

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 28:1-10

*He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee.*

After the Sabbath, and towards dawn on the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala and the other Mary went to visit the sepulchre. And all at once there was a violent earthquake, for the angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled away the stone and sat on it. His face was like lightning, his robe white as snow. The guards were so shaken, so frightened of him, that they were like dead men. But the angel spoke; and he said to the women, 'There is no need for you to be afraid. I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said he would. Come and see the place where he lay, then go quickly and tell his disciples, "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you to Galilee; it is there you will see him." Now I have told you.' Filled with awe and great joy the women came quickly away from the tomb and ran to tell the disciples.

And there, coming to meet them, was Jesus. 'Greetings,' he said. And the women came up to him and, falling down before him, clasped his feet. Then Jesus said to them, 'Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers that they must leave for Galilee; they will see me there.'

## Reflection

Easter is the season of mystagogical catechesis, that instruction that unpacks the hidden mystery of the experience of the sacraments of initiation received or renewed at Easter. The readings of each Sunday concentrate on some aspect of this mystery. The central theme of this Sunday is newness of life in Christ. This newness is not without its historical context. It burst forth first in the resurrection of Christ, and then through the preaching of the first Christians.

The readings testify that if we die with Christ, we will appear with him in glory; if we cast out the old yeast, we will be fresh dough. And when this wondrous transformation takes place, everything is new; everything is fresh. To what newness are we called? To what must we die in order to rise transformed? What old yeast of corruption must be cast out in order that we might be fresh dough? At Easter we renew our baptismal vows. What is it that we really renounce? Ours is a world of violence, of prejudice, of indifference. Too often we harbour feelings of anger and resentment, of selfishness and disdain. Easter proclaims that Christ has died and has risen; with him we die to all of the wickedness in our lives and in our world, and we set our hearts on higher things, on sincerity and on truth.

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5 April 2026

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, Year A

**1st Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 37-43

**Psalm Response**

*This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.*

**2nd Reading**

Colossians 3:1-4

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Matthew 28:1-10



Next weeks readings

2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A

**1st Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

**Psalm Response**

Psalm 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv1

**2nd Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel**

John 20:19-31



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

**ROSTERS**

**9 & 12 April**

**O.L.O.L. 9 April**  
Reader: Nicci N  
Minister of  
Communion: Michael S

**St John's 12 April**  
Reader: Silvana S  
Minister of  
Communion: Anna A

**BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE**

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

[mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto: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

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*Thank you for your continued  
Parish financial support.  
Fr David Gilbey*



**BAPTISM'S - ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

***"Welcome Lola Scott and Leo-Paul Scott to the St John's Community"***

Lola and Leo-Paul are the daughter and son of Cecile and Nathan Scott.

The children were baptised at St John's Church on Saturday 28 March. *Congratulations!*

**ROSARY TEAM MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING**

This months meeting has been put back one week and will be held on **Saturday 18 April** at the home of Pat Plater, Cnr. Station and Train Streets, Mullumbimby at 9.30am.

This months reflection: "In the Resurrection of the Lord we find joy, an eternal and unlimited joy".  
Everyone is welcome. Enquiries phone Pat 6684 1436.

**MACKILLOP FAMILY GROUP**

Our next outing will be a day at the Lismore Races on next **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April**.

Meet near the entrance gate at 11:30am, races start at 12.

If you would like a fun day out why not come along and join us! For more info phone Pam 0450 150 439.

**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.**

Mary Polidano, Sr Berenice, Sr Frances, Ann Steengaard, 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, WGCDR.

**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 - April**

**Frs:** Charles Kakumanu, Steven O'Donnell, John Joseph Dougherty, George Cranney,  
Charlies Joseph Cullen, Matthias P Walshe, +John Steven Satterthwaite **Fourth Bishop of Lismore**,  
Thomas D'Arcy, John Washington, Paschal O'Halloran.



## BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026

### Dear Brothers and Sisters

Growing up I always preferred Christmas to Easter. Both were holiday times; Christmas was Mass followed by gifts and a lunch with family and friends. Easter seemed to be overwhelmingly religious with long Church services which were tedious and tiresome for a boy. It was only in the last years of high school that I began to understand and appreciate Easter.

Every Church feast is about Jesus and me. In the feast we are joined. Heaven and earth come together, and I am led into a deeper self-knowledge through Jesus.

Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ who suffered a most violent and seemingly meaningless death. From Palm Sunday we walk with Him and as we look into His eyes we recognise the plight of many people in our world today.

The last twelve months have been marked by gratuitous violence, decisions and actions which do not seem to focus on the wellbeing of others, and a mindset which is frankly selfish. As individuals we are lost in this, what is happening?

Jesus died understanding this experience, He carried it to the Cross. There is nothing in the present struggles of the world that are not in some way part of Jesus' experience, and as such everything in us today connects us with Him. He questioned the Israel of his times, and he walked with all those on the periphery. He carried our hopelessness.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and in this we all rise with Him. We and the world are transformed. Yet, you will say nothing has changed. Everything changes if we have the eyes of faith filled hope. If my eyes change, I change and I see a world filled with love and hope. Our new vision can change the world.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

*Bishop Greg*



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**

**Celebrating the Journey: Holy Week at St John's Primary School**

This week, the grounds of St John's Primary School have been transformed into a living prayer as our students and staff participated in "His Final Days," a series of moving dramatic reflections on the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. It has been a profound privilege to witness our young people engage so deeply with the heart of our faith.

**A Week of Reflective Journeying**

Our journey began with the joyful shouts of "Hosanna" as Kindergarten and Stage 3 students recreated Palm Sunday, waving branches to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem. The atmosphere soon shifted to one of humble service on Monday, where Stage 1 depicted the Washing of the Feet and the Last Supper in our undercover area.

As the week progressed, the solemnity grew: On Wednesday: Stage 2 led us through the heavy moments of the Arrest, portraying the Garden of Gethsemane and the betrayal of Judas. On Thursday: Our Stage 3 students took us to the foot of the cross for the Crucifixion, a stark and powerful reminder of the depth of God's love.

Throughout these presentations, our students moved in reflective silence, guided by the prayerful music. It was a time for our entire school community to pause and walk alongside Christ in His final days.

While we conclude this term in the shadow of the cross, we do so with the certain hope of what is to come. When we return in Term 2, Stage 1 and Stage 2 will lead us in the joyful celebration of the Resurrection, reminding us that the empty tomb is the ultimate sign of victory and new life.

On behalf of the staff and students at St John's, I wish you all a blessed and holy Easter. May the peace of the Risen Christ be with you and your families during this sacred season.

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



**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

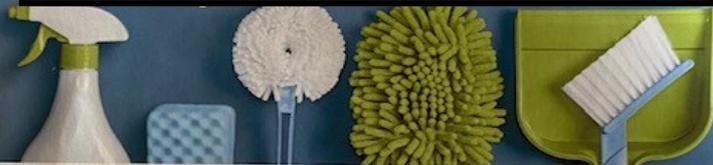
**Good Friday - 3 April - 3pm**  
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay

**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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