



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

## Today's Gospel

John 15:1-8

**All who live in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'



## Jesus will remain with us always

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and God himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of

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Sunday 28th April, 2024  
5th Sunday of Easter, Year B

## Liturgy this week

**This week's readings:**  
Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24;  
Jn 15:1-8.

### Psalm Response

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. *Alleluia!*

### Next week's readings:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;  
1 Jn 4:7-10.

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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

8.30-10am

## 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)



Earth Day: Pope Francis urges responsibility for our common home



20/04/2024  
Pope to future priests: Become shepherds with Christ's loving heart



SIPRI report shows huge rise in annual global military expenditure



21/04/2024  
Ukraine thanks U.S. for military aid after suffering setbacks



Grandparents and grandchildren to gather with Pope Francis for April event

## St John's Catholic Parish Brunswick Valley

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**Parish Manager/Secretary**  
**Michelle Davies: 6684 2106**  
**Office: Tue-Thu, 10am - 4.30pm**

### 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**



## National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day Wednesday 1 May

National Domestic Violence Remembrance Day, is a day to remember the women and children who have tragically lost their lives to domestic violence.

Candlelight vigils will be held across the country in memoriam and to help bring light to this national crisis.

Minister for Women and the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Jodie Harrison, said domestic and family violence has become endemic across NSW, and it needs to stop now.

"Domestic and family violence has plagued our nation for long enough and our government is determined to end this blight on our society," Ms Harrison said. "As we mourn those who have lost their lives due to violence, I stand in solidarity with our victim-survivors and families who grieve loved ones in the hope that one day, no woman or child

will ever need to live with domestic and family violence."

Violence against women and their children costs the Australian economy an estimated \$26 billion each year.

In 2022, there were 33,410 reports of domestic violence related assault and 11 murders of women and children in NSW alone.

In the last 10 years to 2022, there were 207 murders of women and children in NSW, while 64 women were murdered in Australia in 2023.

It is also estimated that around 1 in 4 Australian women have experienced some form of violence committed by an intimate partner since the age of 15.

If you or someone you know is affected by domestic, family or sexual violence, please call the toll-free number 24-hours a day, 7 days a week for support on **1800RESPECT on 1800 737 732**.

### Direct Deposit Planned Giving

Please note these are two **different** accounts

#### 1st Collection Clergy Fund

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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.

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



### Church Rosters: 04/05 May, 2024

Church	Reader	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Lisa Russell	Mark Russell
SJC	Olga Fischer	Michael Crisafio

### 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 any flu / covid symptoms.**

Our next  
**Anointing Mass**  
is at  
**OLOL,**  
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**Thur 16th May**  
**5.30pm**  
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For the protection of all children and families in our parish, **written** consent should be obtained from children **and** their parents/guardians before photographs or videos are taken on parish premises. And no photos or videos should be shared online without their **written** permission. Even if you are friends with the family, please follow Parish Safeguarding requirements.





Australian Government  
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

## What do we know about family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia in 2019?



Source: AIHW 2019. Family, domestic and sexual violence in Australia: continuing the national story, 2019

**AIHW**

## Let Us Pray



**Recently deceased:** Iris Sloane, Ray Gardiner, Mary Spark, John Irby, Kate Stirling, John McDermott.

**Anniversaries:** Margaret and Vi Walker, Marie South and Francis South, Sharyn Leroy, WGC DR Sean Bellenger AM, Stephen Nicholson.

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

**Deceased priests of the Diocese APR:** Charles Kakumanu, Steven O'Donnell, John Dougherty, **George Cranney**, + John Satterthwaite, **4th Bishop of Lismore**, Paschal O'Halloran.

All Information for the bulletin by Tuesday morning please!

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## 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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## TODAY'S GOSPEL

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love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

- Loyola Press

## Baptism

This Sunday at St John's Church we welcome Zac, the child of Steven Keen and Margie Yansao.

We pray for them:

*Dear Father in Heaven, Bless Zac, and bless this day of new beginnings. Smile upon him and surround him loving God, with the soft mantle of your love. Teach him to follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and to live life in the ways of love, faith, hope and charity, Amen.* (Source unknown)



## Book recommendation

A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish, **52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass**. Available online from Coventry Press. This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass.

## SAVE THE DATE

**May 5:** Parish Morning Tea, after Mass SJC. All welcome.

**8:** Coffee Gathering, Mullum Ex-Services Club, 10.30am.

**13-17:** Parish Office closed

**June 6:** Confirmation with Bishop Greg. St John's Church.

## 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

## MONTHLY

**Sunday Morning Tea** - 1st Sun.

**Coffee Gathering** - 2nd Wed.

**Rosary Team Meeting** - 2nd Sat.

**Confession** - 2nd Sun SJC.

**Anointing Mass** - 3rd Thurs

## Special Appeals

(Parish cash donations to date)

**Good Shepherd:** \$30.

**Project Compassion:** \$1140.80

## Parish Morning Tea

The next Parish morning tea is next Sunday, May 5, after Mass at St John's Church. All welcome.

## Coffee Gathering

The next Coffee Gathering is on Wednesday 8 May at Mullumbimby Ex-Services Club at 10.30am.

## Confirmation 2024

Confirmation and Visitation from Bishop Greg Homeming will be on **Thursday 6 June**. There will be a supper after Confirmation to celebrate. All welcome.

## High School Enrolments

- **Xavier Catholic College**, Ballina.

App close **Mon 29 Apr. 6618 0180**

E: [xavierlism.catholic.edu.au/](mailto:xavierlism.catholic.edu.au)

- **Trinity Catholic College**, Lismore.

Applications close: **Wed 1 May.**

admin [@trinitylismore.nsw.edu.au](mailto:@trinitylismore.nsw.edu.au)

**6627 6600**

- **St John's College**, Woodlawn.

App close **Wed 1 May. 6626 2600**

E: [lisjc@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:lisjc@lism.catholic.edu.au)

## Sacramental Programme



**Confirmation: Term 2 (Yr 3)**

Tuesday twilight sessions (At the School).

1st session: **May 7** - 5pm,

2nd session: **May 14** - 5pm,

3rd session: **May 21** - 5pm,

4th session: **May 28** - 5pm.

**Sacrament: Thursday 6th June**, at St John's Church, Mullumbimby, with **Bishop Greg Homeming**.

Parishioners welcome to attend, Please bring a plate of food for the supper afterwards.

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