

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 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros.

Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build *my* church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus).

Notice that Jesus only makes promises about '*my* church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.

MY OFFERING



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Please note that there are several more planned giving envelopes available. You will find them on the table at the entrance of each church. *Thank you!*

23 August 2026

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

1st Reading
Isaiah 22:19-23

Psalm Response
Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

2nd Reading
Romans 11:33-36

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which
I will build my Church; the gates
of hell will not hold
out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 16:13-20



Next weeks readings

**22nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading
Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm Response
Psalm 62:2-6, 8-9 Rv.2

2nd Reading
Romans 12:1-2

Gospel
Matthew 16:21-27

St John's Catholic Parish **Brunswick Valley**

Parish Website

<https://mullumbimbycatholic.com.au>

Parish Email

mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au

Parish Pastor

Fr David Gilbey

Phone: (02) 6685 6260

Mobile: 0419 401 447

Parish Office

15 Murwillumbah Rd,

(P O Box 27)

Mullumbimby NSW 2482

Office hours

Tuesday 8.30-5pm

Wednesday 8.30-5pm

Parish Secretary

Charmaine Patterson

Phone: (02) 6684 2106

Parish School

St John's Primary School

Principal

Dave Birmingham

Phone: (02) 6684 2386

Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

27 & 30 August

O.L.O.L. 27 August

Lector: Mark R

Minister of

Communion: Lisa R

St John's 30 August

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)

BSB: 082 729

BSB 082 729

A/C: 5097 97032

A/C: 5097 96718

Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.

Fr David Gilbey

Thank you



Simplicity September

This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters.

Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for **Palms International Volunteering**, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering.

Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.

02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567

www.simplicityseptember.org.au



ST JOHN'S FAMILY GROUP DINNER

Everyone is welcome to join us
on **Saturday 29 August**
from **6pm**
at the Gibney's place in Myocum.
*Please call Wendy or Peter for
more details 0409 813 330.*



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Lawrence Mangleson, Scott Mills, Jim Mangleson.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Garry Sawtell, 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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - ST JOHN'S PARISH 2026

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Practice: Thursday 3 Sept at 4pm
Sacrament: Sunday 6 Sept at 8am

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



FIRST HOLY
Communion

PRAYER FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, bless our candidates coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist. Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness.

May their hands extend in the anticipation of your Body and Blood.

Inspire all of us to cherish this sacred sacrament.

Amen

6-12 Sept 2026
NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK

Funded by the
Australian Government
Department of Social Services

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS
SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

2026 THEME

Every Conversation Matters, Shifting Conversation to Action

This year National Child Protection Week is driving a stronger national focus on shifting conversations into meaningful action.

Conversations can spark ideas, build understanding and encourage reflection. But meaningful change happens when those conversations lead to practical action that strengthens support for children and families.

National Child Protection Week helps turn conversation into action by bringing people across Australia together to share ideas, strengthen communities and prevent harm before it occurs. While the Week creates an important national moment, the campaign continues throughout the year, encouraging all of us to take steps that help children feel heard, valued, safe and supported.



By shifting conversation to action,
we can help build communities where
every child experiences real safety,
care and protection.

Catholic Life winter issue is out now



Scan to read



lismorediocese.org/catholic-life-magazine

Safeguarding Office



The Safeguarding Office is available to;



listen to your concerns respectfully and to offer support,
to provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

Safeguarding Office:

P: 02 6621 9444 (Chancery)

E: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



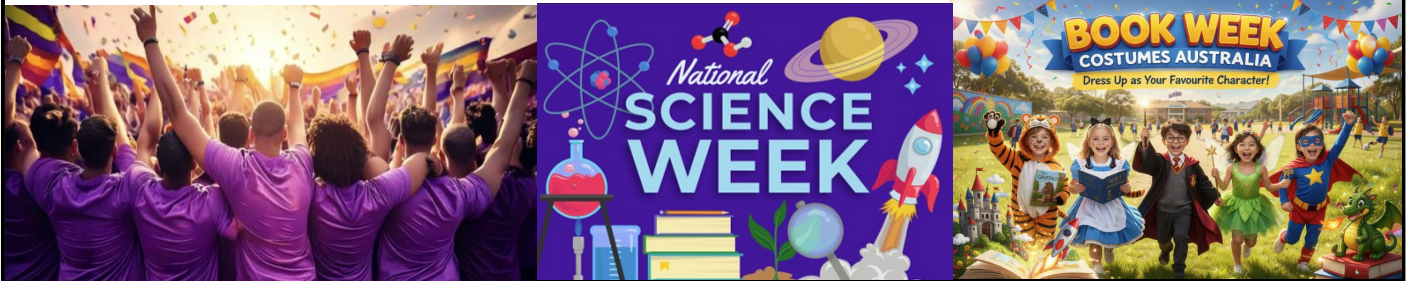
This Week our classrooms have transformed into centers of discovery for **National Science Week**. During STEM classes, students are diving into hands-on experiments, testing hypotheses, and exploring God's amazing creation. It has been inspiring to watch their eyes light up with curiosity as they tackle fun problem-solving challenges together.

Throughout this week, our students have also been participating in interactive online lessons provided by **Bullying No Way**, an initiative supported nationwide by Australian Education Authorities, including the National Catholic Education Commission. These lessons strongly reinforce our core Gospel values of inclusion, respect, and looking out for one another. To stand united against bullying, students are invited to wear a "pop of purple" with their school uniform **this Friday**.

Looking ahead, we are getting ready to celebrate the magic of storytelling and the joy of reading for Book Week! Parishioners, parents, and carers are warmly invited to join us on **Thursday morning, 27th August**, for our annual **Book Week Costume Parade** as students showcase their favorite storybook characters. Exact timing details will be shared in the coming days.

Thank you to our entire parish family for your continuous prayers and support as our students learn, grow, and thrive this term!

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

St John's Family Group Dinner (6pm details in Bulletin) Saturday 29 August
Mass of Anointing St John's Church, 10am Wednesday 2 September
First Holy Communion Practice OLOL Church, 4pm Thursday 3 September
First Holy Communion St John's Church, 8am Sunday 6 September
SPECIAL Morning Tea St John's Church (after Mass) Sunday 6 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 **NO MASS 21 AUGUST**
Saturday 6pm
St Kevin's, BANGALOW
Sunday 9.30am



GIO'S CLEANING SERVICE—BYRON SHIRE



House cleaning, Windows, Business and Office, Construction cleaning, Walls, Pressure cleaning

House cleaning and Pressure cleaning
Call Giovanni
0433535810

Est 1979

CHINCOGAN REAL ESTATE

Adam Mangleson
Principal

M. 0414 804 016

E. adam@chincogan.com.au
www.chincogan.com.au



Licensed Real Estate Agent
Stock & Station
Business Agent