



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 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

Reflection

Today we celebrate the memory of all the baptised who have gone before us and whose lives were virtuous. The saints of God are all those who have been baptised into Christ, who have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb. We all know people whose lives were steeped in genuine holiness. The life of every one of us has been blessed by their goodness. This is a day for us to remember and to celebrate their holiness. We celebrate the lives of all those who have been marked with the sign of faith, those who have been canonised by the church, those whom we have known personally as well as those whose names we do not know.

In the beatitudes listed in today's gospel we are given examples of what it means to live lives of holiness. This gospel really does not present a blueprint for holiness. Rather, it offers a series of snapshots that demonstrate the holiness that is ours by virtue of our baptism. Those who have gone before us lived such lives. Today, as we remember them, we hold up their lives as examples of holiness and models for our imitation. The sentiments that are expressed and the commitment that it illustrated in the beatitudes clearly stand in opposition to the standards of the world. Their radicality may be more than some can understand, but they are traits that are recognisable by those who belong to the family of God, for they are genuine godly traits.

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1 November 2026

ALL SAINTS

1st Reading

Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm Response

Lord, this is the people
that longs to see your face.

2nd Reading

1 John 3:1-3

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour
and are burdened, and I will give
you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Next weeks readings

**32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, YEAR A**

1st Reading

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm Response

Psalm 62:2-8 Rv.2

2nd Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14

Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

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

COMING UP

1 Nov Sunday

11 Nov Wednesday

14 Nov Saturday



Morning Tea - after Mass at St John's

Coffee Club - 10.30am Ex Services Club Mullumbimby

Rosary - TBA



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 5 & 8 November

O.L.O.L.

Lector:

Minister of
Communion:

5 November

Carolyn S

Peter S

St John's

Lector:

Minister of
Communion:

8 November

Vivianne P

Anthony A

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Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by
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With thanks Charmaine

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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

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



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH WEEKLY MASSES

St Finbarr's, Byron Bay
Saturday 6pm

WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION

St Kevin's, Bangalow
Sunday 9.30am



PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

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Fr David Gilbey*



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24 hour telephone counselling
service for children and young
people aged between 5 and 25.

NOVEMBER MASSES

It is traditional to pray during November for our loved ones and for all who have died.
You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes.
Please print names clearly so they can be easily read.
All Masses in November will be offered for all those on the list.



Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Lola Fenwick, Lucy Went, Noeline Laverty.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Searl Browning, Yvonne Doldissen, Athol Sawtell, 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 - November

Frs: Patrick McGuinness, John Joseph Durkin, James Henry Young, Michael O'Driscoll, James O'Reilly,
Pierce Corcoran, Thomas Butler, Cornelius Hanly, John Fitz-Walter, Geoffrey Brennan.



FR DAVID'S ANNUAL LEAVE

- Fr David will be absent from the Parish from **Monday 19 October to Friday 13 November** (inclusive).
- There will be no Masses celebrated in the Parish during this time.
- During Fr David's absence Our Lady of Lourdes and St John's Churches will have CELEBRATION OF THE WORD with HOLY COMMUNION.
- During this time Mass will be celebrated each week at St Finbarr's Church at Byron Bay on Saturday evening at 6pm.
- If a priest is urgently required, please contact Fr Peter at the Ballina Parish on (02) 6681 1048.



CHURCH ORDERS

We are taking orders for
2027 Daily Mass Book - \$33 each
Daily Reflections for Advent - \$5 each
2027 Columban Art Calendar - \$9 each

Please give your money to
Carol at Our Lady of Lourdes, Brunswick Heads
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Tracey at St John's, Mullumbimby

BY SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026
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ON EXHIBITION

Tuesday 27 October - Sunday 1 November
Crowley Activity Centre

All are welcome and invited to view the exhibition and celebrate the artistic works on display.

Categories

0-7 years, 8-12 years, 13-17 years, 18+ years, and group.
 Vote for the People's Choice award.

Activity Centre closed for Final Prize Giving ceremony
 2.30pm-4.30pm Saturday 31 October



We're having a
Diocesan Assembly



Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD has called a Diocesan Assembly for 2027. The process will begin with four Regional Assemblies in April and May and culminate in the Diocesan Assembly in July 2027.

OCTOBER RENEWAL NEWSLETTER

We invite you to explore the latest updates from across our parishes, youth ministry, and Catholic community as we prepare for the path ahead.

From preparing for next year's Diocesan Assembly to celebrating our vibrant youth, and the artistic gifts in our diocese, we pray these reflections inspire and encourage you with your own faith journey.

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*Name changed for privacy

Celebrating 46 Years of Faith, Service, and Teaching: Farewell to Mrs. Lisa Russell

On Monday, 19th October, the St John's Primary School community gathered alongside parish members for a special liturgy to honour and bid farewell to Mrs Lisa Russell, marking the conclusion of an extraordinary 46-year career in Catholic education at St John's.

The service commenced with Savannah Browning leading the Acknowledgement of Country, paying respect to the traditional custodians of the land, the Bundjalung people. Dave Bermingham then delivered the welcome, celebrating Lisa's long, passionate dedication to generations of students, families, and colleagues across the Brunswick Valley parish, acknowledging her endless energy, creativity, compassion, and wisdom.

Ellie Bailey offered a prayer of thanksgiving for Lisa's legacy of service, asking for God's abundant blessings on her upcoming retirement, wishing her joy in new adventures with her husband Mark, cherished moments with her children and grandchildren, and peace in a well-earned rest. Naomi O'Dwyer read the Gospel passage from John (10:11-15), The Good Shepherd, illustrating the protective, nurturing, and selfless care Lisa provided to her students for nearly five decades.

A poignant candle-lighting ceremony led by Felicity, Tundra, and Courtney highlighted five core dimensions of Lisa's life and ministry:

1. Gratitude for her contribution to teaching and deep care for her students.
2. Recognition of her service to St John's Parish and the broader Brunswick Valley community.
3. Appreciation for her mentorship of university student teachers on practical placements.
4. Thanksgiving for her family-Mark, her children, and grandchildren- who shared her with our school for so many years.
5. Blessings for her new directions and exciting future beginnings.

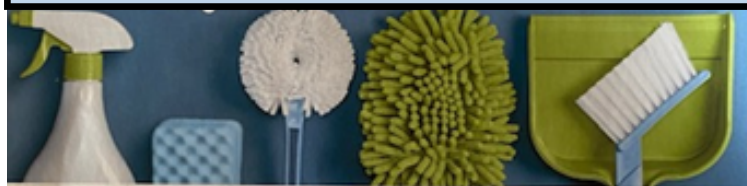
Reflections and heartfelt tributes were delivered by Catherine Heyen on behalf of Myree Loane, Bernie Woodhouse, and Riley O'Leary. As tokens of appreciation, Dave Bermingham presented Lisa with a commemorative St John's jersey and, following an introduction by Naomi O'Dwyer, Dylan Jones performed a moving musical rendition of Somewhere Only We Know, honouring the school as a place forever close to her heart.

Courtney Hyde brought the liturgy to a close with the traditional Irish Blessing for Lisa.

Our St John's school and parish family extends its deepest gratitude to Mrs Lisa Russell for 46 years of inspiring leadership, faith, and dedication. We wish her good health, happiness, and rich blessings in this next chapter of life.



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