



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 21:33-43

He leased his vineyard to other farmers.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.
This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

Reflection

The metaphor of the vineyard, cherished by both ancient Israel and the early Christians, suggests that while vines might be hardy, they are also vulnerable. So is the reign of God. It must be tended and protected from what might endanger it, so that it may produce abundant and delectable fruit. In the gospel account, the vine does indeed produce an abundant crop. In fact, it is the very productivity of the vineyard that sets the stage for the treachery described. We can see ourselves in both uses of the vineyard metaphor. There are times when, regardless of what God seems to be doing for us, we simply rebel against God's plans. We stand in defiance. There are other times when we, who are disciples of Jesus, act as if the kingdom is ours. We might even marginalise or force out others with whom we do not agree, so that we have sole control.

When we consider the justice of God, it is important that we place it within the right context, lest we create a picture of God that is false and misleading. It is because of God's tender love for the vineyard that treachery cannot be tolerated. If we have produced unacceptable fruits, it is for our own good that God steps in and dismantles the structures that enabled us to produce bad fruit. It is appropriate that God would snatch the vineyard from our grasp and entrust it to one who will faithfully carry out God's plans.

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4 October 2026

27th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading
Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalm Response
The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.

2nd Reading
Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to
you everything I have learnt
from my Father.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 21:33-43

Next weeks readings

28th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading
Isaiah 25:6-10

Psalm Response
Psalm 22 Rv.6

2nd Reading
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel
Matthew 22:1-10

GENTLE REMINDER
DAYLIGHT SAVING THIS
SUNDAY
4 OCTOBER 2026

ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH BRUNSWICK VALLEY

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS 8 & 11 October

O.L.O.L.

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

8 October

Mark R

Lisa R

St John's

Lector:

Minister of

Communion:

11 October

Katalina A

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

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*Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.
Fr David Gilbey*

Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit:

www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio



MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

**Come and join us on 9th-11th October, 2026 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend at
Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW – a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.**

Book online at www.wwme.org.au

or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419** or
nswbookings@wwme.org.au



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Noelene Laverty, Lawrence Mangleson.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Stephen Ryan, Joseph & Keith Walker, John Holmes, Denise O'Donnell, Antonio Pinna, Garry Sawtell,
Marjorie MacKay, Mark Taylor.

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 - October

Frs: James Duffy, William Byrne, Patrick Kiely, John Dalton, John Patrick Curran,

+Norman Thomas Gilroy **Card. Archbishop of Sydney**, John Henry FitzPatrick, George C Barry, Synan McDonnell,
Alexander Fillodeau, Cyril Commins.

ASPIRE

**Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg, OCD**

Monday, 12 October
and
Tuesday, 24 November

Darcy Room
(back of the Cathedral)
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM

or join us via Zoom
Zoom Login: 260 411 8529
Password: ASPIRE

For more information, contact:
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Date: Monday 19 October 2026

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm AEDT

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Pre-order your copy of THE WAY OF THE HEART Advent Resource for 2026

We're thrilled to announce that Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new Advent reflection resource for 2026 called The Way of the Heart, and it's now available for pre-order!

An eBook edition will also be available for order in the coming weeks.

About the Resource

The Way of the Heart features daily reflections written by our guest writer, Sr Theresa Maria Dao, SPC, a religious sister of the Sisters of St Paul de Chartres. Each weekday is tailored for individual reflection and includes a short scripture text, a reflection, some questions to ponder and a concluding prayer. With small groups in mind, we have purposefully formatted the Sunday reflections to make this resource more open to use in an Advent small group setting. Each Sunday has a longer format including small group prompts, an opening prayer, the Gospel reading, a Sunday reflection, discussion questions and a closing prayer.



Daily Reflections for Advent

The beautiful artwork used on the front cover, and provided throughout the book, is titled "The Magnificat" and comes to us from artist Christopher Santer.

TO ORDER PLEASE FIND POSTERS UP IN OUR CHURCHES WITH DETAILS

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18 OCTOBER 2026



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/united



In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship.

You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.

Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united.

*Name changed for privacy



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy School Holidays to all!!
God bless,
Dave Bermingham
 Principal, St John's Primary School



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St Columban's Mission Society PO Box 752, NIDDRIE VIC 3042



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

Daylight Saving starts

Sunday Morning Tea

Sunday 4 October
 St John's Church, after 8am Mass

Sunday 4 October

Rosary Team Meeting

Details yet to be decided Saturday 10 October

Coffee Club

Ex Services Club 10.30am Wednesday 14 October

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

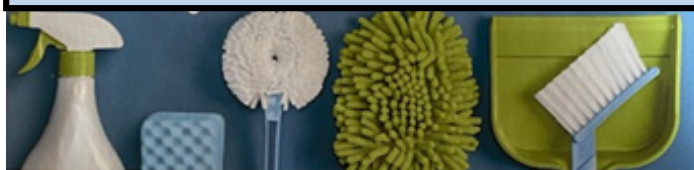
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 Saturday 6pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am



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