



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 16:21-27

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

Reflection

In our own times, when the threat posed by climate change is becoming increasingly obvious, this passage asks us to look and act with openness to our sharing in God's plan. There is no mandate here for doing nothing and letting catastrophe happen. Ours is not a religion of sanctified fatalism or pious denialism. Ours is a faith which demands that we face reality, however scary it sometimes seems. We are people of hope.

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Like Peter before us, Jesus calls every one of us to follow him. We can do that by renouncing our selfishness and, like Peter eventually did, getting over our denialist habits.

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30 August 2026

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

1st Reading
Jeremiah 20:7-9

Psalm Response
*My Soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.*

2nd Reading
Romans 12:1-2

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our
heart, that we might see how
great is the hope to
which we are called.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 16:21-27



Next weeks readings

**23rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading
Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm Response
Psalm 94:1-2, 6-9 Rv.8

2nd Reading
Romans 13:8-10

Gospel
Matthew 18:15-20

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

3 & 6 September

O.L.O.L.

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

3 Sept

Michael S

Sandra S

St John's

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

6 Sept

Ellie B

Vivianne P

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

ADULT ONLINE FAITH FORMATION

Registrations for the Cycle 6 (five week) Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)* are now open and close on 3 September. Courses begin on 7 September.

More information can be sought by contacting Tony Worner at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au or 0436941280.

Learn more about the VLCFF at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/>

We have also recently held our first cohort of Foundations of Lay Led Liturgy and have limited places left for our next cohort, to commence October 26. This is a closed course, only available for people in the Diocese of Lismore.

Please contact Madeline Beveridge

mbeveridge@lismore.catholic.org.au

to express interest.



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.*

ROSARY TEAM MEETING

This month's meeting of the Rosary Team will be held at the home of
Jane Hotchkiss, 18 Eloura Court, Ocean Shores,
on **Saturday 12 September at 9:30am.**

This month's reflection is on Psalm 4: "The Lord hears when I call out to Him".

New members always welcome

Enquires phone Jane 0406 366 423



MASS OF ANOINTING MORNING TEA

Wednesday 2 September - 10am
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

MORNING TEA will be held at the
St John's Church,
following the
Mass of Anointing.



A Weekend Retreat on Prayer Friendship with God with St Teresa of Avila

27-29 November 2026

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre
Varroville NSW

*Come away for a weekend of prayer, silence
and renewal.*

Facilitated by Fr Aloysius Rego OCD



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CLICK HERE

Please register before 1 October.

THE GATHERING

An invitation for the young people from
across the diocese to come together.

Mary Help of Christians Parish, Sawtell
12th September 11:30am

Catholic Youth
LISMORE

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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Building Faith, Literacy, and Community: Peer Reading at St John's

As we celebrate Book Week across our school, St John's Primary is delighted to share an exciting new initiative with our parish community. This week, we officially launched **Peer Reading Mondays**, a weekly program where our older students pair up with our younger learners to read together, share stories, and build meaningful relationships across year levels.

Every Monday morning, senior students spend time guiding, encouraging, and modelling good reading habits for junior students. Beyond the joy of shared stories, this strategy is grounded in strong educational research. Studies show that cross-age peer reading accelerates literacy development for younger children by modelling fluent reading and expanding vocabulary. Simultaneously, it instils leadership, empathy, and self-confidence in our older students as they step into mentorship roles.

Most importantly, this initiative reflects our Catholic mission to cultivate a supportive, connected, and caring community where every child is known and valued. Watching our older students gently encourage their younger peers was a beautiful reminder of the strength of our St John's family.

We invite all parishioners to keep our students and staff in your prayers as we continue to foster a lifelong love of learning and community spirit.

Thank you to our parents, teachers, and parishioners for your ongoing support of St John's Primary School!

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 9.30am
Saturday 6pm
St Kevin's, BANGALOW
Sunday 9.30am



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