



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

## His power over evil

Today's Gospel continues our reading from Mark and describes what some believe was likely to have been a typical day in Jesus' ministry. Jesus and the disciples that chose to follow him in last week's Gospel arrive at Capernaum, a small village on the Sea of Galilee. Jesus teaches in the synagogue on the Sabbath. Mark reports that the people respond to Jesus' teaching with astonishment, noting Jesus' authority and contrasting it with the scribes'.

After Jesus' preaching, an even more astonishing thing happens. A man possessed with an unclean spirit calls out to Jesus. As we see in this example and throughout Mark's Gospel, the spirits and demons seem to know Jesus and are often fearful of him. In fact, they seem to understand Jesus' identity better than his disciples. As we will read again and again in Mark's Gospel, Jesus orders the spirit to be quiet and drives the unclean spirit out of the man. Jesus' ability to heal those possessed by



demons is an indication of his power over evil.

In the prescientific age of Jesus' time, all illnesses were understood to be manifestations of evil and sinfulness. Possession by unclean spirits may have been a way to describe what we might call mental illness today or certain kinds of physical conditions.

The crowds see in Jesus' cure of the possessed man further affirmation of his authority. Jesus' power to heal gives greater credence to his teaching. Because of the authority with which he healed, Jesus' fame spread throughout Galilee. - Loyola Press

Sunday 28th January, 2024

4th Sunday in Ord Time, Year B

### Liturgy this week

#### This Week's readings:

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35;

Mk 1: 21-28.

#### Psalm Reponse

If today you hear his voice,  
harden not your hearts.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. *Alleluia!*

#### Next week's readings:

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19: 22-23;

Mk 1:29-39.

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#### This Week's Services

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

#### Brunswick Heads

#### Tuesday Adoration

6pm-7.30pm

#### Thursday

Adoration and Rosary 3.30pm

Communion Service 4pm

#### Mullumbimby

#### Friday Adoration

8.30-10.30am

### WEEKEND MASSES

#### Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 5pm

#### Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

### ONLINE MASSES

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



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

VATICAN NEWS [www.vaticannews.va](http://www.vaticannews.va)

22/01/2024  
**"Growing Together"**  
ecumenical events open  
with Anglican and Catholic  
Bishops



16/01/2024  
Escalation of war worsens  
humanitarian crisis in Lebanon



20/01/2024  
Armed gunmen kidnap six  
nuns in Haiti



21/01/2024  
Pope announces Year of  
Prayer leading up to Jubilee



20/01/2024  
EU Ministers meeting as  
Ukraine pleas for help  
amid mounting death toll

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### CHURCHES

**St John's Church**  
15 Murwillumbah Road,  
Mullumbimby

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church**  
50 Mullumbimbi Street,  
Brunswick Heads

### PARISH SCHOOL

**St John's Primary School**  
Principal: David Bermingham  
**Phone: 6684 2386**

## Let Us Pray

**Recently deceased:** John Irby,  
Kate Stirling, John McDermott,  
Stuart Coles, Aaron Griggs.

**Anniversaries:** Mick Bellenger,  
May Walker, Fr Lyall Cowell.

**Time of need:** Lucy Went, Eden Wedd,  
Jeanne Sjoberg, Pat Plater, Peter White,  
Shirley Cairns, Barry McGrath, Maryann  
Paterson, Martin Fitzhenry, Joy Kearney,  
Trevan Pepper, Patrick Woodhouse, Fr  
Anthony Lemon.

### Deceased priests of the Diocese

**FEB:** Russell Redford, Jerome O'Rourke,  
**William Murphy**, Edward O'Gorman,  
James O'Rourke, Joachim Hennessy,  
Augustine Parker, **John Naylor**.

**Seminarians:** Thomas Popovic, and all  
those called to serve the Church.

### Saints and Feasts

**31.01** St John Bosco  
**01.02** St Brigid  
**02.02** The Presentation of the Lord  
**03.02** St Blaise and St Ansgar.



## Lenten Book Order

Evangelisation Brisbane  
has developed a new  
Lent and Easter reflection  
resource called **A  
Resurrected Life**.

Each day includes a  
scripture reading and a reflection  
upon it, some questions to aid prayer  
and discussion, and relevant quotes  
from Pope Francis. A Resurrected  
Life has been written by a single  
author, allowing for continuity and  
development, taking the reader on a  
meaningful journey.

**Cost is \$6 each**, which includes  
postage. Order sheet at back of church.  
Orders will be placed next week (30  
Jan) to get them here in time for Ash  
Wednesday.

## Special Appeals

**St Vinnies - OLOL only:**  
Poor Box - Oct-Dec: \$1203.10,  
Christmas Appeal: \$190.



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## COVID Safety



- Please use provided hand sanitiser on entry and exit.
  - Masks encouraged.
  - Eucharist on the tongue allowed. Come after those who receive on the hand.
  - Communion at Home: Hands sanitised on entry and exit; Mask worn by choice.
- Do not attend church if you have symptoms.**

## STAMP OUT POVERTY

- with your used stamps.

Mary Mackillop Today (MMT) recycles used stamps to raise funds to fight poverty. Hopefully you received some interesting stamps over Christmas that you can donate!

**Trim around stamp on the envelope, leaving a generous margin around stamp. Place stamps in an envelope and place on the plate.**



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## Church Rosters: 03/04 February

Church	Reader	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Michael S	Sandra Scarrabelotti
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## SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN

Would parents please keep their children  
**supervised at all times** in the  
church and surrounding grounds  
- including taking them to the  
bathroom. For their safety,  
please ensure you can always see  
them while on Parish grounds.

