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

God's Spirit is with us!

THIS portion of John's Gospel comes near the end of the first of four chapters that make up Jesus' long farewell discourse at the Last Supper.

This section of chapter 14 actually sums up the themes of the opening of the discourse: the Christian's life is not shaped by Jesus' absence but by God's abiding presence; God's presence overcomes anxiety about God's absence; and the present holds in it the seeds of a fresh future shaped by love, not fear.

These verses also contain a glimpse of some of the other themes of the farewell discourse: Jesus' relationship with the Father and the disciples' relationship to Jesus connect the disciples to the Father as well.

Jesus promises to send an Advocate or intercessor who will remind the disciples of everything that Jesus taught them and bring them peace.

Jesus is preparing his disciples in advance for his absence so that they will continue to believe in him and not feel all alone after his return to the Father. After the initial excitement of his Easter appearances, Jesus will remain with his followers in a very different way throughout the centuries.

As our celebration of the Easter season is coming to an end, the liturgy reminds us that Jesus remains with us through the Holy Spirit, who teaches us everything we need to know, reminds us of all that Jesus taught, and brings us peace. - *Loyola Press*

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Diocesan Review: Invitation

SAVE THE DATE: THURS 26TH MAY - 12.30PM

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Sunday 22nd May, 2022
6th Sunday of Easter, Year C

Liturgy this week

Today's readings
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29;
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

Psalm Response
O God, let all the nations praise you!

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!

Next week's readings
Acts 1:1-11;
Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53.

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Mass/Services Times

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Mulllumbimby
Monday 5.30pm
Confirmation
with Bishop Greg Homeming

Brunswick Heads
Thursday
Adoration and Rosary **5pm**
Readings, Vespers and Eucharist **5.30pm**

WEEKEND MASSES

Brunswick Heads
Saturday Vigil 5pm
Mullumbimby
Sunday 8am

FRIDAY ADORATION

Join us on Friday mornings at St John's Church, Mullumbimby
Adoration 8.30-10am
Rosary 9.30am

St John's Catholic Parish
Brunswick Valley

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Tues-Thurs, 10am - 4.30pm

CHURCHES
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Our Lady of Lourdes
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PARISH SCHOOL
St John's Primary
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Rosters: 28/29 May, 2022		
	Reader	**Special Min**
OLOL	Frances G	Mark R
SJC	Paul B	TBC

Our next Anointing Mass is at:
St John's Church,
Thursday 16th June
at 10.30am
All Welcome

COVID guidelines in St John's Catholic Parish

- Please follow all NSW Health directives on testing and isolating at home if you have COVID.
- **MASKS:** Recommended to be worn indoors,
- Use hand sanitizer on entry and exit,
- No Holy Water, No Sign of peace,
- Communion on the hand only, No Chalice reception,
- Weddings/Funerals - Government rules followed.

If you are unwell or at high risk, please do not attend any church. The faithful are dispensed from all Holy Days of Obligation in our Diocese.

Direct Deposit Planned Giving

Please note these are two **different** accounts

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 Working Account**
BSB: **082-729**,
Acc: **50979 6718**.

Set up monthly payments online or at your bank.
Please set payments for the **15th** of each month.

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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***

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***

INVITATION

St John's Catholic Parish
Diocesan Review Meeting

12.30pm - 2pm,
Thurs 26th May, 2022.

St John's Church, Mullumbimby.

You are warmly invited to the above Parish meeting. Please bring your thoughts and prayers. Thank you.

- Fr David Gilbey, Administrator

The Review's goal is to provide a focussed way forward in the face of the many challenges which confront the Diocese.
Some questions to ponder...
1. How can we sustain and strengthen our parish communities?
2. We need to identify the needs of the people in the Lismore Diocese and find ways to assist them.
3. How can we support clergy, parishes and the other works of the Diocese?
4. What should the mission and focus of the Diocese be as we move further into the 21st Century?
5. Do we need to change the structures which hold the Diocese in place and/or the ways in which we do things?

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 glorfy 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.

Presbyterians using St John's

The local Presbyterian Church will continue to use St John's Church while their own buildings are repaired after the floods. They plan to be at St John's at 10am on May 29th, and June 5th and 12th. Please exit the church in a timely manner so they can prepare.

We extend a warm welcome to all to worship with us. Whether that be only once or twice a year, or every weekend. Whatever your life circumstance, you are welcome in St John's Catholic Parish.

The Diocese of Lismore Flood Appeal.
To donate, pls transfer funds to:
BSB: **037-889**
Account No: **1061 5829**
Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal**

Please Note: Unfortunately this fund is not tax deductible

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born to the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried;
he decended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Let Us Pray

Recently deceased: Bill Sweeney, Barry O'Donnell, Janice Bolland**,** Ron de Costa.

