

Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

# St John's Catholic Parish



"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

Mullumbimby



Serving the Catholic Community in the Brunswick Valley



## No obstacle to sharing faith

**TODAY** we continue to read from the Gospel of Mark. Recall that last week we heard Jesus chastise his disciples for their argument about who among them was the greatest. Jesus taught them that the greatest among them will be those who serve the least ones.

In today's Gospel, the disciple John questions Jesus about an unknown exorcist who was driving out demons in Jesus' name. John's question might have been motivated by jealousy.

Previously in Mark's Gospel, Jesus healed a boy whom the disciples had been unable to heal. John's question is further evidence that the disciples have not yet grasped Jesus' words to them. They continue to compare themselves to others who seem to have greater healing powers, and they do not want to share the power of Jesus' name with others.

Today the demon possession described in the Gospels might be seen as a form of mental illness, but the need for healing these syndromes was as real then as it is now.

Exorcism was a common practice in first-century Palestine. Some people

had the power to heal the symptoms of possession. One of the strategies used was to invoke the name of a person or figure who was believed to have the power to heal.

The disciples observed that the unknown exorcist invoked Jesus' name and was successful in his healing efforts. This unknown healer recognized the power of Jesus' name, yet he was not a follower of Jesus.

In his reply to his disciples, Jesus acknowledges that deeds of faith can precede the words of faith. He also teaches that the disciples should not be reluctant to share Jesus' healing powers with others.

Later in this Gospel, Jesus teaches us not to create obstacles for those who are just beginning to have faith but to encourage even the smallest signs of faith. The Greek word used here for sin also connotes "stumbling" or "causing scandal."

In vivid terms Jesus teaches his disciples the consequences to those who would put obstacles before people who are on the road to faith.

- Loyola Press

Sun 26th Sept 2021, Year B  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Liturgy this week**

*This week's readings*

Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6;  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48.

*Psalm Response*

The precepts of the Lord  
give joy to the heart.

*Gospel Acclamation*

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make  
us holy in the truth. *Alleluia!*

*Next week's readings*

Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11;  
Mk 10:2-16.

*Mass/Service Times:*

**WEEKDAY SERVICES**

Brunswick Heads

**Thursday**

Adoration and Rosary **5pm**

Readings, Vespers and Eucharist **5.30pm**

**NO WEEKEND  
SERVICES**

**Weekday services will  
depend on whether  
lockdown ends next  
Tuesday (28th Sept)**

**FRIDAY ADORATION**

Join us on Friday mornings at  
St John's Church, Mullumbimby

**Adoration 8.30-10am**

**Rosary 9.30am**

Join Bishop  
Greg for Mass  
every Sunday  
on the Diocese  
of Lismore  
YouTube  
Channel



[www.lismorediocese.org](http://www.lismorediocese.org)

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### CHURCHES:

St John's  
15 Murwillumbah Rd,  
Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes  
50 Mullumbimbi St,  
Brunswick Heads

### PARISH SCHOOL:

St John's Primary  
Principal: Renay Condon  
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### Rosters: 2/3 Oct (IF OPEN)

	READER	SPECIAL MIN
LOL	Mark R	Frances G
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Current interest rate  
offered to investors  
**.45% pa**  
"INVEST WITH PEACE OF MIND"  
[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au)

### Catholic content online

**Diocese of Lismore:**  
[www.lismorediocese.org](http://www.lismorediocese.org)

**CathNews:**  
[www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

**Catholic Leader:**  
[www.catholicleader.com.au](http://www.catholicleader.com.au)

**Vatican News:**  
[www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)



### COVID guidelines in our parish

- If you have been in any COVID hot spot in the last 14 days, you are not to attend services until you

### CHURCHES CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

and 28 in Our Lady of Lourdes Church,

- Please use **QR code** to **sign IN and OUT** if you have a phone, otherwise details must be added to list.
- Social distancing of 1.5m maintained between each person (**4m<sup>2</sup>** per person indoors)
- Use hand sanitizer on entry and exit
- No social gathering before or after Mass
- No Holy Water, No Sign of peace, No singing, Holy Communion on the hand only, No Chalice.
- Weddings/Funerals - Church/Legal limits

**If you are unwell or at high risk, please do not attend any church. Over 70s should exercise particular caution. The faithful are dispensed from all Holy Days of Obligation in our Diocese.**

**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office** - If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



### Direct Deposit Planned Giving

#### 1st Collection

Clergy Fund  
Bank: NAB,  
Name: **Presbyterium Acc  
Mullumbimby Parish,**  
BSB: 082-729,  
Acc: 50979 7032

