



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 Luke 24:13-35

They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

19 April 2026

3rd Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33

Psalm Response

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

2nd Reading

1 Peter 1:17-21

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 24:13-35



Next weeks readings

4th Sunday of Easter, Year A

1st Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 36-41

Psalm Response

Psalm 22:1-6 Rv.1

2nd Reading

1 Peter 2:20-25

Gospel

John 10:1-10

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Brunswick Valley

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Our Churches

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

ROSTERS

23 & 26 April

O.L.O.L. 23 April
Lector: Michael S
Minister of
Communion: Sandra S

St John's 26 April
Lector: Katalina A
Minister of
Communion: Willy A

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)

BSB: 082 729

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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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Conference of St Vincent de Paul
Brunswick Heads

We would like to thank Parishioners and visitors for their most generous donations.

\$120 was received for our Christmas Appeal
and from July to December \$1087 was collected in the poor box.



Please Pray for:

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

May Walker, Harold Patrick Walker, Jack Walker, Mary Nicholson, Terry Godbee, Patricia Boyle, Frank, Vince & Betty Walker, Sharyn Leroy, Lenard & Claudine McNaught, Mary Walker, Leo Alidenes, Margaret 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.

Reflection

Companionable Breaking of Bread

This story is the story of each one of us at Mass. Each Mass is structured on the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

Two men set off on a journey of their own making. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course.

The traveller helps the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth by showing God's plan revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Liturgy of the Word, we hear Scriptures expounded, revealing more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home.

The traveller takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. In that moment of bread-sharing, the two men recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the privilege at every Mass of having our eyes opened so that we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

Alleluia!

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THANK YOU!



Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of St John's Parish, Mullumbimby/Brunswick Heads, for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world.

Together, your community helped to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

Donations are always welcome.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through 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.



Vocations view:

During April in the Mass, we celebrate the expansion of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. The good news of Jesus risen transforms lives. Is God calling you to be a minister of his Gospel as a deacon or priest to transform lives? Contact Vocations Lismore to consider your call.

voctions@lismore.catholic.org



This year marks 25 years of collecting valuable insights into long-term trends within the Catholic Church. (ACBC)

The Catholic Church in Australia is gearing up for a nationwide measure of Mass attendance. Source: *ACBC Media Blog*.

In May, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference's National Centre for Pastoral Research will conduct the 6th National Count of Attendance.

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%**

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Link to School Newsletter

Home - St John's Primary School Mullumbimby

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



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PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES/ENVELOPES

Please can you return your Project Compassion boxes/envelopes over the next two Sundays.

They can be left in the first collection box, thanking you!



Project Compassion Box

**25 April 2026
Anzac Day Mass
Saturday
9am**

**St Finbarr's
Catholic Church
Byron Bay**



Lest We Forget



SAVE THE DATE

Sunday 26 April

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

Celebrated by Bishop Greg Homeming 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!*



**10th Anniversary - 23 April 2026
Death of Bishop John Satterthwaite
Fourth Bishop of Lismore. (1928-2016)
May he rest in peace.**

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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