



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 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness.

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13 September 2026

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

Psalm Response

*The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and
rich in compassion.*

2nd Reading

Romans 14:7-9

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another
as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35



Next weeks readings

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm Response

Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Rv.18

2nd Reading

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

17 & 20 September

O.L.O.L. 17 Sept

Lector: Lisa R

Minister of
Communion: Mark R

St John's 20 Sept

Lector: Anna A

Minister of
Communion: Pam L

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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**

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


Thank you



HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY

To our dear Parishioner, **LOLA FENWICK**,
wishing you an absolutely fabulous 90th birthday this month.

With love and blessings
from us all at St John's Parish.



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:

Antonio Pinna, 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.

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

2026 ST JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A very big Congratulations to our Candidates that participated in the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** on Sunday at St John's Church, Mullumbimby.

May you feel the comfort and warmth of God's love through your spiritual journey.



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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL



Happy Father's Day to our St John's Community!

Last weekend, we celebrated all the wonderful dads, grandfathers, pops, and father figures in our school and parish family. Though Father's Day has passed, our gratitude for your unwavering love, strength, and guidance continues every day.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who were able to join us for our Father's Day Morning Tea and Liturgy. It was a blessing to gather as a community in honour of the men who shape our young people's lives. A special thank you goes to Stage 2 for leading our Liturgy so beautifully and reverently; your hard work made it a deeply moving reflection for us all.

In our parish and school, we look to two powerful models of fatherhood: **St Joseph**, the patron of fathers, who showed us the strength of silent care, protection, and humble devotion; and **St John**, our patron saint, who reminds us of the power of deep love and faithful presence at the side of Christ. May all our fathers continue to find inspiration in their examples of patient, sacrificial love.

May God abundantly bless all our fathers, grandfathers, and father figures today and always.

God bless,

Dave Bermingham

Principal, St John's Primary School



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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

Rosary Team Meeting

Details in Bulletin, 9.30am

Saturday 12 September

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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