#### 2nd Collection

Parish Account  
Bank: NAB,  
Name: **St John's Parish  
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BSB: 082-729,  
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**Lismore Office of the Tribunal** - Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all concerned. The Catholic Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. Your privacy will be respected. You will be guided and supported through the process if you wish to proceed. Further information: phone 6621 7288 or email: [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)



**PRIESTHOOD**  
CONSIDER THE CALL

*Dare to be different!*

**Vocation Discernment Retreat  
for men ages 18 - 35 years old**

November 5 - 7, 2021

## VLCFF Courses - Cycle 7

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) - Registrations for Courses in Cycle 7 are now open (close October 1). Go to St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website for further information or contact Tony Worner at [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au)

**VLCFF ONLINE CLASSES**  
STARTS OCTOBER 10

3 weeks ✓

- Basic Catechist Formation: Seminar 1.1
- Catholic Identity and Culture
- Directory for Catechesis 2020: A General Overview
- Mercy
- Our Hearts Were Burning
- Summary of Catholic Social Teaching
- Theological Reflection: Key to Connecting Faith and Life

5 weeks ✓

- A Vision of Catholic Youth Ministry
- Bible Basics
- Catholic Beliefs
- Church History 2
- Conscience
- Directory for Catechesis 2020 (5-week course)
- Evangelization and Discipleship
- Facilitating Adult Learning and Faith Formation (AFL 4)
- Faith and Human Development
- Faith Formation for Adults with Special Needs (SN 5)
- Giving with God: Reflections on Wealth
- Images of Jesus
- Introduction to Catechesis
- Introduction to Practical Morality
- Introduction to Prayer
- Introduction to Scripture
- Let This Be the Time: Spiritual Essentials for Life's Second Act
- Marianist Studies: Prayer
- Mary in Scripture and Tradition
- New Testament
- Old Testament
- On the Call to Holiness
- Praying With Children
- Sacraments
- Survey of Catholic Doctrine
- Survey of Catholic Social Teaching
- The Parish Nurse: Facilitating Wholistic Health Through the Lifespan
- Veteran and Military Family Outreach
- Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists

## Volunteers needed

**The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco.** We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our communities in Australia. When it is safe to do so, we will send volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste and the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people  
of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore  
you, we glorify you, we give you  
thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King, O God,  
almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father, you take away the  
sins of the world, have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God, the Father  
almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Only Begotten Son of God, born of  
the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light, true  
God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven, and by the  
Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin  
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the third  
day in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead and his  
kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life, who proceeds from  
the Father and the Son, who with  
the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified, who has spoken through the  
prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and  
apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins and I look forward  
to the resurrection of the dead and the  
life of the world to come. Amen.

## Let Us Pray

**Recently deceased:** Ken  
Backo, Sue Mallam, Pat  
Dailhou, Carmel Blacker, Flo  
Watson, Chris Pavlovich, Bob  
Vallance, Heather Irwin, Leo Gallen.

**Anniversaries:** Ned and Cora Cook,  
Vince Creagan, Gloria Thorley.

**Time of need:** Frank Mills, Anne  
Arcus, Gladys and Alana Miles, Kelly  
McGrath, Margaret Walker, Margaret  
Lowry, Carol McBride, Ian Mercer,  
Dee Dee Lavell, Joyce Lake, Brian  
Burns, Sr Margaret Keane, Shelly and  
Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Ron de  
Costa, Kevin Donaghy, Claire Melene,  
Trisha Lloyd, Camilla Reynolds, Peter  
Colville, Fr Andrew Benton.

### Deceased priests of the Diocese:

Raymond Smith, James Reilly,  
D'Arcy McCarthy, Francis Walsh,  
Douglas Stewart, +Thomas McCabe,  
*Bishop of Wollongong*, Peter Perry,  
Daniel McGrath.

**Seminarians:** Those training for the  
Diocese and those entering seminaries.



## COVID Prayer

Jesus our brother, you travelled  
through towns and villages curing  
every disease and illness among the  
people. At your command the sick  
were made well.

Come to our aid now in this health  
crisis, so that we may know your  
healing love.

Heal the grieving family and friends of  
those worldwide who have died.

Heal those who are sick, may they  
regain their health and strength.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents  
us from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which makes  
us certain of our health and life apart  
from you.

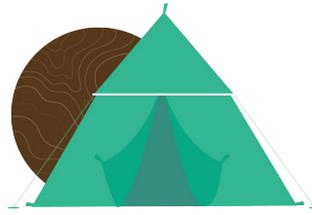
Bless health care professionals with  
strength and compassion as they  
selflessly respond to our needs.

