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 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Hour and the Time

Israel was often portrayed as a bride in Jewish scriptures. So, the question was: 'When would the Bridegroom – the Anointed One of God, the Christ – appear?' Jesus' warning is to the attendants of the bride: 'Be alert, be vigilant, be prepared.' Some (the five foolish attendants) did miss the moment: the earthly ministry of Jesus of Nazareth.

But his warning is also for the Catholic Church which is the new Bride of Christ. We are the attendants to the Bride and the imperative applies to us also: Be alert, be vigilant. Be prepared for the eruption, the intervention of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, into our history, into our moment of time.

For example, is Christ coming to meet us in the modern movements which demand to hold authority accountable, or which press for just recognition of women? We can foolishly remain in the dark or we can wisely try to throw light on these questions. Only then we will be able to discern whether indeed it is the Lord who is approaching.

We could pause to pray that we be ready when the Bridegroom responds to the ancient prayer: 'Come, Lord Jesus!'

8 November 2026

32nd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st Reading
Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm Response
My soul is thirsting for you,
O Lord my God.

2nd Reading
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the
Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:1-13

Next weeks readings

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

1st Reading
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalm Response
Psalm 127:1-5 Rv.1

2nd Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel
Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

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

COMING UP

11 Nov Wednesday
14 Nov Saturday
02 Dec Wednesday



Coffee Club - 10.30am Ex Services Club Mullumbimby
Rosary Team Meeting - 9.30am Details in the Bulletin
Mass of Anointing - 10am St John's Church, Mullumbimby



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Our Churches
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS
12 & 15 November

O.L.O.L.	**12 Nov**
Lector:	Nicci N
Minister of Communion:	Michael S
St John's	**15 Nov**
Lector:	Silvana S
Minister of Communion:	Anna A

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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



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Fr David Gilbey

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





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You are most welcome to join us for a cuppa and a chat ***Wednesday 11 November at 10.30am*** - Mullumbimby Ex Services Club.

You may wish to bring a friend.

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THANKSGIVING MASS

Saturday, November 21
11:00 AM

St Carthage's Cathedral



All are welcome to join us in prayer and reflection

Tickets also available for a Celebration Luncheon to be held at Invercauld House via: https://www.trybooking.com/DNKOM or Phone: 6627 6647

ROSARY TEAM PRAYER MEETING

This month's Rosary Team Prayer Meeting will be held at the home of Pat Plater, Cnr. Train and Station Streets, Mullumbimby, on ***Saturday 14 November at 9:30am.*** The reflection is on Luke 13:18-29, "Strive to enter through the narrow door." All are welcome to join us to reflect on the Gospel and pray for our own personal intentions. Phone Pat 6684 1436

We honour the fallen, those who gave their lives in defence of their nation, God of peace and compassion. Take care of everyone who is grieving, everyone who has physical, mental, or spiritual scars, and everyone who is still serving. Give us the grace to honour their sacrifice with lives that pursue justice, mercy, and reconciliation in addition to words. Give us the strength to mend the broken hearts and the discernment and bravery to seek peace. May our silence bring about resolution and our remembrance inspire hope. Through Christ, our Lord, we make this request. Amen.



Palms Timor-Leste Encounter 10-23 May 2027!

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In a small (max 8 person) group, you will meet Palms international partners and long-term volunteers. Encounters are the ethical option to learn about development and support Australia's oldest lay Catholic international development organisation.

Book your place on the 14-day Encounter Tour here: palms.org.au/encounters.

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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Happy Grandparents Day from St John's! 💙✨

On Monday, our school community came together for a wonderful day of appreciation for our amazing grandparents, many of whom have contributed so much to both St John's School and the broader St John's Parish community over the years.

We kicked off the celebrations by catching up over a delicious sausage sizzle and a warm cuppa 🌭☕, followed by a sweet buddy reading session where grandparents joined students to share a story or two 📚. Afterwards, we gathered in the hall for a meaningful Liturgy, reflecting on the lives of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, Jesus' own grandparents, and giving thanks for the guidance and love of our grandfathers and grandmothers.

Thank you to every grandparent, grand-friend, and family member who joined us to make the day so special. You are a vital part of our school family! 🙏❤️

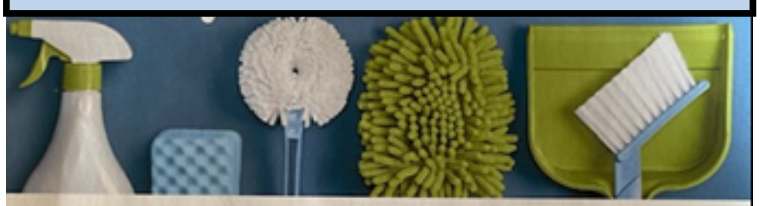
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