



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 10:26-33

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

Reflection

'The Church,' Pope Leo explains, 'journeys through this earthly history always looking towards her final destination, which is the heavenly homeland.' This is the measure of who we are and what we do as Christians.

Sometimes we can become 'too focused on what is immediately visible', the Pope says, worrying about how the Church looks rather than what it does. At such times, the Pope intimates, we need reminding that the Church exists as 'God's people journeying through history, which has the Kingdom of God as the purpose of all her action.'

The Church, the Pope explains, 'lives in history in the service of the coming of the Kingdom of God in the world.'

This means that the Church is called to be 'the sign and instrument of that fullness of life and peace promoted by God.' We walk through time as 'guardian of a hope that enlightens the path', the Pope says. We are 'invested with the mission of speaking clearly to reject everything that mortifies life and prevents its development.'

Therefore, we must always 'take a position in favour of the poor, the exploited, the victims of violence and war, and all those who suffer in body and in spirit,' the Pope declares. The Church, he reminds us, 'does not proclaim herself.' Rather, 'everything within her must point to salvation in Christ.'

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21 June 2026

**12th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Psalm Response

*Lord, in your great love,
answer me.*

2nd Reading

Romans 5:12-15

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 10:26-33



Next weeks readings

**13th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading

2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

Psalm Response

Psalm 88:2-3, 16-19 Rv.2

2nd Reading

Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel

Matthew 10:37-42

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Our Churches

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

ROSTERS

25 & 28 June

O.L.O.L. 25 June

Lector: Lisa R

Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 28 June

Lector: Gemma B

Minister of
Communion: Joe B

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

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

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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

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION
ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

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


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ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL - ST JOHN'S CONFERENCE, MULLUMBIMBY

St John's Conference, Mullumbimby SVDP Winter Appeal 2026 will be held on **Sunday 21 June**. Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. If you can contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please use the envelope on your seat - fill out and place on the collection box or to your Vinnies Member, Silvana, Vivianne, or Olga. *Thank you!*



ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL - OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONFERENCE, BRUNSWICK HEADS

Our Lady of Lourdes Conference, Brunswick Heads SVDP Winter Appeal 2026 will be held on **Thursdays 18 & 25 June**. Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. If you can contribute to the Vinnies Winter Appeal, please use the envelope on your seat - fill out and place on the collection box or to your Vinnies Member. *Thank you!*

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Jim Willmington, Joan Towner.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Sharyn Leroy, Lenard & Claudine McNaught, Mary Walker, Vincent Nicholson,
Peter Nicholls, Nell Sawtell, Barrie & Viva Walker.

As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need: Olga Fischer.

(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 - June

Frs: +Jeremiah Joseph Doyle *First Bishop of Lismore*, Patrick O'Mahoney, Edward M O'Brien,
Charles Casey, Bernard Kenny, Joseph Ahern, Patrick Carey, Eamon Philip Leonard,
Patrick William Duggan, Patrick Ahern, Edward Galavan, Michael Leonard Brady,
James Anthony Hoade, Paul Rex Brown.



CONFIRMATION

Practice 25 June at 4pm - St John's Church, Mullumbimby
Confirmation Sacrament 1 July at 5pm - St John's Church, Mullumbimby

We are preparing our candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
Let us keep our candidates and their families in our prayers in the coming weeks, that they may always feel the presence of Christ guiding and strengthening them.



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

On **5 July 2026**, Catholic communities across Australia are invited to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday - a sacred moment to give thanks for the enduring faith, culture, and spiritual wisdom of our First Nations sisters and brothers. This year carries special meaning as we mark 40 years since Saint Pope Paul II stood on Country in Alice Springs.

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

In his message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Leo XIV said it is **“never too late” to turn towards God**. The Vatican published the Pope’s message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which this year will be celebrated on **July 26** with the theme **“I Will Never Forget You”**. Reflecting on this theme, taken from a verse of the book of the prophet Isaiah, Pope emphasised that “these are words that fill us with comfort and hope.” He recalled the “painful feeling of being forgotten,” something shared by many people, especially the elderly. In the face of this sense of abandonment, Pope Leo recalled that God’s love, which “forgets no one,” is also “an act of justice and a response to the anonymity in which human life all too often ends up lost.” The pontiff turned his attention to elderly people who have been forgotten and who live in homes “where loneliness reigns” or in care facilities “where each person’s uniqueness risks being reduced to a bed number or an illness”. He proposed the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly as an opportunity “to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all and that at any age it is always possible to recognise ourselves as sons and daughters of God.” He also invited this day to be “an inspiration for everyone, especially the young, to revive the beautiful custom of visiting their grandparents, the elderly members of the family, and even those who have no one to visit them.” Leo said the Church “understands the suffering of her elderly members; she knows full well that they are all too often viewed through the lens of stereotypes and considered a burden”. He noted in particular the weakening of family ties and the abandonment of many elderly people by children forced to migrate or to fight in wars. He said the final stage of life “can become the right time to begin or resume a spiritual life” and to encounter God anew. The Pope invited the elderly “not to feel embarrassed by the fragility that emerges” and to recognise that “we are always in need of one another and in need of attention and care.”



Pope Leo XIV with an elderly woman at a general audience.

AMATORI CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Director: Ian Knowles

BACH: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4
RESPIGHI: Adoration of the Magi
HASSE: Requiem in Bb
songs by Dvorak, Rachmaninov

Saturday June 27 @ 3pm
St. John's School, Mullumbimby
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMRLZ>

Sunday June 28 @ 3pm
The Music Estuary, Ballina
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMRMH>

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children : free



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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Proclaim Lismore Staff Spirituality Day 2026

Our staff recently gathered for **2026 Proclaim Staff Spirituality Day**.

The theme for this year, **'Keep the Light Shining,'** challenged us to reflect on our roles as educators in a Catholic school and to view our work as a true Ministry of the Church.

Throughout the day, staff engaged with thought-provoking presentations from Gary Reen (Executive General Manager, Mission Services), Bishop Greg, and keynote speaker Professor Br David Hall. Together, we explored how we can build a "Civilisation of Love" and ensure our school remains a hope-filled community anchored in the Gospel. It was a wonderful day of deep reflection, connection, and renewal as we look toward future planning for our school's Catholic Identity and Mission.

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

On Monday this week, our school community went to the Cavanbah Centre in Byron Bay for our annual Interhouse Athletics Carnival. It was a fantastic day filled with high energy, team spirit, and outstanding participation across all houses.

A massive thank you to our Leaders of Sport, **Felicity Gruft** and **Courtney Hall**, for their exceptional organisation and leadership in making the day such a huge success. Thank you also to all the staff, students, and parents who cheered, competed, and supported the event!

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

SAVE THE DATE

MONTHLY

Sunday Morning Tea

1st Sunday after Mass
St John's Church
Mullumbimby

Coffee Club

2nd Wednesday 10.30am
Ex Services Club
Mullumbimby

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

Confirmation Practice Thursday 25 June 4pm

Confirmation Sacrament Wednesday 1 July 5pm

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

St John's Church

St John's Church

Sunday, 5 July

Sunday, 26 July

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Whole School Mass

Friday 19 June 2026 - 11.30am
Stage 1 leading the Mass
All are welcome to attend.

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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