



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

Yielding a rich harvest



TODAY'S Gospel reading is taken from the Gospel of John. Chapter 12 of John's Gospel is a preparation for the beginning of the passion narrative to follow. Jesus has just raised Lazarus from the dead—an important sign in John's Gospel, which inspired many people to believe in Jesus.

Jesus is anointed at Bethany and enters Jerusalem in triumph. We again see evidence of the significance of the raising of Lazarus to this event; John reports that the crowds also gathered to see Lazarus.

Following his triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus predicted his suffering, death, and Resurrection and prepared his disciples to believe in the salvation that his death would accomplish.

Using the metaphor of the grain of wheat, Jesus presented the idea that his dying would be beneficial. He also taught that those who would be his disciples must follow his example of

sacrifice. This theme will be repeated in John's account of the Last Supper, when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples as an example of how they must serve one another.

Jesus gives a confident response to the question he raises when asking God to save him from his impending death. After announcing his conviction that it is for this purpose that he came, a voice from heaven speaks, as if in answer to Jesus' prayer. Jesus teaches that this voice was sent for the sake of those who would believe in him.

In today's Gospel, we also hear Jesus speak about the cosmic framework against which we are to understand his passion, death, and Resurrection. Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus conquered Satan, the ruler of this world. In this way the world is judged, but the judgment is not condemnation. Instead, through Jesus' dying and rising, salvation is brought to the world.

- Loyola Press

Sunday 17th March, 2023

5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

Liturgy this week

This Week's readings:

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9;

Jn 12:20-30.

Psalm Reponse

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Gospel Acclamation

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

If you serve me, follow me,
says the Lord; and where I am,
my servant will also be.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!*

Next week's readings:

Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1-15:47.

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This Week's Services

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Brunswick Heads
Tuesday Adoration

6pm-7.30pm

Thursday 5.30pm

Anointing Mass

(No Thursday afternoon service)

No Friday adoration in Mullum

WEEKEND MASSES

Brunswick Heads

Saturday Vigil 5pm

Mullumbimby

Sunday 8am

ONLINE MASSES

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VATICAN NEWS www.vaticannews.va



12/03/2024

**Parolin: For the Pope,
negotiation is not
surrender, but a condition
for just and lasting peace**



**Pope: Church must
eradicate situations that
protect abusers**



**Pope: Confession offers
'unique moment of grace and
God's forgiveness'**



09/03/2024
**Fr. Faltas: We cannot close our
eyes to children dying in Gaza**



07/03/2024
**Vatican: 95th anniversary of
first female academic
employees**

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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

MARCH Safeguarding Theme: CALD (Cultural and Linguistic Diversity)



Inclusiveness, diversity and cultural acceptance



Harmony celebrations

Harmony Week is celebrated during the week (Monday to Sunday) that includes **21 March** - the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

What is Harmony Week?

It is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism, and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it.



How to celebrate?

Come together with friends and family and through schools, workplaces and our wider communities to celebrate our diversity. Host an event or attend a local celebration.

Why orange?

Orange is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Week. Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect. Australians can choose to wear something orange during Harmony Week to show their support for cultural diversity.

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"Never see a need without doing something about it." ~ St Mary of the Cross MacKillop



Church Rosters: 23/24 March

Church	Reader	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Palm Sunday Volunteer roster	
SJC	School and Volunteer roster	

COVID Safety

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

Our next
Anointing Mass
is at
St John's Church
Thur 18th April
10.30am
Morning Tea afterwards

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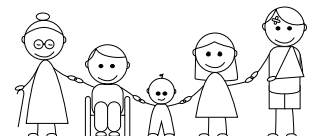


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SAFEGUARDING IN OUR PARISH

Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office (02) **6621 9444**. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



Lenten reflection from: A Resurrected Life Contemplating the Word:

On the surface of it, there is an apparent non sequitur in today's reading. Why should the fact that some Greeks have turned up wanting to see Jesus cause him to say, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified"?

What is it about the Greeks?

It relates to an earlier reading (see the gospel for Sunday Week 4).

There, Jesus reflects on his imminent suffering and death, where he would



be raised like the bronze serpent in the desert, held aloft so that anyone bitten could look on it and be saved. By being physically held aloft (ie raised) on the cross, Jesus becomes the one upon whom anyone can look for salvation. Anyone.

Now the Greeks have arrived and Jesus takes this as the sign that God's plan of salvation for all is being fulfilled. The Greeks represent us all: the non-Jewish people included in God's plan to restore all things in Christ. So Jesus, upon hearing of the arrival of the Greeks, says, "The hour has come..."

Our next Anointing Mass is at

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Brunswick Heads
THIS Thursday 21 March at 5.30pm

PROJECT COMPASSION FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) to support communities living in urban slums in the **Philippines**. FCJ runs a number of programs that include house renovating, food processing, basic literacy skills, urban gardening, upcycling and income generating activities. They also have a clinic visited weekly by a doctor and community nurse.

Caritas Australia partners with Caritas **Samoa** to assist communities to have increased access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene to ensure human health and well-being by providing water tanks and sanitation facilities.

Caritas Australia partners with the Catholic Development Commission in **Malawi** through the A+ program. Since 2016, the A+ program has helped 7,397 families across Malawi improve their food security, access



to basic water and sanitation, boost women's income generation and strengthen child protection.

Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes in your churches, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or call 1800 024 413.

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Let Us Pray

Recently deceased: Mary Spark, John Irby, Kate Stirling, John McDermott, Stuart Coles.

Anniversaries: Stephen Nicholson, Patricia Boyle, Terry Godbee, Frank, Vince and Betty Walker, Stephen McNaught, Mary Nicholson.

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

MAR: Frederick James Fry, **Francis McEvoy**, Daniel Troy, John Colahan, **William Mills**.

Saints and Feasts

18: St Patrick

19: St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

23: St Turibius of Mogrovejo

All Information for the bulletin by
Tuesday morning please!

mullumbimby@lismore.catholic.org.au

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



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SAVE THE DATE

Mar 21: Anointing Mass, OLOL 5.30pm. (No daytime service)
24: First Reconciliation, St John's Church, after Mass plus morning tea.
APR 7: Parish Morning Tea.

WEEKLY

Christian Meditation - Tue 9.30am, OLOL, Brunswick Heads.

ADORATION

- **OLOL: Tues 6 - 7.30pm**

Thu 10.30-11.30am (+ Communion service). **NOTE: Not 3rd Thursday.**

- **ST JOHN'S: Fri 8.30am-10am** (not on again until 26/04/24)

MONTHLY

Sunday Morning Tea - 1st Sun.

Coffee Gathering - 2nd Wed.

Rosary Team Meeting - 2nd Sat.

Confession - 2nd Sun SJC.

Anointing Mass - 3rd Thurs

EASTER MASSES

Holy Thursday - 6pm

OLOL, Brunswick Heads

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 10am OLOL.

Good Friday Service - 3pm

St John's Church, Mullumbimby.

Holy Saturday Vigil - 7pm

St John's Church.

Easter Sunday:

8am - SJC; **10am** - OLOL

Sacramental Programme



First Reconciliation

Term 2 - (Year 4)

Tuesday at the School.

4th session: **March 19** - 5pm.

Sacrament: Sunday 24th March, 8am (after Mass) St John's Church. Morning tea after.

Holy Week Rosters

The Rosters for the Holy Week services are at the back of each church. Please add your name if you are able to do one of the roles.

Anointing Mass

Anointing Mass is at OLOL this Thursday 21 March at 5.30pm.

World Day of Prayer

On the 1st March the Combined Churches of Mullumbimby gathered at the Anglican Church to prayer for the people of Palestine. The prayer service was prepared by the women of Palestine using the theme "*I beg you... bear with one another in love*" and presented by the Mullumbimby Anglican Church. It was wonderful to gather and prayer with other Christians in our community and enjoy a cuppa afterwards.

In March 2025 St Johns and OLOL will be hosting the World Day of Prayer for the Mullumbimby community. The women of the Cook Islands will be preparing the prayer service for us.

Synod on Synodality

Our parish discussions last year have led to the synthesis report (www.synod.va/content/dam/synod/assembly/synthesis/english/2023.10.28-ENG-Synthesis-Report_IMP.pdf), on which we are asked to comment on chapters 8-12, 16, 18.

We are asked to reflectively answer these questions:

- How can we enhance the different roles of all the members of the Church?
- How do we recognise, shape, and promote co-responsibility?

- What ministries and participatory bodies can be renewed or introduced to better express this co-responsibility?

Please send responses to mattdigges@scca.net.au, who will compile the Lismore Diocese response at the start of April.

Adult Online Faith Formation

The Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) at the University of Dayton, Ohio, offers over 100 online courses in adult faith formation.

These courses are usually five weeks, with a commitment to spend around 5 hours per week reading and submitting responses/reflections. (There are no exams!) The cost is very reasonable, and further subsidies are provided because of the partnership with the Lismore Diocese. The price is \$US50.

Registrations for Cycle 3 Courses are now open. Close on April 3. (Courses begin April 8.)

If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at:

[VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au)

stagnesparish.org.au or

0436 941 280. Learn more about the VLCFF at vlcff.udayton.edu or follow the links at stagnesparish.org.au/faith

Mobile Service NSW Centre

The Mobile Service NSW centres will be in the area as per below:

Tues 19 March, 9am-3pm at Ocean Shores Country Club.

Wed 20 March, 9am-3pm at Byron Shire Council.

Thur 21 March, from 9am-3pm at Byron Bay RSL Club.

Trinity Catholic College Lismore

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Yr 7 High School Enrolments 2025

- Xavier Catholic College, Ballina.

Applications close Friday 5 April.

P: 6618 0180 E: xavier@lism.catholic.edu.au

- Trinity Catholic College, Lismore.

Applications close: Wed 1 May. E: admin@trinitylismore.nsw.edu.au P: 6627 6600

- Mt St Patrick College, Murwillumbah.

P: 6672 2340. Application info call school.

E: mspcmbah@lism.catholic.edu.au

- St John's College, Woodlawn.

Applications close Wed 1 May.

P: 6626 2600 E: lisjc@lism.catholic.edu.au

Year 7 / 2025 Enrolment Timeline



College Open Night

Wednesday 3 April 2024

Applications Close

Wednesday 1 May 2024

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