We make this prayer through Christ  
our loving, healing and forgiving  
Lord. Amen.





# SEASON OF CREATION



The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration of prayer and action for our common home. Together, the ecumenical family around the world unites to pray and protect God's creation.

The season starts **1 September**, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and ends **4 October**, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

This year we will be uniting around the theme, *"A Home for All? Renewing the Oikos of God."*

Oikos is the Greek word for "home," or "household." By rooting our theme in the concept of oikos, we celebrate the integral web of relationships that sustain the well-being of the Earth.

This year's symbol, **Abraham's tent**, signifies our commitment to safeguard a place for all who share our common home, just as Abraham did in the Book of Genesis. You're encouraged to place Abraham's tent in a local garden as a sign of hospitality for the excluded. Communities are invited to pray with and for the most vulnerable in their community.

Individuals and communities are invited to participate through

*Human beings too are creatures of this world, enjoying a right to life and happiness, and endowed with unique dignity. So we cannot fail to consider the effects on people's lives of environmental deterioration, current models of development and the throwaway culture.*

*- Laudato Si' #4*

prayer, sustainability projects, or advocacy.

**Prayer:** Host an Facetime prayer service that unites all Christians to care for our common home.

**Sustainability:** Lead a clean-up project in your local area that helps all of creation thrive.

**Advocacy:** Raise your voice for climate justice by participating or leading an ongoing campaign, such as the movement to divest from fossil fuels.

We invite you to schedule your own participation in the season.

Visit: [SeasonOfCreation.org](http://SeasonOfCreation.org)

## SAVE THE DATE

**SEP 1-OCT 4:** Season of Creation

**OCT 24:** Catholic Mission Sunday

**NOV 18:** Anointing Mass,  
St John's Church 10.30am

### *Saints and Feasts*

**27.09** St Vincent de Paul

**28.09** St Wenceslaus

**28.09** St Laurence Ruiz &  
Companions

**29.09** Sts Michael, Gabriel &  
Raphael, Archangels

**30.09** St Jerome

**01.10** St Therese of the Child Jesus

**02.10** The Holy Guardian Angels

### *Special appeals*

**Catholic Mission Sunday:** Oct 24  
Envelopes all of October.

## HSC Prayer Sponsors

Prayer Sponsors have been proposed for the Year 12 students of Mt St Patrick College in Murwillumbah during their HSC exams. If you are interested in being a Prayer Sponsor, please ring the College Office (66722340) and leave your name and contact details. Exams begin 9th Nov.

## Catholic Mission Sunday

Sunday 24th October is Catholic Mission Sunday, and there will be a Catholic Mission Appeal on the day. Due to the present COVID situation, collection envelopes will be available all of October.

## THINGS TO CONSIDER:

**Did you know that less than 10% of plastics produced are recycled?**

Rethink using plastic, especially single use, and choose an alternative if possible.

A global analysis of all mass-produced plastics ever manufactured titled:

"*Production, use, and fate of all plastics ever made*" states that from 2015-2017, approx 6300 million metric tonnes of plastic waste was generated, and of that:

- 9% had been recycled,
- 12% was incinerated,
- 79% was accumulated in landfills or the natural environment!

Learn more about the environmental effects of plastic waste:

- [www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/plastic/](http://www.nationalgeographic.org/projects/plastic/)
- [www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/plastics-industry-insiders-reveal-the-truth-about-recycling/](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/article/plastics-industry-insiders-reveal-the-truth-about-recycling/)

## Impacts of Bottled Water

**In production:** Most bottled water is packaged in PET (polyethylene terephthalate) plastic bottles which are derived from crude oil. It can take up to 3L of water to produce 1L of water.

**In transportation:** Transportation of bottled water around the world requires burning of fossil fuels.

**In landfill and the litter stream:** Although recyclable, many end up in landfill and take up to 1,000 years to break down. When littered, they often end up in the sea where they break up in small pieces, killing marine life that mistake them for food. Also, bottled water is expensive. Over 90% of the cost can be traced back to the bottle, lid and label. You can save all that money by drinking tap water.

## Ocean Conservation

In December of 2020, 14 key nations, including Australia, committed to protecting our oceans, focusing on the protection of all of the oceans, rather than solely on marine protected areas.

According to *National Geographic* (2020), some solutions offered by the panel are the restoration of mangroves and seagrass and tracking down illegal fishing vessels. The leaders also invited other nations to join the agreement.

[www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/in-rare-show-of-solidarity-14-key-nations-commit-to-protect-oceans](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/environment/article/in-rare-show-of-solidarity-14-key-nations-commit-to-protect-oceans)