



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 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Boundaries and Juries

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis did not suggest that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

6 September 2026

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

1st Reading
Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalm Response
*O that today you would listen to
his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

2nd Reading
Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile
the world to himself; and the
Good News of reconciliation he
has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 18:15-20



Next weeks readings

**24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading
Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Psalm Response
Psalm 102:1-4, 9-12 Rv.8

2nd Reading
Romans 14:7-9

Gospel
Matthew 18:21-35

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

10 & 13 September

O.L.O.L. 10 Sept

Lector: Frances G

Minister of

Communion: Carolyn S

St John's 13 Sept

Lector: Gemma B

Minister of

Communion: Anthony A

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by

Tuesday 5pm

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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**

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Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.

Fr David Gilbey


Thank you

PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Ministry Volunteers

We had a great response to our recent request for volunteers for ministries in our parish.

A BIG THANK YOU to those who were already volunteering and to those who stepped forward to make our parish community more vibrant.

This is in line with Pope Leo XIV's call for Catholics to faithfully participate more fully in our parish life, especially in Sunday Mass.

May our shared "witness help us to enter more deeply into the reality of belonging to Christ".



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

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 - September

Frs: Raymond Smith, James William Reilly, D'Arcy McCarthy, William Ambrose Nicol, Francis Walsh, Douglas James Stewart, +Thomas McCabe **Bishop of Wollongong**, Peter John Perry, Daniel Francis McGrath, Patrick Kenny, Bernard Francis Gunn, Daniel J Doyle.

2026 ST JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

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.*

**This Sunday after Mass at St John's Church there will be a special Morning Tea for
our candidates, we would love you to join us to celebrate the Sacrament of their
First Holy Communion.**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Lord Jesus Christ, bless these 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

FATHER'S DAY 2026

Sunday 6 September

Heavenly Father,
We thank You for the gift of fathers and father figures.
Bless them with strength, wisdom, patience, and joy.
Surround them with Your grace and guide their steps every day.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.



September Renewal Newsletter

In this edition, we look back on a season of real connection across the diocese. Parishes gathered to share their stories with the Diocesan Pastoral Council, Catholic Youth Lismore launched across the region, and our first Foundations of Lay Led Liturgy cohort completed their formation. We also share how Eucharist28 is taking shape in our parishes, invite young people to register their interest in upcoming youth events, and look ahead to this year's Diocesan Art Prize giving.



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SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Our next morning tea is on **Sunday 6 September**
following 8am Mass at St John's Church,
Mullumbimby.

All welcome, feel free to bring a plate.

COFFEE CLUB

You are most welcome
to join us for a cuppa and a chat.
Wednesday 10.30am 9 September
Mullum Ex Services Club
You may wish to bring a friend.



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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Turning the Page on a Fantastic Book Week Parade!

Last Thursday, our school transformed into a living storybook for our annual Book Week Parade. The energy was electric as students and staff paraded their favourite literary heroes, villains, and legends across the grounds in a vibrant celebration of reading.

A Very 'Mr. Men' Staffroom. Our staff took a trip down nostalgia lane, arriving as a colourful cast of Roger Hargreaves' iconic **Mr Men and Little Miss** characters. From Little Miss Sunshine spreading bright morning vibes at the front gates to a remarkably accident-prone Mr Bump carefully navigating the assembly hall, the team brought plenty of personality to the day. We even spotted Little Miss Bossy keeping the parade line impeccably straight!

The real magic happened when our students took centre stage.

A massive thank you to all our parents, carers, and families for the incredible effort poured into crafting, pinning, and assembling costumes this year. Seeing the sheer joy on the students' faces made every bit of effort well worth it. Keep up that reading momentum at home, and let's keep those pages turning!

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

First Holy Communion

St John's Church, 8am

Sunday 6 September

SPECIAL Morning Tea

St John's Church (after Mass) Sunday 6 September

Father's Day

Sunday 6 September

Coffee Club

Ex Services Club, 10.30am Wednesday 9 September

Rosary Team Meeting

Details in Bulletin, 9.30am Saturday 12 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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