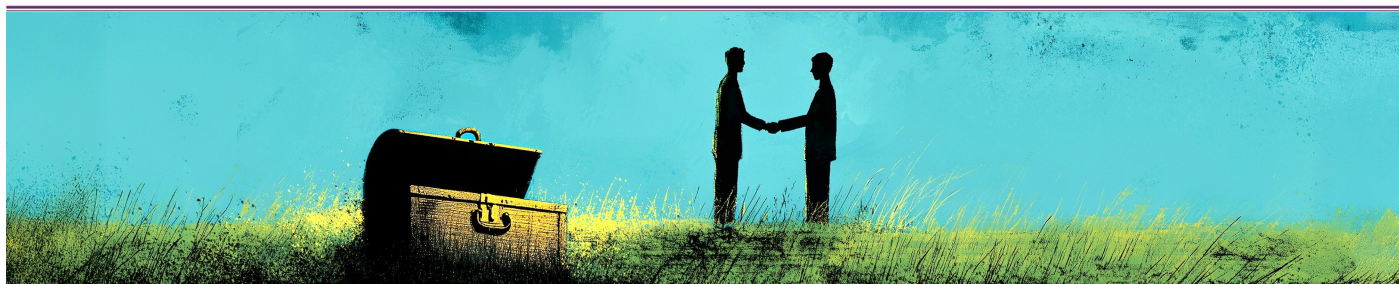


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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 13:44-46

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

Reflection

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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**"I will not forget you" (Isaiah 49:15)
Pope Leo's theme for Sixth World Day of
Grandparents and the Elderly,
Sunday 26 July.**

26 July 2026

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

1st Reading

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Psalm Response

Lord, I love your commands.

2nd Reading

Romans 8:28-30

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 13:44-46



Next weeks readings

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

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:1-3

Psalm Response

Psalm 144:8-9, 15-18 Rv.16

2nd Reading

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Gospel

Matthew 14:13-21

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

30 July & 2 August

O.L.O.L.

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

St John's

Lector:

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Communion:

30 July

Frances G

Carolyn S

2 August

Ellie B

Vivianne P

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Please send in any notices or
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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


Thank you



The Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 26 July 2026

If you would like to celebrate World Day for
Grandparents and the Elderly within community,
you will find resources from *earlier years* and a brief
explanation of this year's theme -

'I will never forget you' (Is 49:15) - at the
[Vatican Dicastery Website](http://www.vatican.va/dicastery/website/).

For current, Australian resources, the Archdiocese of
Brisbane has generously created and made available
resources for this years

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly at

<https://archdiocesanministries.org.au/world-day-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly/>

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

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

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Maria Alidenes, Nell Sawtell, Barrie & Viva Walker.

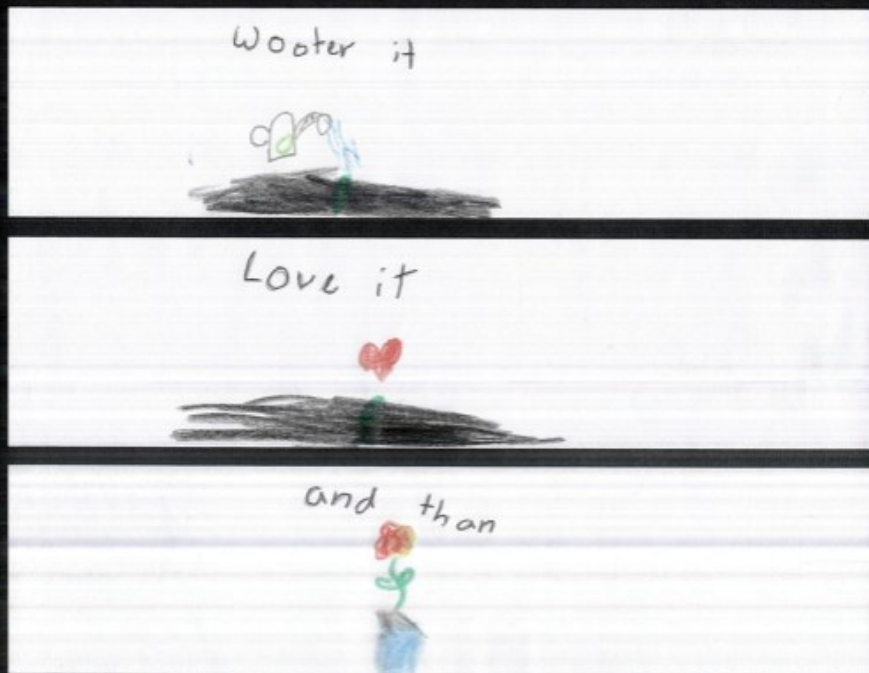
As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need: Olga Fischer.

