

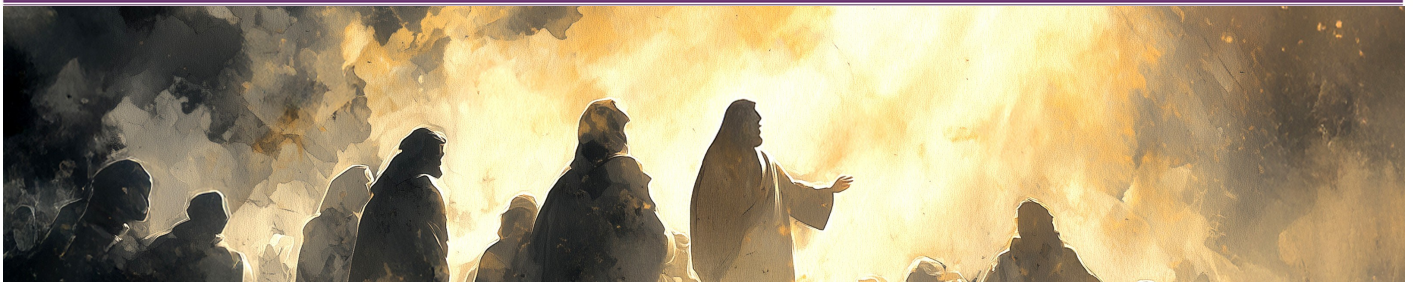


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

# 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 28:16-20

*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

## Reflection

*Where is the Body?*

Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ could have continued to appear to groups of followers, century after century – until now!

But, he didn't, because the disciples had to be weaned of his Risen-mode of appearance among them lest they think that the victory over Death is meant for human beings alone.

But, as St Paul says, the Risen Lord is the One who 'fills *all* creation' with His power radiating out from his Risen Humanity.

However, dis-appearance is not the same as absence. We believe that Our Risen Lord is present in many modes, including as St Paul says '... the *Church which is His Body*'.

That is why the figures in white rebuke the disciples: 'Why do you stand looking into Heaven?'

The Disciples had, rather, to ready themselves to be the Spirit-filled body of Jesus Christ in their own time and place. As we do.

We might pause for a moment to stop staring into Heaven, to ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit as at Pentecost in order to be 'The Church which *is His Body*'.

© Fr Michael Tate

17 May 2026

The Ascension of the Lord,  
Year A

**1st Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

**Psalm Response**

*God mounts his throne to shouts  
of joy: a blare of trumpets  
for the Lord.*

**2nd Reading**

Ephesians 1:17-23

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Go and teach all people my  
gospel. I am with you always,  
until the end of the world.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Matthew 28:16-20



**Next weeks readings**  
Pentecost Sunday, Year A

**1st Reading**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

**Psalm Response**

Psalm 103:1, 24, 29-31, 34 Rv.30

**2nd Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

**Gospel**

John 20:19-23

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**Our Churches**

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

**ROSTERS**

**21 & 24 May**

<b>O.L.O.L.</b>	<b>21 May</b>
Lector:	Nicci N
Minister of Communion:	Michael S
<b>St John's</b>	<b>24 May</b>
Lector:	Vivianne P
Minister of Communion:	Anna A

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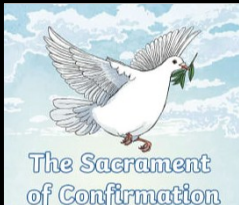
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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.*  
*Fr David Gilbey*

  
Thank you



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

To Parishioners who desire their children to receive the  
**Sacrament of Confirmation** on 1 July 2026 in the St John's Parish,  
please contact the Parish office (Charmaine) by 1 June 2026 on 02 6684 2106  
or email [mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au).

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**CARITAS AUSTRALIA - PROJECT COMPASSION**

Thank you once again for your incredible support of Caritas Australia's  
Project Compassion 2026! The generosity of St John's Catholic Parish  
will help to transform lives, creating a world where everyone has the tools  
they need to face poverty, injustice and disaster - and where no one gets left behind.  
***St John's Catholic Parish collected \$990.25, congratulations!!***



**Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**

Pamela Lewthwaite, Shirley Cairns, Barbara Finnigan, Colleen McNeilly.

**Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

May Walker, Harold Patrick Walker, Jack Walker, Mary Nicholson, Terry Godbee, Sharyn Leroy,  
Lenard & Claudine McNaught, Mary Walker, Leo Alidenes, Vi & Margaret Walker,  
Vincent Nicholson, Peter Nicholls, Nell Sawtell.

