

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 15:21-28

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Reflection

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the prophetic tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join insiders in worshipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus himself moved out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and he directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of gender, culture or religious perspective, or included only because they are able and willing to conform to discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.

God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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16 August 2026

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

1st Reading

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Psalm Response

*O God, let all the nations
praise you!*

2nd Reading

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News
of the kingdom and
healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28



Next weeks readings

**21st SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading

Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm Response

Psalm 137:1-3, 6, 8 Rv.8

2nd Reading

Romans 11:33-36

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

20 & 23 August

O.L.O.L. 20 August

Lector: Nicci N

Minister of
Communion: Michael S

St John's 23 August

Lector: Silvana S

Minister of
Communion: Anna 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


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DIOCESAN ART PRIZE

There is still time to submit your entry!

This year's theme is ***The Face of Compassion.***
Compassion is seen in Christ's encounters with the
vulnerable, outcast, and broken, and it continues to be
lived out in the Church today.

Categories: 0-7years, 8-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years, and group.

People's choice awards will be also given at each exhibition.



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CHANCERY

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:

Lawrence Mangleson, Scott Mills, Jim Mangleson.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Marjorie MacKay, 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*



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - ST JOHN'S PARISH 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Practice: Thursday 3 Sept at 4pm

O.L.O.L. Church, Brunswick Heads

Sacrament: Sunday 6 Sept at 8am

St John's Church, Mullumbimby



*Please pray for the candidates of St John's Parish preparing to receive these Sacraments;
that Jesus may continue to be a loving presence in their lives.*

CATHOLIC YOUTH LISMORE LAUNCH

All young people across the Diocese are invited to join us for the launch of Catholic Youth Lismore. Come and celebrate this exciting new chapter in youth ministry as we gather for Mass, hear about the vision for Catholic Youth Lismore, receive exciting announcements about upcoming opportunities, and enjoy a meal together. Whether you're already involved in your parish or simply looking to connect with other young Catholics, this event is for you.

Date: 12 September

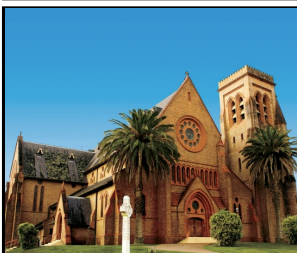
Time: 11:30am – 2:30pm

Location: Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 2 Fourth Ave, Sawtell, NSW 2452



**ST CARTHAGE'S
ANNIVERSARY
DEDICATION**

16 AUGUST 1919



St Carthage's Cathedral in Lismore celebrated its **Consecration in 1919** and **Dedication in 1907**. These anniversaries mark significant milestones in the history of the cathedral, which is a notable building in Lismore. The cathedral was designed in the Gothic Revival style and is one of the six finest Catholic Cathedrals in Australia. It is a symbol of the bishop's seat and chair, representing the bishop's "seat of power" and his actual chair within the cathedral. The dedication of St Carthage's Cathedral by Cardinal Moran on 18 August 1907 was a pivotal moment in its history, and the Tower was completed and the Bells consecrated in 1911. The cathedral has undergone various renovations and restorations, including modifications under Bishop John Satterwaite and a restoration completed in December 2015.

**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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and to offer support,
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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Stage 2 & 3 Camp Adventure: Unforgettable Memories Made!

Our Stage 2 and 3 students recently returned from an incredible four-day journey filled with outdoor education, teamwork, and personal growth. From Monday, 10th August through Thursday, 13th August, our students embraced new challenges and strengthened their friendships across two unique destinations.

The adventure began at Tyalgum Ridge Retreat, nestled near the spectacular World Heritage National Parks. Guided by experienced instructors, students pushed past their comfort zones as they tackled high ropes courses, zipped along the flying fox, tested their aim at archery, and built resilience through rock hopping, bushwalking, and canoeing. Each activity encouraged cooperative group work and a deeper appreciation for the natural environment.

To round out the week, the group spent Thursday celebrating their achievements with a thrilling day at Dreamworld before returning home safely to school.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the staff, instructors, and parents who supported this event and made it such a rich experience for our young people. Please keep our students and their families in your prayers as they rest and reflect on a truly wonderful week.

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



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

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(Mass locations and times in Bulletin)

Saturday 15 August

MacKillop Family Group

10.30am (details in Bulletin)

Sunday 16 August

Mass of Anointing

St John's Church

Wednesday 2 September

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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