

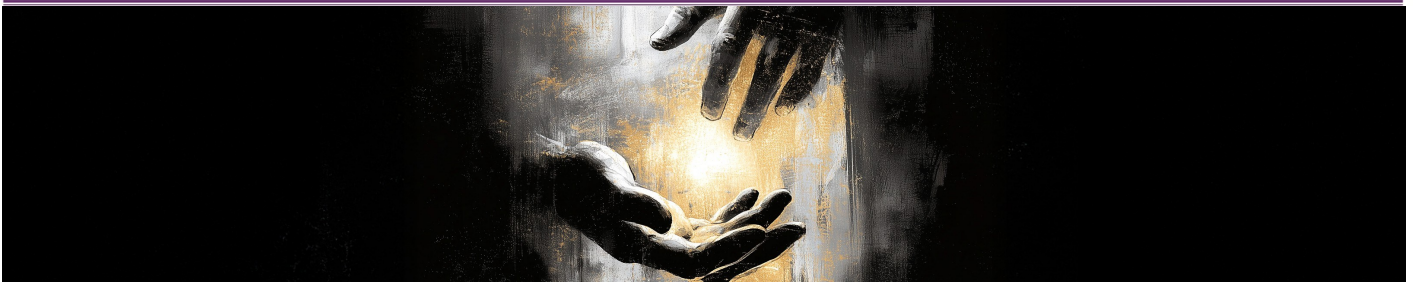


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

# 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 20:19-31

*After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.  
For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven;  
for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

**12 April 2026**

**2nd Sunday of Easter, Year A**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**1st Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47

**Psalm Response**

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is  
good, his love is everlasting.*

**2nd Reading**

1 Peter 1:3-9

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

You believe in me, Thomas,  
because you have seen me; happy  
those who have not seen me,  
but still believe!

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

John 20:19-31

**Next weeks readings**

**3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**1st Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

**Psalm Response**

Psalm 15:1-2, 5, 7-11 Rv.11

**2nd Reading**

1 Peter 1:17-21

**Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

## Reflection

*Undoubtable Wounds*

Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion. Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.'

Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the *identity* of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can *only* join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways.

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**Our Churches**

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

**ROSTERS**

**16 & 19 April**

**O.L.O.L. 16 April**

Lector: Mark R

Minister of

Communion: Lisa R

**St John's 19 April**

Lector: Matt B

Minister of

Communion: Silvana S

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Please send in any notices or  
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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

**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*

**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.

**THANK YOU** to all who volunteered at our Masses during Easter. To those who read and assisted with Holy Communion, the musicians who played, sacristans, altar servers, our projector operators, our welcomers, those who assisted with the collection and the many who helped in the background.

**Your support of the Parish is greatly appreciated.**



**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, WGCDCR, Lenard & Claudine McNaught, Mary 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 - 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.

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## Reflection

We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds.

Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, ‘My Lord and my God.’

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## EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 THE YEAR OF PRAYER



2026 commences our preparation for Eucharist28 as a year dedicated to prayer, deepening our own personal relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist. Christ has already accomplished the salvation of the world. Our task is to lead our communities into deeper communion with him. As Pope St John-Paul II reminded us, “The programme already exists... It has its centre in Christ himself, who is to be known, loved and imitated.”  
(Ecclesia de Eucharistia, 60)

With that assurance, over the coming year we will offer practical suggestions as to how Eucharist28 can take shape in your parish, school, or chaplaincy. These ideas will not be requirements but opportunities to foster renewal, strengthen community, and form a generation of believers grounded in the mystery of the Eucharist.

As a starting point, a range of resources - including our prayer card, reflection texts, short videos and long-form podcasts - can be accessed on the Eucharist29 website (Eucharist28.org).

The renewal of eucharist life in Australia will be shaped in a particular way by the faithful and creative leadership of our bishops, priests, deacons, religious and lay leaders.

We trust that this Leaders Introduction will serve as a companion as you discern how the Holy Spirit is calling your community too participate in this national journey of the Eucharistic Renewal.

### YEARLY EUCCHARISTIC THEMES 2026 - 2028

**Year One (2026) - Call to Prayer**  
A Mystery to be Encountered

**Year Two (2027) - Call to Worship**  
A Mystery to be Celebrated

**Year Three (2028) - Call to Mission**  
A Mystery to be Lived



**Interest Rate—3.65%**  
(eff 1/4/2026)  
For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website [www.dif.org.au](http://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%**



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



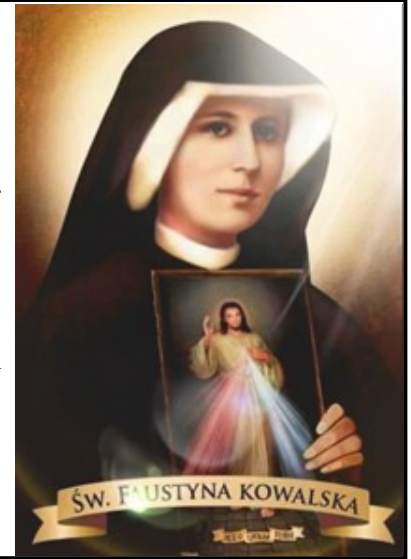
## DEVINE MERCY - SISTER FAUSTINA

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, also known as the Apostle of Divine Mercy, was a Polish Catholic religious sister and mystic.

She was born on August 25, 1905, in Glogowiec, Poland, and joined the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in 1925. Through her diary, she documented her visions and conversations with Jesus, which inspired the Catholic devotion to Divine Mercy.

Kowalska's life and work shed light on the mystery of Divine Mercy, which she believed was essential for attaining God's mercy.

She was canonized as a saint on April 30, 2000, and her tomb is located in the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Krakow, Poland. Her legacy continues to inspire and guide many in their faith journey.



### SAVE THE DATE

**Sunday 26 April**

**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of Goonellabah Carmel in 1966  
Special Mass at 10am**

Celebrated by Bishop Greg Homering ocd

*Refreshments after Mass*

*Items made by the Sisters available for purchase after Mass  
All welcome and please bring a friend  
to share this joyous day with us!*

### SAVE THE DATE

#### 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

#### WEEKLY

##### Reconciliation

Thursdays 5-5.20pm

#### UPCOMING DATES

##### Sr Berenice's Memorial Mass

St Carthage's Cathedral, 23 April 2026, 11am

### HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

#### WEEKLY MASSES

##### St Finbarr's, BYRON BAY

Friday 9.30am  
Saturday 6pm

##### St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am



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