



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 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you, I shall not call you servants any more,

because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me, no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another."



Love one another as I have loved you

Today's Gospel follows immediately after the Gospel proclaimed last week, in which Jesus taught that he was the vine and that his disciples were the branches. In the example of the vine and the branches, we learned that our union with Jesus will lead to fruitful service. Today's reading extends this teaching to describe the kind of service that Christians are called upon to offer to others.

When John wrote this Gospel, his community was influenced by a set of religious beliefs called Gnosticism. It appears that one of John's intentions was to distinguish Christian belief from the beliefs held by the Gnostics. Evidence of this can be found in today's Gospel.

One of the tenets of Gnostic teaching was the importance of knowledge, or gnosis, as the

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Sunday 5th May, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter, Year B

Liturgy this week

This week's readings:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48;

1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

Psalm Reponse

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

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;

Mk 16:15-20.

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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

VATICAN NEWS www.vaticannews.va

Pope Francis pens preface to book on 'Conversation in the Spirit'

Parish priests meet to share experiences of synodality

25/04/2024
Guglielmo Marconi: 'The man who listened to the future'

28/04/2024
Pope presides at Mass in Venice, calls for inclusion and hospitality

26/04/2024
John XXIII and John Paul II: Pastors in the midst of the people

ONLINE MASSES

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Mullumbimby

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
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Brunswick Heads

PARISH SCHOOL
St John's Primary School
Principal: David Bermingham
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May Safeguarding Theme: Domestic Violence

\$925m to help women leave violent relationships

Prime Minister Anthony Albanese has announced \$925 million to help victims of violence leave abusive relationships and a ban on deepfake pornography as new measures to combat violence against women.

Mr Albanese announced the "leaving violence payment" of \$5000 to help meet the costs of leaving a relationship along with services, risk assessments and safety planning. The Commonwealth said it would deliver a range of new measures to tackle factors that exacerbate violence against women – such as violent online pornography and misogynistic content targeting children and young people. The measures include: legislation to ban deepfake pornography; \$6.5 million



Labor ministers marched in the rally against domestic violence last weekend (Facebook/Anthony Albanese MP)

of additional funding for the eSafety commissioner to pilot age verification to protect children from pornography and other age-restricted online services; and introducing anti-doxxing legislation. State and federal ministers also agreed that justice system responses needed to be strengthened. If you or someone you know is affected by domestic, family or sexual violence, please call 1800RESPECT, a toll-free number 24/7 for support on **1800 737 732**.

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



Church Rosters: 11/12 May, 2024

Church	Reader	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Nicci Nelson	Frances Godbee
SJC	Pam Lang	Vivianne Pyke

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,
Brunswick Heads
Thur 16th May
5.30pm
All Welcome!

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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.

Journey to safeguard children is ongoing in the Church

Lay members of the Church have scored lowest on a range of child safeguarding measures compared with those holding other roles, new Australian Catholic University-led global research shows.

Clergy recorded the strongest results regarding their positive attitudes and personal responsibility for safeguarding children, as well as their awareness of policies, procedures, and cultures that support safety.

The research, led by ACU's Institute of Child Protection Studies involved participants from Australia, the UK, the Philippines, Ghana, India, Poland, and Italy.

Lead author Douglas Russell said the research showed people working in different roles within churches and institutions were at different stages of their safeguarding journey.

"This research shows us that safeguarding initiatives globally must focus on lay people in churches, as well as clergy and designated safeguarding leaders, to ensure widespread culture change and a safe environment for children and young people," Mr Russell said.

GOSPEL Reflection - From page 1

determining aspect of faith. We read today's Gospel as a response to this teaching. In John's Gospel, we hear Jesus affirm that he is known by the Father and that his disciples will know the Father by knowing Jesus. In this passage, however, Jesus reminds his disciples that this knowledge is to be expressed in love. John reminds his community that Jesus taught that love is the sign of a true disciple and, thus, a true Christian. Even more, a true disciple shows a particular kind of love, sacrificial love.

