

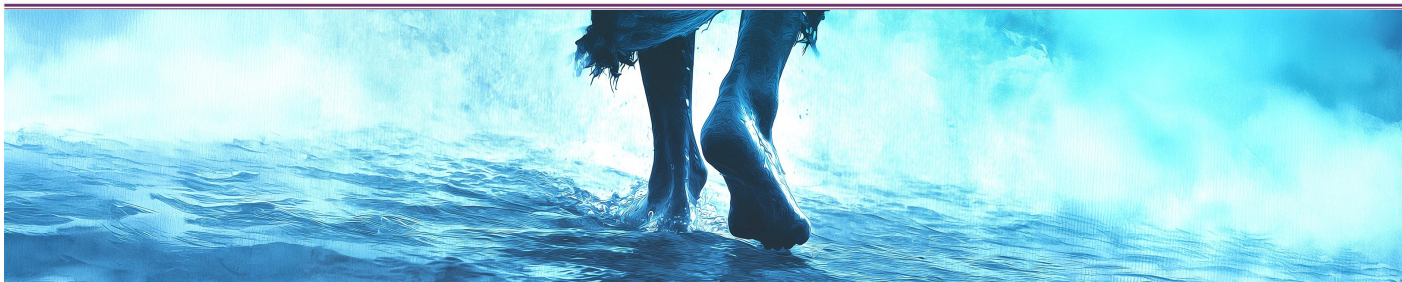


Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

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 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Reflection

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelling and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

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9 August 2026

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

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

Psalm Response
*Lord, show us your mercy and
love, and grant us your salvation.*

2nd Reading
Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 14:22-33



Next weeks readings

**20th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading
Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm Response
Psalm 66:2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv.4

2nd Reading
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel
Matthew 15:21-28

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

13 & 16 August

O.L.O.L.

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

St John's

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

13 August

Carolyn S

Peter S

16 August

Vivianne P

Anthony 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



BAPTISM

ST JOHN'S CHURCH - MULLUMBIMBY

"Welcome Ella Grace Perry to the St John's Community"

Ella is the daughter of Gavin and Christie Perry and was baptised at
St John's Church in Mullumbimby on Sunday 2 August.

Congratulations!



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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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Scott Mills, Jim Mangleson.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Mark Taylor, 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.

**PRAY FOR
VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD FOR OUR DIOCESE OF
LISMORE AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTRY**

Prayer for Vocations to the Sacred Heart

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, fountain of love and mercy, raise up holy priests after Your Own Heart:
humble, pure, and consumed with zeal for souls.

Draw young men to Yourself and enflame their hearts with desire to make You known through
Word and Sacrament, both in times of tranquillity and tribulation.

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, we trust in You.

MACKILLOP FAMILY GROUP

MacKillop Family Group are going **Ten Pin Bowling!**

Meet at Ballina Tenpin Bowling on **Sunday 16 August** by **10:30 am**.

Come and have a game or just watch the fun. We will then go on to Ballina RSL for
lunch. Everyone welcome. *Phone Lisa on 0417 266 710*



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**.

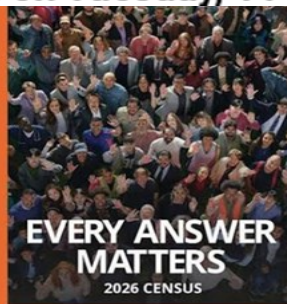
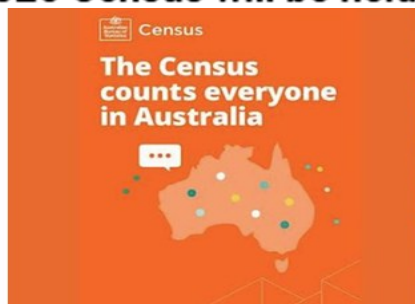
This month's reflection is on Acts of the Apostles 16:9-15.

"God had called us to proclaim the good news"

New members are always welcome. *Enquiries phone Pat 6684 1436*



Australia's 2026 Census will be held on Tuesday, 11 August 2026



The Australian National Census is coming up.

All baptised Catholics, whether you attend Mass every week or only occasionally, are strongly encouraged to tick '**Catholic**' on the religion question.

Government funding for Catholic schools, hospitals, aged care, and social welfare agencies relies directly on this data.

If you belong to an Eastern Rite community (e.g. Maronite, Syro-Malabar, Ukrainian), please select '**Other**' and **write your specific rite**. Stand up and be counted to help us plan for the future of our faith community.



**THE ASSUMPTION of the
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Saturday 15 August 2026

**9am
St Finbarr's
Byron Bay**



**11am
St John's
Mullumbimby**



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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Faith, Fun, and Our Josephite Heritage: St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day

Our St John's Primary School community is preparing for a joyous celebration of faith, history, and active charity on Friday, 7th August, as we honour St Mary of the Cross MacKillop.

As a school proudly opened by the Sisters of Saint Joseph, this celebration holds a deeply special place in our Catholic identity. St Mary MacKillop's timeless motto—"Never see a need without doing something about it"—continues to shape our parish and school culture today, inspiring our students to live with kindness, courage, and dedication to serving others.

Schedule of Events: Friday, 7th August

- **9:00 AM – Feast Day Liturgy (School Hall):** We begin our day centred in prayer and gratitude. Together, we will reflect on Mary MacKillop's extraordinary legacy and her pioneering spirit in Australian Catholic education. Parents, carers, and parishioners are warmly invited to join us.
- **9:30 AM – 1:20 PM – Student Activity Rotations:** Following the liturgy, students will engage in interactive, faith-filled activities throughout the school day, including: Creating Rosary Beads, Tile Painting, Lego Stop Motion animation, Educational Videos & Kahoot trivia.
- **2:00 PM – Charity Colour Run:** To put faith into action and support Mary MacKillop's ongoing charitable works, students will cap off the day with a vibrant Colour Run. It promises to be an unforgettable afternoon of laughter, movement, and colourful celebration!

How Families Can Get Involved

- **Student Attire:** Children taking part in the run should wear light-coloured clothes that you don't mind getting covered in bright, colourful powder.
- **Sponsorship Forms:** Keep an eye on your child's bag! Detailed event information and official sponsor forms are coming home this week so students can begin collecting support for our Mary MacKillop fundraiser.

Parish Prayer & Support: We invite all parishioners to keep our students, teachers, and Josephite tradition in your prayers as we celebrate this milestone event.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we honour Australia's first saint, give back to those in need, and celebrate the vibrant faith of our school community!

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

Rosary Team Meeting

9.30am (details in Bulletin)

Saturday 8 August

National Census 2026

Complete Form

Tuesday 11 August

Coffee Club

10.30am Ex Services Club

Wednesday 12 August

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 15 August
(Mass locations and times in Bulletin)

Saturday 15 August

MacKillop Family Group

10.30am (details in Bulletin)

Sunday 16 August

Interest Rate - 4.15% (eff 01.08.2026)

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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