



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 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Reflection

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.

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UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

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

18 October 2026

**29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Psalm Response

Give the Lord glory and honour.

2nd Reading

Thessalonians 1:1-5

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright
stars; you are offering it
the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 22:15-21

Next weeks readings

**30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY
TIME, Year A**

1st Reading

Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm Response

Psalm 17:2-4, 47, 51 Rv.2

2nd Reading

Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

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 22 & 25 October

O.L.O.L.

Lector:

Minister of
Communion:

22 October

Frances G

Carolyn S

St John's

Lector:

Minister of
Communion:

25 October

Ellie B

Vivianne P

BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE

Please send in any notices or
information for the Bulletin by
Tuesday 5pm

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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 Finbarr's, Byron Bay
Friday 9.30am

St Kevin's, Bangalow
Sunday 9.30am

PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

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



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:
Sr. DI. CM - 0434 772867
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Please Pray for the Recently Deceased:

Noelene Laverty.

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

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 - 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 Commings.



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 there is an urgent need for a Priest during this time 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
or
Tracey at St John's, Mullumbimby

BY SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026
ORDER FORMS ARE IN EACH CHURCH



BAPTISMS

“Welcome **Harper Haselden** and **Sandon Lonsdale** to the St John's Community”

Harper is the daughter of Georgia Patch and Sandon is the son of Blake and Ebony Lonsdale.

Harper and Sandon were baptised at the St John's Church in Mullumbimby on Sunday 11 October.

Congratulations!



Safeguarding Office

The Safeguarding Office is available to;



listen to your concerns respectfully and to offer support,

to provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.



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PRAYER FOR HSC STUDENTS



Almighty God you have the HSC students in your keeping.

You know their thoughts; you know their heart.

We ask you to give them a clear head and sharp mind as they sit for their exams.

May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.

We pray that the students will stay calm under pressure and perform to the best of their ability.

May they be open to your loving presence in their life, now and always.

We ask this in Christ Jesus' name with the help of Holy Spirit, Amen.



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 18 OCTOBER 2026



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



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'.

Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



Partnering in Faith, Growth, and Community as Term 4 Begins

Dear Parishioners,

As we commence Term 4, the staff, students, and families of St John's Primary School extend our warmest greetings to our parish community. We return with immense gratitude for the restful holiday break and great anticipation for a vibrant, spirit-filled final term of the school year.

Celebrating 45 Years of Dedicated Service: Lisa's Farewell Liturgy

We warmly invite the entire parish community to join us as we honour **Lisa Russel** and celebrate her incredible **45-year legacy** at St John's. Lisa's deep commitment to our students, families, and faith community has left a lasting impression on generations of school families.

- **Date:** Monday, 19th October (Week 2)
- **Details:** Whole-School Farewell Liturgy followed by Afternoon Tea from 2:30pm
- *All parishioners are welcome to join us in giving thanks for Lisa's extraordinary service.*

Capital Works Progress: Transforming Our School Grounds

Following our recent Project Control Group meeting, we are pleased to report significant milestones in our ongoing capital works:

- **Block C Site Clearance:** Independent environmental hygienists have successfully completed controlled soil remediation and safety inspections. Full clearance has been issued, allowing encapsulation works to proceed safely.
- **Block A Refurbishment:** Interior demolition for our new Administration Building is nearly complete, and electrical and plumbing trades have commenced rough-ins. The finished design will feature warm spotted gum timber finishes to create an inviting space for our families and visitors.
- **Minimal Noise Disruption:** Heavy demolition is complete, ensuring a quiet learning environment for students in the weeks ahead.

Welcoming Future Families: Junior Johnnies 2027

We are delighted to share that **13 Kindergarten students are already enrolled for 2027!**

If you know a local family with preschool-aged children, please invite them to join our **Junior Johnnies Transition Program** - a gentle, playful 5-session introduction to primary school life starting **Friday, 16th October (9:00 AM – 11:00 AM)**. Contact the school office at **02 6684 2386** for details and registrations.

Faith, Learning & Community Highlights

- **Feasts of All Saints & All Souls (1st & 2nd November):** Classes will participate in prayer services and reflections, honouring the saints and praying for loved ones who have passed away.
- **Remembrance Day Liturgy (Wednesday, 11th November):** Led by Stage 3 students, our school community will gather to pray for peace and honour those who served. Parishioners are warmly invited.
- **Stage 3 STEM MAD National Finals:** We congratulate our Stage 3 STEM team, who qualified to represent St John's at the National Finals in Sydney this November!
- **Save the Date - End of Year Mass:** Friday, 11th December at 11:30 AM in the Church, followed by our Year 6 Graduation on Monday, 14th December.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and partnership with St John's Primary School.

Blessings for the term ahead!

Dave Bermingham

Principal, St John's Primary School



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