Another aspect of Gnostic belief taught that a believer was an elect person, chosen and set apart from the world. To be chosen by Jesus, however, is not to be set apart from the world, but to be sent to serve the world as he did.

We know that Jesus himself gives us the greatest example of the kind of love and service that he teaches to his disciples. He has, in fact, laid down his life for his friends, for his disciples, and for us. Through his death and Resurrection, we have received the grace to love others as Jesus has commanded.

Let Us Pray

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



Anniversaries: Lenard and Claudine McNaught, Mary, Margaret and Vi Walker, Marie and Francis South, Sharyn Leroy.

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 MAY: Denis Mullins, Charles Smith, Thomas O'Byrne, Richard Williams, Robert Kennedy, + Patrick Farrelly, *Third Bishop of Lismore*, Arthur Daley.

Saints and Feasts

10: St John de Avila

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

The month of May is dedicated to
The Blessed Virgin Mary
During this month, we offer up to Mary an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration.
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Because of Mary's singular cooperation with the action of the Holy Spirit, the Church loves to pray in communion with the Virgin Mary, to magnify with her the great things the Lord has done for her, and to entrust supplications and praises to her.
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2687



Mary is the perfect "Orans" (pray-er)...
When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men.. **We can pray with and to her.** The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.
CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, 2679



The custom of dedicating the month of May to Mary started at the end of the 13th century. It became especially popular among Jesuit students that it spread to the whole Church by 1700.
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SAVE THE DATE

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

14, 21, 28, JUN 4: Confirmation Twilight Sessions, St John's School, 5pm. Note change of dates.

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

11: Rosary Team Meeting, 9.30am, 31 Stuart St, Mullumbimby.

13-17: Parish Office closed

June 6: Confirmation with Bishop Greg. St John's Church, 5pm.

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

Quotes from Amoris Laetitia, 'The Joy of Love' - Pope Francis

"Violence within the family is a breeding-ground of resentment and hatred in the most basic human relationships." (51)

Coffee Gathering

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

Rosary Team Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Rosary Team will be at the home of Gwen De Costa, 31 Stuart Street, Mullumbimby, on **Saturday 11 May at 9.30am.**

This month's reflection is on Romans 8:26-30 "*The Spirit too comes to the aid of our weaknesses*". All welcome. Enquiries phone Gwen 0402 920 669.

Confirmation 2024

The first twilight session was going to start on 7 May, however, due to the School Camp we have had to move it to the following week. This means the fourth session will now be on the 4th of June. Bishop Greg Homeming will be here for Confirmation and Visitation on **Thursday 6 June at 5pm.** There will be a supper after Confirmation to celebrate. All welcome.

Catholic Schools Newsletter

Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools is pleased to present the newest edition of its newsletter. To read the latest in Catholic education, please use this QR code or this link:



Sacramental Programme



Confirmation: Term 2 (Yr 3)

Tuesday twilight sessions (At the School).

1st session: **May 14** - 5pm,

2nd session: **May 21** - 5pm,

3rd session: **May 28** - 5pm,

4th session: **June 4** - 5pm.

Sacrament: Thursday 6th June, 5pm, St John's Church, Mullum, **with Bishop Greg Homeming.**

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

ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

18 - 35 years old

22 May

19 June

24 July

21 August

10 September

9 October

5:30 - 6:30 PM

ZOOM MEETING ID:

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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



WELCOME back to all students and families as we begin term 2. Thank you to those students who joined us for ANZAC Day during the holidays.

It is another busy term with Stage 2 and 3 at Camp Goodenough, Mother's Day Liturgy and Morning

tea, School Photo Day, School Athletics Carnival, and Report Cards just to name a few.

Also, a reminder Assemblies are held on Mondays at 2:20pm.
Blessings for the week ahead,
Dave Birmingham