**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 - May**

**Frs:** +John Joseph Carroll **Second Bishop of Lismore**, Denis Mullins, William John Power,  
Charles John Smith, Thomas O'Byrne, Richard Henry Williams, Robert Allen Kennedy, John Walsh,  
Charles O'Gallagher, +Patrick Joseph Farrelly **Third Bishop of Lismore**, Arthur Andrew Daley,  
Peter Michael Karam.



## BAPTISM

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH - BRUNSWICK HEADS

*“Welcome Eden Cooper Storey to the St John’s Community”*

Eden is the daughter of Jacob Storey and was baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brunswick Heads on Thursday 7 May.  
*Congratulations!*

**Saturday 23rd May**

**10:30 – 3:00**

Upper room, Parish Admin  
Cherry St, BALLINA

Morning / Afternoon tea  
provided

Please bring lunch to share

Presented by  
Catholic  
Charismatic Renewal



**CELEBRATE  
PENTECOST  
EVE**

**Planned Program**

10:30 The Holy Spirit & the Church  
(Points from the Catechism  
of the Catholic Church)

11:30 Celebrate the Birthday of  
the Church

12:00 The Holy Spirit and my life

1:00 Lunch to share

2:00 Healing Mass  
(at St Francis Xavier Church)

3:00 Afternoon Tea to follow

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### MASS OF ANOINTING MORNING TEA

**Wednesday 3 June - 10am**

**Our Lady of Lourdes  
Church,  
Brunswick Heads**

MORNING TEA will be held in Our Lady of  
Lourdes Church following the Mass of Anointing.

### May 2026 Vocations view:

Do you know a Catholic man, aged between 18-35,  
whom God may be calling to the priesthood?  
Perhaps God is asking you to be the voice to prompt  
that man to consider the quiet whisper he already  
hears in his heart.

Ask someone if they have considered the call.

**[vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au)**



**IMPORTANT  
FOR MAY**

**Over the next 4 weekends in May we may ask  
you a couple of questions for the data collection,  
we thank you in advance for participating.  
With thanks Charmaine (Parish Secretary).**

**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%**

The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass and  
Other (Sunday) Assemblies will take place in May  
2026. This year marks a significant milestone - 25  
years of national attendance data, beginning  
with the first count in 2001.

The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into  
long-term trends, particularly in understanding the  
ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which  
influenced attendance patterns in 2021.



**A Reflection on Mother's Day at St John's Primary School**

Following a beautiful Mother's Day weekend, the community at **St John's Primary School** this week continued reflecting with deep gratitude on the gift of motherhood and the nurturing spirit that defines our school.

Last Friday, our campus was filled with joy as we held our annual Mother's Day celebrations. It was a wonderful occasion that truly captured the heart of our community, providing a warm and welcoming space for families to gather, pray, and celebrate together.

In a Catholic school, we are constantly inspired by the example of **Mary, our Mother**, and her life of service, strength, and devotion. Throughout our celebrations, that same spirit was visible in the women of our community.

Whether celebrating as mothers, grandmothers, or aunts, or providing that vital "mothering" presence to the students in their care, their influence is profound. These women nurture our students with a patience and grace that mirrors the unconditional love we honoured over the weekend.

A very special thank you goes to **Ellie and Courtney** for leading the way in organising Friday's events. Their hard work and thoughtful planning ensured the day was a great success. We are so grateful for the energy and care they poured into making the occasion so meaningful for our students and their families.

As we move into the week ahead, we share this prayer of thanks for all the women who guide and inspire us:

*"Lord, we thank you for the gift of the women in our community. We ask that the joy and blessings of Mother's Day remain with them, renewing their spirits as they continue to nurture and lead our children in faith."*

We remain deeply grateful for the love these women bring to our school family every single day.

**God bless, Dave Bermingham - Principal, St John's Primary School**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**MONTHLY**

**Sunday Morning Tea**

1st Sunday  
St John's Church,  
Mullumbimby, after Mass

**Coffee Club**

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Church  
Brunswick Heads

**UPCOMING DATES**

**Mass of Anointing**

Wednesday 3 June 10am

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

**Confirmation Practice**

Thursday 25 June 4pm

St John's Church

**Confirmation Sacrament**

Wednesday 1 July 5pm

St John's Church

**St John's Bush Dance**  
Friday 22 May  
5-8.30pm



**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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