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 25:14-15, 19-21

Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

Reflection

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.

Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust.

If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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15 November 2026

33rd SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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

Psalm Response
Happy are those
who fear the Lord.

2nd Reading
1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
Alleluia!

Gospel
Matthew 25:14-15, 19-21

Next weeks readings

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, YEAR A

1st Reading
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Psalm Response
Psalm 22:1-3, 5-6 Rv.1

2nd Reading
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel
Matthew 25:31-46

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

14 Nov Saturday
Rosary Team Meeting - 9.30am Details in the Bulletin

02 Dec Wednesday
Mass of Anointing - 10am St John's Church, Mullumbimby

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Our Churches
St John's Church, Mullumbimby
Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Brunswick Heads

ROSTERS
19 & 22 November

O.L.O.L.	**19 Nov**
Lector:	Mark R
Minister of Communion:	Lisa R
St John's	**22 Nov**
Lector:	Katalina A
Minister of Communion:	Willy A

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

mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au
With thanks Charmaine

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ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
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



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH
WEEKLY MASSES

St Finbarr's, Byron Bay
Friday 9.30am
Saturday 6pm

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

WELCOME BACK

Fr David, our Parish Priest, is back from Annual Leave on Saturday 14 November.
Welcome back, we all missed you!!



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:
John De Costa, 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.

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

RED NOVEMBER
Pray for persecuted Christians

Aid to the Church in Need invites all Catholics to pray, support and act for persecuted Christians throughout Red November.

Register today and receive a **free prayer card** and **complimentary pair of Rosary beads**, handmade by Christians in Syria.

To join us in prayer, scan the QR code, or visit rebrand.ly/RedNovemberRosary

About Aid to the Church in Need (ACN)
Aid to the Church in Need is the only international Catholic charity dedicated to the service of suffering Christians wherever they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Founded in 1947, ACN is a pontifical foundation and provides vital aid for pastoral projects, religious education, and emergency relief in areas affected by conflict and poverty. For many years we have partnered with parishes to share news of our work in bulletins to let parishioners know about these projects. ACN operates solely on benefactor donations, with no funding from Church or State. Learn more on our website: www.aidtochurch.org
Thank you for your support!

BRUNSWICK VALLEY FUNERALS





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In Loving Memory of
John De Costa
17 October 1943 – 6 November 2026
John passed away peacefully and surround by his loved ones on Friday, 6 November 2026.
All are invited to attend a celebration of John's life to be held at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on **Friday, 13 November 2026 at 1pm.**

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ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg, OCD

Tuesday, 24 November

Darcy Room
(at the 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:
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Our Advent books (The Way of the Heart) have arrived.
They will be at Mass for collection.

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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

God Bless,
Dave Bermingham - Principal, St John's Primary School



Celebrating the Heart of St John's: World Teachers' Week!

At St John's, we believe that education is a shared journey, and that every single staff member plays a vital role as a teacher in their own right. Whether guiding learning in the classroom, offering hands-on support, or keeping our school running smoothly in administration, each member of our team teaches, encourages, and cares for our students every day.

Because one day simply isn't enough to express our gratitude, we stretched World Teachers' Day into a full World Teachers' Week of appreciation!

Here is a glimpse into how we honoured our incredible team across the week:

Day 1: Personalised Cutlery, Treat and Video Messages – Kicking off the week with practical love! Staff received their own personalised cutlery set, so they always have a fork ready when they finally get five minutes to eat lunch. They also received a small chocolate treat and video messages that students secretly filmed for them.

Day 2: Fresh Portuguese Tarts – A delicious morning treat as sweet proof that even when school life gets a little "custard-ic" (chaotic!), our staff remain resilient, sweet, and indispensable.

Day 3: "I See You" Crochet Plushies – Timed with official World Teachers' Day, staff received handmade crochet plushies with special personality tags to validate their unique magic and bring a smile to their desks.

Day 4: Notebook & Pen Sets – Practical sets for jotting down brilliant lesson ideas, managing endless to-do lists, or recording the hilarious things students say throughout the week.

Day 5: Torches ("Shine a Light") – Tying into the national theme to Shine a Light on Australia's Teachers, staff were gifted St John's 'Shine your light' pocket torches as a reminder of the brightness they bring to our classrooms, even on end-of-week afternoons when running on low battery!

Day 6: Relaxation Candles – Small tin candles to encourage everyone to take a gentle breath, light a flame, sit back, and relax after a busy term.

Day 7: Grand Finale Chocolates – Wrapping up our weeklong celebration with an extra-sweet reward for the tireless heart, energy, and dedication poured into St John's day in and day out.

To all our teachers, support staff, and administration team: thank you for making St John's such a warm, inspiring, and wonderful place for our children to grow. We appreciate everything you do!



