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 Mark 13:33-37

***Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.***

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

## Reflection

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

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## 29 November 2026

**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

**1st Reading**
Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8

**Psalm Response**
Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

**2nd Reading**
1 Corinthians 1:3-9

**Gospel Acclamation**
*Alleluia, alleluia!*
Lord, show us your mercy
and love, and grant us
your salvation.
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel**
Mark 13:33-37

## Next weeks readings

**2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B**

**1st Reading**
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

**Psalm Response**
Psalm 84:9-14 Rv.8

**2nd Reading**
2 Peter 3:8-14

**Gospel**
Mark 1:1-8

## 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

### UPCOMING DATES

**2 December, Wednesday** ***Mass of Anointing followed by a Morning Tea*** 10am St John's Church, Mullumbimby
**9 December, Wednesday** ***Coffee Club (Special Christmas Lunch)*** 10.30am Ex Services Club, Mullumbimby
**11 December, Friday** ***St John's End of Year Whole School Mass*** 11.30am St John's Church, Mullumbimby

## ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH BRUNSWICK VALLEY

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**Our Churches**
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Our Lady of Lourdes Church,
Brunswick Heads

## ROSTERS
**3 & 6 December**

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| **O.L.O.L.** | **3 December** |
| Lector: | Frances G |
| Minister of Communion: | Carolyn S |
| **St John's** | **6 December** |
| Lector: | Gemma A |
| Minister of Communion: | Anthony A |

## BULLETIN ARTICLE DEADLINE
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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



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**Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance**
**Option 2: Church Collection Plate**
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***Thank you for your continued Parish financial support.***
***Fr David Gilbey***

## POPE JOHN PAUL II - 1986
This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. Today also marks 40 years since Pope John Paul II met with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in Alice Springs. In this holy season of new beginnings, we are invited to hear the words of John Paul II to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders once again: **you are part of Australia and Australia is part of 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.

### As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need:
Maryann Paterson, 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.

# CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

***ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH, BRUNSWICK VALLEY***
***Enquiries ph 02 6684 2106***

**Christmas Eve - 24 December**
Our Lady of Lourdes 5.30pm
Brunswick Heads

**Christmas Day - 25 December**
St John's 9am
Mullumbimby

***HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH, BYRON BAY/BANGALOW***
***Enquires ph 02 6685 6260***

**Christmas Eve - 24 December**
St Kevin's 5.30pm
Bangalow

St Finbarr's 7.30pm
Byron Bay



**Christmas Day - 25 December**
St Finbarr's 7am
Byron Bay

St Kevin's 9.30am
Bangalow

## Immaculata Mission School 1 - 7 January 2027

**What is it?** Start your year afresh with Christ! This will be a chance to receive and grow deeper in your faith and to make good friendships and develop good habits, with times of prayer, fantastic Catholic speakers, share groups, fun activities and lots more.

**Who is it for?** Everyone - people of all ages! The 1-7th Jan is open to adults of all ages and youth 14 years and up. Families with children are welcome and there is a children's ministry program available 1-5 Jan.

"The Mission School helped me and my children go deeper in our faith ... it was life-changing!" Louise from Tamworth

"A deeply moving experience that's inspired a deepening of my faith and love for God like nothing else." Bryce from Sydney

**What is the theme?** "Am I Not Your Mother?" - grow in friendship with Jesus under the banner of His Mother Mary.



**Where is it?** Presbyterian Ladies College, Armidale, NSW.

**For costs, more information and to register visit www.immaculata.org.au/ims**

Early-bird prices finish 30th November, registrations close 23rd Dec.

## BAPTISM
## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH
## BRUNSWICK HEADS

"Welcome Tommy William CURRIN to the St John's Community"
Tommy is the son of Celeste and Brody Currin and was baptised at Our Lady of Lourdes Church in Brunswick Heads on Sunday 22 November.

***Congratulations!***

## MASS OF ANOINTING
## MORNING TEA

**Wednesday 2 December - 10am**
**St John's Church, Mullumbimby**

MORNING TEA will be held at the St John's Church, following the Mass of Anointing.

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## CHRISTMAS BY THE CREEK
## on behalf of the Nicholls family

**SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2026**
**11AM ONWARDS**

BYO PICNIC/BBQ plus folding chairs and swimmers of course.

***ALL WELCOME***

Any questions call Judy or Mike on 02 6684 2225 or 0401 629 748





# ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have an ***END OF YEAR WHOLE SCHOOL MASS*** with Fr David Presiding on **11 December** at **11.30am** at the St John's Church in Mullumbimby.

**This is a celebration of growth and an announcement of school captains for 2027.**

*All are welcome!*

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

BISHOP *of* LISMORE
— GREGORY HOMEMING OCD —

## BISHOP GREG'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FOR 2026

2026 has been marked by uncertainty, rising prices, inflation and war. Not the signs of a good year. The difficulties of the previous year 2025 were multiplied by the war with Iran, a war which I do not understand. The repercussions of which have impacted the whole world and there does not seem to be an easy or obvious solution. Countries in conflict with each other do not seem to be concerned about the good of the world, rather national pride and stubbornness replaces diplomacy and common sense. Pope Leo has spoken to this on a number of occasions.

As we approach the end of the year, Christmas once again becomes a focus. The quiet gentleness of the baby Jesus watched and loved by Mary and Joseph replaces all the concerns of 2026. I invite you into this holy scene to experience the first Christmas alive in our hearts. At least for a moment let go of your worries and troubles and allow Jesus into your hearts.

I wish you a happy and blessed Christmas.

+ Greg

Most Revd Gregory Homeming OCD
*Bishop of Lismore*


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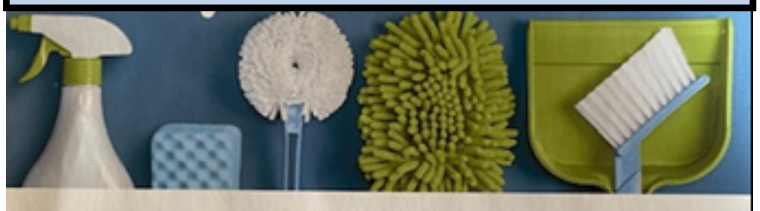

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