



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 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

Reflection

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary. Tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

Once again we gather together for one reason, only to discover that God has gathered us for another. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. Through the Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are resolved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst.

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24 May 2026

Pentecost Sunday, Year A

1st Reading

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Psalm Response

*Lord, send out your Spirit and
renew the face of the earth.*

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 20:19-23



Next weeks readings

The Most Holy Trinity, Year A

1st Reading

Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9

Psalm Response

Psalm Dn 3:52-56 Rv.52

2nd Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel

John 3:16-18

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Brunswick Valley

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Our Churches

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

ROSTERS

28 & 31 May

O.L.O.L. 28 May
Lector: Mark R
Minister of
Communion: Lisa R

St John's 31 May
Lector: Gemma B
Minister of
Communion: Silvana S

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

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

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


Thank you

BAPTISMS AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH - SUNDAY 24 MAY - AT MASS

Baptism is a sacrament that signifies spiritual rebirth, forgiveness of sins, and initiation in the Christian community, marking the beginning of a person's journey in faith.

Angus B and Timothy P will be presented with their Baptism candle this Sunday.

The candle represents the light of Christ, guiding the newly baptised on their faith journey.

The candle's white wax symbolises the purity of Christ, while the wick signifies His humanity and flame represents His divine nature. The baptismal candle is lit from the Easter Candle, symbolizing the risen Jesus as the light of the world.

Additionally, it serves as a reminder for the baptised to keep the flame of faith burning throughout their lives.



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.

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.



MacKillop Family Group

All parishioners (and friends!) are invited to join the members of the MacKillop Family Group for breakfast or coffee at the Main Arm Store after Mass next **Sunday 31 May** (arrive 9:15am).

Come along and enjoy some good food, coffee and friendship with us!

Text or phone Pam 0450 150 439 so we can give the store an idea of numbers.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES COMMUNION SERVICE

On Thursday 28 May there will be a Communion Service at 5.30pm in Lieu of Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brunswick Heads as Fr David will be absent.

Fr David Gilbey



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Online Information Session

Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses
Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST)

Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot, Registrar

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MASS OF ANOINTING MORNING TEA

Wednesday 3 June - 10am

**St John's Church,
Mullumbimby**

CHANGE OF VENUE - back to St John's!!
MORNING TEA will be held at St John's 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



2026 National Count of Attendance

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING

This week is our final week for the National Count of Attendance.

The final week will be the age of people attending Mass; to make a softer approach we will ask for people to stand in a certain age range, this collection of data is important and again thank you!

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 or contact us on 1800 802 516



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We advise that effective **1 April 2026**, the interest rate on DIF investments will change to **3.65%**



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

🎵 Celebrating Music in Our School Community



We are delighted to share that the **Music in Schools** program has officially returned to St John's Primary School for Term 2! Lessons commenced this past Tuesday, and our school is once again filled with the wonderful sounds of our students learning and creating.

This fantastic program is made possible through our valued, long-standing partnership with the **Northern Rivers Conservatorium (NRCAC)**. We are incredibly fortunate to welcome back their highly experienced tutor, **Michele Salaris**, who brings a wealth of passion and musical expertise to our students each week.

At St John's, we deeply value the role that creative arts play in fostering a vibrant, well-rounded community. This collaboration with the Conservatorium not only enriches our school curriculum but also provides our children with high-quality musical education right here on our campus.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the team at the Northern Rivers Conservatorium for their ongoing dedication to our school, and we look forward to a beautiful, melody-filled term ahead. Please keep our young musicians in your prayers as they develop their talents and share their gifts with our community!

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

BISHOPS HOST ECUMENICAL PRAYER GATHERING

Last week Bishop Greg Homeming delivered a homily ecumenical worship service at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in Sydney, as part of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference May plenary program. In it, Bishop Greg called for "love and God" in a world of madness:

"We are at a time in the world where we could all say with him 'madness, madness'. You don't have to look very far. It is everywhere. Anyone who can think 'I can make peace by bombing people until they're totally obliterated' – that is absolute madness. We are called to experience the darkness and in that darkness be light. And what does that mean for us? We gather together this evening because we all have one thing in common – we have Jesus Christ and he's the light that has come into the darkness. I think at this time more than ever this is something which we must take to heart because in the midst of a world full of madness there are only two possibilities given to us. The first is we must look to God, and for us that means look to Jesus Christ to walk with him and stand with him. And the other thing which madness calls forth through us is love. Two things: God and love."

You can read the full article on the [Diocese of Lismore website](#).



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

MacKillop Family Group Mass of Anointing

Sunday 31 May after Mass
Wednesday 3 June 10am
Main Arm Store-arrive 9.15am
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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