

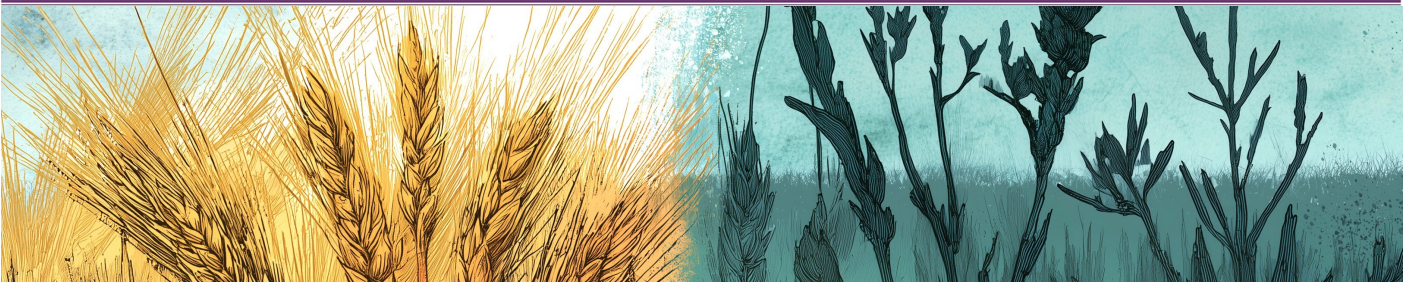


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

# 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 13:24-30

*Let them grow together until the harvest.*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed dandel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the dandel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the dandel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the dandel you might pull up the wheat with it.

Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the dandel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

## Reflection

*When words fail.*

One loves someone so much – a child, a parent, a spouse or partner – yet when one tries to pray for that person the words seem only a pale shadow of the intensity of feeling and total love one feels. Stop! Simply put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

One's heart is breaking with grief for someone close who is very ill or dying. Or one feels a terrible anxiety or anguish. Words don't come easily even though one wants to pray. Stop! Put the person or situation before God and say nothing. The Holy Spirit will express our heartfelt prayer for us.

Perhaps accentuated by the constant messaging of social media, when trying to pray we can get anxious when there is a lull in the noise and no words come.

We could pause for a moment to relax and to allow the Spirit to express our plea in a way which could never be put into words.

© Rev Prof Michael Tate

**19 July 2026**

**16th SUNDAY in ORDINARY  
TIME, Year A**

**1st Reading**

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

**Psalm Response**

*Lord, you are good  
and forgiving.*

**2nd Reading**

Romans 8:26-27

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of  
heaven and earth; you have  
revealed to little ones the  
mysteries of the kingdom.

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**

Matthew 13:24-30



**Next weeks readings**

**17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY  
TIME, Year A**

**1st Reading**

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

**Psalm Response**

Psalm 118:57, 72, 76-77,  
127-130 Rv.97

**2nd Reading**

Romans 8:28-30

**Gospel**

Matthew 13:44-46

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**Our Churches**

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

**ROSTERS**

**23 & 26 July**

**O.L.O.L. 23 July**

Lector: Michael S

Minister of

Communion: Sandra S

**St John's 26 July**

Lector: Anna A

Minister of

Communion: Pam L

**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**

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

**Option 2: Church Collection Plate**

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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey*

  
*Thank you*

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**PLATINUM (70) & GOLDEN JUBILEE (50)**  
**PRIESTLY ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY OF**

*Father John Dacey &*

*Father Colin Reinhard*

**SATURDAY, 29 AUGUST 2026**

**11AM MASS**

Mary Help of Christian's Catholic Church

Corner of Fourth Avenue & East Street, Sawtell NSW

Light refreshments will be served afterwards

in the annexe of the Church.

Please RSVP by 21 August to the Sawtell Parish 6658 3544

Email: [admin@mhocsawtell.org.au](mailto:admin@mhocsawtell.org.au)



**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.

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IGNITE CONFERENCE 26



## IGNITE CONFERENCE BRISBANE 2026

**24–27 September** | St Laurence's College, Brisbane

A national Catholic youth conference for high school students, young adults, and leaders.

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Free transport available (limited places)

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Scan the QR code to express interest

***Expressions of Interest close Friday 7 August***

## SAINT OF THE WEEK

### SAINT MARY OF MAGDALENE



St Mary of Magdalene was a disciple of Christ who was healed by him when he cast out seven devils. She stood at the front of the cross as Jesus died, and went to the tomb to anoint his body on the morning of Easter Sunday. She was the first witness to Jesus' resurrection when she found his tomb empty. In St Mark's Gospel, it is Mary Magdalene to whom the risen Jesus first appears and further too this, in St John's account, Jesus gives her a message to pass on to his brethren. Since the time of Pope Gregory the Great, a tradition in the Western church arose that identified Mary Magdalene as the unnamed sinner who anointed Christ's feet, and Mary of Bethany, the sister of Martha and Lazarus. But since 1969 the new roman calendar has rejected this belief entirely. (*Feast Day – 22 July*)

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

St John's Conference, Mullumbimby SVDP Winter Appeal 2026 will be taking the last of the collections this week.

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!*

### Safeguarding Office



The Safeguarding Office is available to;



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# ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



School Holidays



## PROJECT COMPASSION

### Certificate of Appreciation

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Mullumbimby Catholic Parish

♥ Thank you ♥

Your generosity during Project Compassion this year will support our neighbours worldwide, empowering the most vulnerable people to build a just future for themselves, their families and communities.

*Kirsten Syers*

Caritas Australia  
Chief Executive Officer



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AGAINST  
POVERTY**  
this Lent

### 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

**World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly**  
**Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop**  
**The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**Mass of Anointing** Wednesday, 2 September

Sunday, 26 July  
Saturday, 8 August  
Saturday, 15 August  
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](http://www.dif.org.au) or contact us on 1800 802 516



### HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH

#### WEEKLY MASSES

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Friday 9.30am

Saturday 6pm

**St Kevin's, BANGALOW**

Sunday 9.30am



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