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 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

True Perspectives

Did you notice that Jesus does not command us to love 'God'? No, we are to love 'the Lord your God', the One who rescued the Jewish people from slavery. The resurrection of Jesus Christ reveals the Lord God as the liberator from the apparent final dominance of death. Loving such a liberator is the natural response. So, 'Love the Lord your God'.

Then Jesus does not command us to love our neighbour! Rather, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' But who is 'yourself'? In the wonderful story-telling of Genesis, we are told that Adam, an earthen statue, had Divine Breath breathed into the nostrils, creating him as a human being. We earthlings are conceived with the Divine Breath at the core of our being.

The challenge for you and for me is to see 'yourself' in that way, and thereafter every human being whose lives we can affect: the neighbour. And in today's global world, the neighbour can be a person in a society geographically or culturally distant.

We could pause for a moment to see the true dimensions of God, self and the other, to more easily fulfil the dual command.

25 October 2026

30th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, Year A

1st Reading
Exodus 22:20-26

Psalm Response
I love you, Lord, my strength.

2nd Reading
Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 22:34-40

Next weeks readings

ALL SAINTS

1st Reading
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

Psalm Response
Psalm 23:1-6 Rv.6

2nd Reading
1 John 3:1-3

Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12

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

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Our Churches
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS
29 October & 1 November

O.L.O.L.	**29 October**
Lector:	Lisa R
Minister of Communion:	Mark R
St John's	**1 November**
Lector:	Paul B
Minister of Communion:	Silvana S

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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

Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance
Option 2: Church Collection Plate
Option 3: Direct Debit, details as follows

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

KIDS HELPLINE 1800 55 1800

kids help line

The Kids Helpline is a free 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, Noelene 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 Tayor.

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 Commins.

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
or
Tracey at St John's, Mullumbimby

BY SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026
ORDER FORMS ARE IN EACH CHURCH

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listen to your concerns respectfully and to offer support,

to provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

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Save the Date for Eucharist28!

From **24 September to 1 October 2028**, Australia will come together to celebrate the 54th International Eucharistic Congress, a moment of renewal for all.

Eucharist28 will be a truly transformative moment of renewal centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV.

A Theological Symposium will precede the Congress from **20 to 22 September 2028.**

This is a once-in-a-generation moment for the Church in Australia. Will you be there in two years' time?

Mark your calendar, share the news, and join the journey. To begin planning your journey with the Official Group Travel Operator, Harvest Journeys, head to **eucharist28.org.**

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.

WHITE DOVE FUNERALS

In Loving Memory of

Lola June Fenwick

7 September 1936 - 15 October 2026
Late of Mullumbimby

Lola passed away peacefully and surrounded by her loved ones on Thursday, 15 October 2026.

All are warmly invited to attend a celebration of Lola's life with a Requiem Mass to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on Friday, 23 October 2026 at 10:00am.

RIP

Sister Patricia O'Brien (Sister Mary de Lourdes)
16 April 1939 – 16 October 2026

Dearly loved daughter of Thomas and Kathleen O'Brien (nee McAuliffe).
Fondly remembered by her Presentation Sisters and her many cousins. Patricia brought a gentle sensitivity to her ministries as teacher, librarian, Pastoral Associate and member of the Pastoral Care team at St Vincent's Hospital, Lismore. Patricia died peacefully at Crowley Village at 8.15am last Friday 16 October 2026.
Her Requiem Mass will be celebrated at 10am in St Mary's Chapel, Lismore at 10am on Tuesday October 27.
May she rest in peace.
Please remember her and the Presentation Sisters in your in prayers.

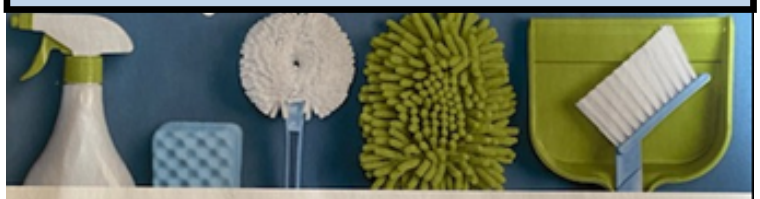
ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Blessings for the term ahead!
Dave Bermingham
Principal, St John's Primary School

PARISH FAMILY GROUPS

The members of the Parish Family Groups this week had their annual camp at the Tallebudgera Creek Caravan Park.
In spite of the rain everyone had a great time, walking, swimming, paddling or peddling and generally just relaxing and enjoying each other's company.
Why not consider joining one of our groups.
Pictured are members of the group enjoying an evening BBQ.

GIO'S CLEANING SERVICE—BYRON SHIRE



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