



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 13:1-9

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Reflection

The readings for this Sunday call us to self-examination. The gospel describes various levels of receptivity, the willingness to allow ourselves to receive from another, to be influenced by another, perhaps even to be transformed. The more independent we are, the less likely we will be open to others and, consequently, less receptive to their ideas. By definition disciples are receptive to the one they follow. To be a disciple of Jesus requires receptivity, so it is important that we scrutinise ourselves to discover the extent to which we are open. To what should we be receptive? To the words of Scripture, the words of the liturgy, the words of the sacraments, the living tradition of the community. God's word is sown in many forms and under many guises. It makes little difference who sows the seed. How will we receive it?

Besides the word of God, the readings speak of the world of God. The people of biblical times were aware of the revelation of God in and through the natural world. Isaiah teaches about the effectiveness of the word of God through the metaphor of rain. The psalmist uses the natural world to describe God's work of salvation. Paul claims that eschatological fulfilment will include all of creation. Finally, Jesus' parables are rooted in stories about nature. We cannot afford to close our eyes to the needs of the natural world, or stop our ears to the cries of the earth, or harden our hearts to the world of which we are a part, for the word of God will accomplish the end for which God sent it.

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12 July 2026

15th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:10-11

Psalm Response

*The seed that falls on good
ground will yield a fruitful
harvest.*

2nd Reading

Romans 8:18-23

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God,
Christ is the sower; all who come
to him will live forever.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9



Next weeks readings

16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Psalm Response

Psalm 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 Rv.5

2nd Reading

Romans 8:26-27

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30

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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

16 & 19 July

O.L.O.L. 16 July
Lector: Mark R
Minister of
Communion: Lisa R

St John's 19 July
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)

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


Thank you



ROSARY TEAM PRAYER MEETING

This month's Rosary Team prayer meeting will be held at the home of Pam Lang,
325 Myocum Road, Myocum on Saturday, 11 July at 9:30am.

This month's scripture reflection is from Matthew 28 :16-20
"Behold I am with you always until the end of the age".

All welcome. Enquiries phone Pam 0450 150 439.



**ST VINNIES POOR BOX - ST JOHN'S CONFERENCE,
MULLUMBIMBY**

Every day at Vinnies, we see that ordinary people are able to make an
extraordinary difference in their local communities.

We collected **\$1173.20** for the **Poor Box**, we would like to thank everyone who donated!

Very much appreciated, you made a difference!



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Scott Mills, Marie Cook, Jim Mangleson, Joan Towner, Frank Hannigan.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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 - July

Frs: Patrick Cregan, John Ridgway Roger, +Terence Bernard McGuire *Archbishop Canberra-Goulburn*,
William Reade, Patrick M Ryan, Bede Francis Parker, Adrian Patrick Curran, Thomas Mahon,
Vincent John Ryan, Patrick McCambridge, Felix Schurr, James Prendergast, John Kelly,
Charles Collingridge, Owen Francis Daley, Thomas McEvoy.

MACKILLOP FAMILY GROUP

Our next gathering will be lunch at the **Lennox Head Hotel at 12 noon** this **Sunday 12 July**.

Parishioners and friends will be made most welcome.

Come and join us for a lovely lunch overlooking the ocean!

Numbers required so phone Silvana: 0414 315 939.

Name Badges

So that we can be a more welcoming community, all parishioners are encouraged to wear their name badges. The wearing of a name tag welcome newcomers, invites casual conversation, eliminates the awkwardness of forgetting a name and assists the volunteers and the priest.

For those who do not currently have a badge there is a sheet to complete on the back table of each church.

"I have called you by name, you are mine" Isaiah 43:1.



Eucharist28 Update – This is My Body, Given For You

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to eucharist28.org/resources.



SPECIAL MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

**Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah,
on Thursday, 16th July, at 10:00 am.**

**There will be an opportunity for
enrolment in the Brown Scapular.**

*All welcome.
Thank you, Sr Maria.*

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



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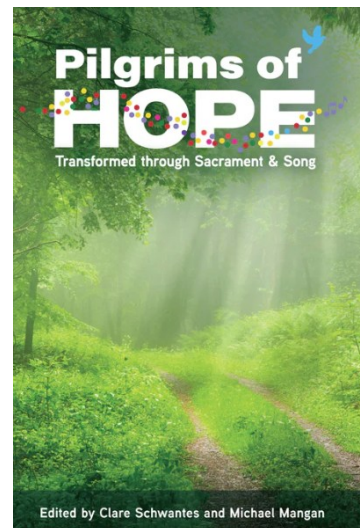
This collection offers inspiration, practical wisdom and theological insight for parishes, schools, musicians, clergy, liturgy teams and all involved in the Church's worship.

With a limited print run, we encourage you to order your copy soon.

Please see the flyer in our churches for further details.

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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

Rosary Team Meeting	Saturday, 11 July 9.30am	325 Myocum Road, Myocum
MacKillop Family Group	Sunday, 12 July 12 noon	Lennox Head Hotel
Special Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Mount Carmel		Details in Bulletin
World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly	Sunday, 26 July	
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Saturday, 15 August	
Mass of Anointing	Wednesday, 2 September	St John's Church

Interest Rate - 3.90%

(eff 1/6/2026)

For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website 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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