCKS ARE MOVED BACK
1 HOUR TO 2AM

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Williams House Triumphs at a Muddy Interhouse Cross Country!



It was a fantastic day of grit, fitness, and fellowship this past Monday as our students gathered at the Mullum Rugby League Club for our annual Interhouse Cross Country Carnival.

The weather certainly didn't make it easy! Despite the wet and boggy conditions underfoot, our runners took it all in their stride. There were plenty of muddy shoes and splashed shirts, but that only seemed to add to the excitement and the challenge of the course.

Beyond the impressive times recorded on the track, the true highlight of the day was the outstanding sporting behaviour displayed by all our participants. Seeing students cheer for their peers through the sludge and support one another at the finish line was a wonderful reflection of our values.

After all the points were tallied, we are proud to announce **Williams House** as the **Overall Champions**.

A huge **congratulations to Williams House** for their hard-earned victory, and a sincere thank you to our Sports Coordinators Felicity Gruft and Courtney Hall, as well as staff, parents, and volunteers who braved the damp conditions to help the event run so smoothly.

Well done to everyone who laced up their sneakers (and survived the mud!) to give it their best.

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



EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 - SYDNEY AUSTRALIA

Eucharistic28 is far more than a large gathering in 2028. It is a grace-filled moment for the Church in Australia to rediscover what it means to live eucharistic lives that are shaped by devotion, sacrifice, and generous service. The aim is not only vibrant celebrations but renewed hearts that become what they receive, the Body of Christ.

This national initiative sets out the pathway for **Phase 1**, Eucharist Renewal (2026-2028), strengthening formation, charity, worship and evangelisation. Over the next three years, the Catholic faithful will be invited to engage in themes of renewal in ways that suit their context and mission.

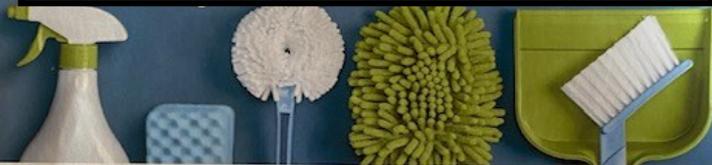
Phase 2, Eucharistic28, will stand as the high point of this journey, a moment for the entire Church in Australia, together with the Universal Church, to gather in profound worship and bear public witness to our love of Christ in the Eucharist.

Yet the Congress is not the end. Beyond 2028 lies a phase which, attentive to the promptings of the Holy Spirit, will be discerned together – bishops, clergy, religious and laity – determining how eucharistic renewal might best be sustained. While the shape of this phase will emerge through prayer and consultation, we are intentional that the momentum of Eucharist28 continues beyond 2028, carrying grace into parish life, schools, families, and the wider community. Having received Christ and celebrated together as his Body, we will be invited to step forward as a people renewed, strengthened, and made ready for mission.

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