



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 14:13-21

***They all ate and were satisfied.***

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

## Reflection

Jesus did not ask the crowds for identification before he fed them. He encountered need and responded generously.

Pope Leo comments on how 'Catholics are called to imbue every dimension of their existence with the charity of Christ.' As the Pope noted, 'living out the Gospel in the circumstances of daily life ... has given rise to the many benefits that the Church has provided over the years.' Advances in education, welfare, healthcare, and so on, all flow from this straightforward principle.

But none of this is done for Catholics alone. Living out the Gospel means truly seeing that every person is 'endowed with an inherent worth that calls for reverence, protection and care.' As the Pope reminds us, we all have a part to play in 'building a society in which the vulnerable, the suffering and the forgotten are always met with compassion, solidarity and love.' They do not need to be Christian before they can be helped.

This, the Pope adds, especially 'includes welcoming, protecting and assisting immigrants' who help build up the nations in which we live. 'To receive them with compassion and generosity is not only an act of charity,' he points out, 'but also a recognition of the dignity that belongs to every human person.'

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**2 August 2026**

**18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY  
TIME, Year A**

**1st Reading**  
Isaiah 55:1-3

**Psalm Response**  
*The hand of the Lord feeds us:  
he answers all our needs.*

**2nd Reading**  
Romans 8:35, 37-39

**Gospel Acclamation**  
*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes  
from the mouth of God.  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**  
Matthew 14:13-21



## Next weeks readings

**19th SUNDAY in ORDINARY  
TIME, Year A**

**1st Reading**  
1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

**Psalm Response**  
Psalm 84:9-14 Rv.8

**2nd Reading**  
Romans 9:1-5

**Gospel**  
Matthew 14:22-33

## **St John's Catholic Parish** **Brunswick Valley**

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### **Office hours**

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Wednesday 8.30-5pm

### **Parish Secretary**

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### **Parish School**

St John's Primary School

### **Principal**

Dave Birmingham

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### **Our Churches**

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

## **ROSTERS**

### **6 & 9 August**

#### **O.L.O.L.**

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

#### **St John's**

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

#### **6 August**

Lisa R

Mark R

#### **9 August**

Paul B

Joe B

### **BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE**

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

## **PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION** **ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT**

**Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance**

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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey*

  
*Thank you*



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

We collected **\$250 for the Winter Appeal**, we would like to thank everyone who donated!

*Very much appreciated, you made a difference!*



## **SUNDAY MORNING TEA**

Our next morning tea is on **Sunday 2 August**  
following 8am Mass at St John's Church, Mullumbimby.

*All Welcome, feel free to bring a plate.*



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Brunswick Valley

## **NAME BADGES**

All parishioners are encouraged to wear name badges to  
Mass and parish functions.

If you would like a badge please fill in the sheet at the back of the church.

The badges are magnetic so they don't harm your clothes.

*Thank you!*

## **Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:**

Scott Mills, Jim Mangleson.

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

Sister Carthage Kelly, Barrington Pheloung.

**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 - August**

**Frs:** John Relihan, Thomas Walsh, Brian Scott, William O'Hare, Martin Battle, William Sullivan, Charles Edward Maguire, William Joseph Giessen, Thomas King, James Henderson, James Ryan, William Vincent Ryan, Thomas O'Regan Jnr, John Buckley, Vincent Doyle, Thomas Joseph Morris.

## AUGUST VOCATIONS Is God calling you?

Are you ready, to say, "Speak Lord, your servant is listening," and to begin listening to know if God may be calling you to be a priest, deacon or religious? To begin that journey of discernment contact the Director of Vocations Lismore.  
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### (Continued from back page) ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

- 1. Online:** Fill out our quick online request form: **BRICK REQUEST** (use link in email) or go to the St John's Primary school newsletter <https://www.mbyplism.catholic.edu.au> to order.
- 2. Phone:** Call the St John's school office directly on **6684 2386** and our staff will be happy to put one aside for you.



Thank you to Father David and the entire parish community for your ongoing prayers, support, and patience as we navigate these exciting changes. We look forward to keeping you updated as our new facilities take shape!

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

## Be **Fierce** for **Fair**

### Feast of Saint Mary MacKillop

8 August

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## ROSARY TEAM MEETING



The monthly meeting of the Rosary Team will be held at the home of Pat Plater, Cnr Train and Station Streets, Mullumbimby on **Saturday 8 August at 9:30 am**.

This month's reflection is on Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15.

"God had called us to proclaim the good news"

New members are always welcome

Enquiries phone Pat 6684 1436

## ST VINCENT'S HOSPITAL LISMORE PAST NURSES ANNUAL REUNION

*Saturday 29 August*



Mass 10.30am - SVH Dalley St. LISMORE Chapel

Lunch 12md Lismore Heights Bowling Club

RSVP 16th August - **Leslie B 0419489763**

### MARY MACKILLOP

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TODAY and all days,

May we be imbued with your gifts of:

**Tenacity** to continue the good we are doing.

**Optimism** working with hope for the future.

**Dedication** so that we don't give up easily.

**Appreciation** for the wonders of earth & her people.

**Yes** - to be fierce for fair!

Amen.

*Prayer by Mary Hilton*



### Safeguarding Office



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## ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### A New Chapter Begins at St John's: Faith, History, and Upgrades Underway



Dear Parishioners,

As many of you may have noticed, our long-awaited school capital works upgrades are officially underway! The demolition team arrived early on-site to begin removing the old infants classroom building, making way for modern new facilities that will serve our students and parish family for generations to come.

Watching the heavy machinery begin its work was a deeply moving experience. Standing on the grounds, it was impossible not to reflect on the immense significance of that building. Within those four classroom walls, decades of faith, learning, and community connection took root. So many of our parishioners, their children, and their grandchildren grew up within that space. Saying goodbye naturally carries a touch of nostalgia, but it comes alongside a deep gratitude for the solid foundation laid by those who came before us.

The demolition also brought a couple of wonderful, historical surprises that remind us of our rich heritage:

- **The 1950s Copper Crosses:** On a last-minute request, we asked the site manager if the demolition team could carefully salvage the crosses from the top of the building. We had always assumed they were painted wood, so it was a delightful surprise to discover they are actually made of solid 1950s copper! We look forward to restoring them so they can be proudly displayed in our school community once again.
- **Hidden History on the Foundation Stone:** When the original 1950s foundation stone was carefully removed, we discovered hidden inscriptions carved into the back, a true time capsule! It listed the name of the Parish Priest at the time, alongside the original tradesmen who built the building.

Our current students have also found the process fascinating, treating the construction as an unexpected real-world classroom! They have loved watching the team carefully separate materials into distinct timber, scrap metal, and brick piles so they can all be upcycled and reused.

#### Request a Commemorative Brick

We know how much history this building holds for our broader parish family. To honour these memories, we have arranged to save a number of the original bricks. If you would like to keep a commemorative brick as a memento, you can request one in two easy ways:

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### 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

##### Sunday Morning Tea

##### Rosary Team Meeting

##### Coffee Club

After Mass St John's Church Sunday 2 August  
9.30am (details in Bulletin) Saturday 8 August  
10.30am Ex Services Club Wednesday 12 August  
Mullumbimby

#### Interest Rate - 4.15% (eff 01.08.2026)

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



#### 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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