



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 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

Reflection

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy.

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20 September 2026

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading
Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm Response
*The Lord is near
to all who call him.*

2nd Reading
Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen
to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 20:1-16



Next weeks readings

26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A

1st Reading
Ezekiel 18:25-28

Psalm Response
Psalm 24:4-9 Rv.6

2nd Reading
Philippians 2:1-5

Gospel
Matthew 21:28-32

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Our Churches

St John's Church, Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS

24 & 27 September

O.L.O.L. 24 Sept
Lector: Carolyn S

Minister of
Communion: Peter S

St John's 27 Sept
Lector: Silvana S

Minister of
Communion: Anna 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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Fr David Gilbey


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Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal.

To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

John Holmes, Lawrence Mangleson.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Denise O'Donnell, 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

While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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Eucharist28 Update – Walking with Christ

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives. It will be a celebration of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be an important moment of Eucharistic renewal for the Church in Australia and beyond. **The journey to Eucharist28 has begun!**

Our lives this side of heaven are a continuous journey of walking with Christ. We are called to walk alongside Him during our trials and our triumphs. In Micah 6:8, scripture tells us, "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

This journey of walking with Christ is **interior**, but it can also be expressed physically. We can become pilgrims by walking and prayerfully moving with Him, including through processions.

In 2028, the global church that gathers in Sydney for Eucharist28 will have an opportunity to be pilgrims by participating in the Eucharistic Procession. This journey through the streets of Sydney will be a witness to our nation and our world, as tens of thousands of pilgrims walk alongside Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist.

In the years leading up to this moment and beyond, the prayer of Eucharist28 is that across Australia, Eucharistic renewal will continue to flourish, and Eucharistic processions and pilgrimages will become a commonplace way for all to walk with Christ in their lives.

Scan the QR code to access Walking With Christ: A Companion for Eucharistic Renewal, a resource designed to accompany you in your spiritual preparation for the continuing journey with Christ.

2026 ST JOHN'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

A very big Congratulations to our Candidates that participated in the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion** on Thursday at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brunswick Heads.



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

MASS IN HONOUR OF ST THERESE



There will be a special Mass in honour of St Thérèse at the Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah, on Thursday, 1 October, at 10:00 am.

There will be no 7am Mass on that day.
All welcome.

Safeguarding Office



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

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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last week, our school community observed National Child Protection Week, reflecting on our shared commitment to creating a safe, nurturing, and Christ-centred environment where every child can grow and flourish. For R U OK? Day, students and staff dressed in yellow to mark the occasion, writing kind notes on our Friendship Wall, engaging in classroom "Chat Time," and sharing yellow treats.

During Bravehearts White Balloon Day, students learned about personal safety, trusting their gut feelings, and identifying trusted adult networks to help prevent child sexual abuse. Proceeds from our treat sales went directly toward St John's student wellbeing resources, and we thank everyone who supported these vital initiatives.

Also last week, we held our 3-Way Conferences, and we extend our gratitude to the parents, carers, and staff who participated in celebrating student achievements and setting goals together.

Although it is week 9 of a 10-week term across all stage levels, our classrooms continue to buzz with focused learning, literacy, and numeracy growth. Behind the scenes, staffing and whole-school operating budgets for 2027 were given final approval earlier in the week, establishing strong plans for the school's future.

Parishioners are warmly invited to note our upcoming key dates as Term 3 draws to a close: our Celebration of Learning on Thursday, 24th September (8:30 am – 9:30 am), and the last day of Term 3 on Friday, 25th September.

Thank you to the parish community for your ongoing prayers, partnership, and support of St John's 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

Sunday Morning Tea

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



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Friday 9.30am

Saturday 6pm

St Kevin's, BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am



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