Anniversaries: Deacon Robert Devine, Peter Nicholls, Nell Sawtell, Mary Walker, Brian Tarlinton, Vi Walker, Sharyn Leroy.

Time of need: Kylie Leadbeatter, Trevan Pepper, Eden Grace Wedd, Patrick Woodhouse, John Holmes, Fr Anthony Lemon, Gladys and Alana Miles, Kelly McGrath, Margaret Walker, Margaret Lowry, Carol McBride, Joyce Lake, Brian Burns, Shelly and Joseph Singh, Peter Murphy, Kevin Donaghy, Claire Melene, Trisha Lloyd, Camilla Reynolds, Peter Colville, Fr Andrew Benton.

Deceased priests of the Diocese:
MAY: Edward Crowley, Denis Mullins, Charles Smith, Thomas O'Byrne, Robert Kennedy, +Patrick Joseph Farrelly - *Third Bishop of Lismore*, Arthur Daley.

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

Saints and Feasts

24.05 Our Lady, Help of Christians
25.05 St Bede the Venerable, St Gregory, St Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
26.05 St Philip Neri
27.05 St Augustine of Canterbury

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.
You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 23: Confirmation service, St John's Church with Bishop Greg Homeming at 5.30pm. All Welcome.
26: Diocesan Review Meeting, St John's Church 12.30pm.
JUN 12: Vinnies Winter Appeal.
16: Anointing Mass St John's 10.30am

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR DAVID

Best wishes to Father David for his birthday on Wednesday 25th May. (Because I like my job I won't reveal his age!)

Planned Giving envelopes

New planned giving envelopes will be available in the next few weeks. If you are not on my list and would like a set, or now prefer to bank transfer, please let the office know.

Volunteer Morning Tea

We will host the Volunteer Morning Tea on Sunday 19th June in the School hall after Mass. All who have volunteered in the parish over the last 18 months are invited. From lectors, to flower arrangers, sacristans, home visitors, PPC and finance council members... the list goes on! Please be our guest. RSVP list at the back of the church for catering.

That Sunday will also be the Commissioning Mass for the new Eucharistic Ministers.

Street Stall Success

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the success of the Josephite Companions street stall. $1,368 was raised to help provide educational resources for the children of East Timor. Raffle winners were 1st Michelle, 2nd Janet, 3rd Pat Plater.

Just a Note to Say...

To my St John's and Our Lady of Lourdes Family,

A busy week has passed since the beautiful and heartfelt farewell you gave me and I am still reliving the precious moments. I thank you all for your friendship and generosity of spirit. Your love has meant a great deal to me and has deepened my faith immeasurably.

Whilst our parish is few in numbers, I truly believe that quality overrides quantity every time. I shall miss you all very much and just hope that my new parish in Brisbane will be as warm and welcoming.

If any of you venture up to Brisbane and need a bed for the night or a shoulder to lean on, don't forget me. There's always a welcome on the mat.
Love, Thoughts and Prayers
Ruth Manley (address supplied).

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL

WE are finally getting into a good rhythm here at St John's! The first 4 weeks of term 2 have flown by. Our Year 3 and year 5 students finished their NAPLAN testing last week, which enabled the teachers and students to get back into the core business of teaching and learning.

On Monday afternoon, Catherine McAleer who is an Education Officer (Primary) for Religious Education and Catechesis within the Mission Services team, ran a PD with staff on Catholic Social Teaching which was very valuable. Staff were able to discuss and discern some directions in which they might head with this, but as a whole we believe that a focus on building empathy with our students is an essential aspect of the Catholic Social Teaching space. We visited the 4 key principles of Catholic Social Teaching - Human Dignity, Common Good, Solidarity and Subsidiarity and in the coming weeks, these words will be visually up in classrooms for us to refer to with the kids when required.

This week there are a few key dates - we have the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, patroness of Australia, we have National Sorry Day and the start of reconciliation week as well. Plenty happening here and plenty to celebrate.
Every blessing for the coming week,
Dave Bermingham, Principal.

Confirmation 2022

We wish all the Confirmation candidates from the Parish and St John's School all the best for the Sacrament on Monday.

It will be a beautiful celebration with Bishop Greg presiding. Thank you to the families who have supported the candidates in their learning and to teacher Courtney Wells who has prepared the children for their Confirmation.

You are welcome to attend the Confirmation Service at St John's Church at 5.30pm Monday and the supper afterwards in the hall. Please bring a plate of food to share.

Let us Pray for them:

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on all candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your spirit and bring to fulfilment the good work that You have begun in them. Deepen our faith in the Gospel and help us to pass it on by our example. We pray that you will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.