(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.

**The Word of God is like seed that needs good soil.
How can we be like good soil for this seed?**



*A drawing from a child
that attended Mass at
St John's, Mullumbimby.*

*I thought this was so
beautiful that I wanted
to share with you all.*

*Parish Secretary,
Charmaine.*



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.



LAUNCH OF CATHOLIC YOUTH LISMORE

This week, the Diocese launches Catholic Youth Lismore, a new initiative of the Diocesan Youth Council designed to strengthen, unite, and grow youth ministry across the Diocese. The initiative responds to young people's desire for belonging, connection, and opportunities to encounter Christ and His Church.

Catholic Youth Lismore provides a shared identity for parish and diocesan youth ministry while allowing local groups to continue operating as they do now. The initiative will connect young people through diocesan events, ministry opportunities, and online engagement.

Young people, parishes, and schools can connect with Catholic Youth Lismore on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube by searching
@CatholicYouthLismore.

Scan the QR Code to learn more about this new initiative.



Scan to learn more

Mary MacKillop's Feast Day

Celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop
Walk with Mary in Hope and Wonder – Online Novena
30 July – 7 August | 7:30–8:00pm (AEST) | Via Zoom
Wherever you are, you're invited to make an online pilgrimage through Mary's life. Whether you're joining from interstate, overseas, or simply unable to travel, all are warmly welcome!

Join us on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/92816949299>
For the full Feast Day program, information and more, visit www.marymackillopplace.org.au or contact ministries@mmp.org.au.

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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Welcome Back to Term 3 at St John's!

A very warm welcome back to all of our St John's families as we begin Term 3!

It was an absolute joy to open the school gates on day one and see so many bright, smiling faces returning after the winter break. The school grounds are once again filled with the sound of laughter, chatter, and vibrant energy as our students reconnect with their friends and teachers.

We have an action-packed and exciting term ahead! Over the coming weeks, our students have so much to look forward to, including:

- **St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day:** Joining together in prayer and reflection to celebrate Australia's first saint and her legacy of courageous service.
- **National Science Week:** Diving into hands-on discovery, curiosity, and practical learning.
- **Book Week:** Celebrating the joy of reading and storytelling (and showing off some creative costumes!).
- **School Camp:** Building independence, teamwork, and lifelong memories in the great outdoors.

We also extend a special welcome to any new families joining the St John's parish and school community this term. We are so blessed to have you with us!

As we embark on this busy and dynamic term, we keep our students, teachers, and school families in our prayers. May Saint John continue to guide our community to walk together in faith, kindness, and learning.

Blessings for a wonderful Term 3 ahead!

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

World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly

Sunday Morning Tea After Mass St John's Church

Mass of Mary MacKillop 9.30am St John's Church

Feast Day of Mary MacKillop

Rosary Team Meeting TBA

Sunday 26 July

Sunday 2 August

Wednesday 5 August

Saturday 8 August

Saturday 8 August

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



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WEEKLY MASSES

St Finbarr's, BYRON BAY

Friday 9.30am

Saturday 6pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am



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