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Readings for: 28th February 2021:  
For St Paul's Byron Bay at 9am,

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16  
Psalm 22: 24-32  
Romans: 13-25  
Gospel Mark 8:31-38



# ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

*A Christian Presence in the Community,  
Living by Faith, Known by Love,  
Sharing a Voice of Hope*

Sunday 21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent



## WELCOME

*We, the Anglican Ministry Area of Byron, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land. We pay tribute and respect to the elders of these nations and people, both past and present. We acknowledge their connection with and care for this country. All welcome.*

### MESSAGE FROM LOCUM RECTOR - REV'D SANDRA

Dear people of faith,

We enter Lent, and we are preparing for Easter. This year's season is explored through the lenses of the gospels of Mark and John. We will also travel with our ancestors in the faith – Noah, Sarah and Abraham, the psalmists, Jeremiah.. and a strong theme will be of *being held in God's promises*. Easter is always the celebration of new life and the potential of a better world. May our Lenten journey focus on how we are part of God's movement, through his Son, and on how we each live this movement for God's better world.

**Genesis 9: 8-17** God makes a covenant with all creation to protect and be always in relationship with all that God has made through the rainbow that shines after the flood.

**Psalms 25: 1-10** The writer of the psalm trusts God and seeks to orient their whole life to God. "Show me your ways, O Lord: and teach me your paths."

**1 Peter 3: 18-22** The connection of the waters of the flood and the waters of baptism reminds us always of new beginnings in God.

**Mark 1: 9-15** Jesus' baptism; Jesus into the wilderness for the forty days of temptation. And so Lent begins as always with the Temptations of Christ.

Blessings Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren

### Reflection From Rev'd Rosie:

We now, together, begin the journey of Lent. Each journey will be different. Each step we take, different from another. The things we ponder will draw from the well of our own experience and our own perceptions of the wilderness. The word wilderness conjures much. Vastness of open space, or perhaps an endlessness. Wildness of landscape or soul may be our experience. If we ponder 40 days in wilderness, it must cause us to stop. To catch our breath at the enormity of it.

# Weekly Happenings

Week Commencing 22nd February 2021

**MONDAY:**

**TUESDAY:**

**WEDNESDAY:**

**THURSDAY:**

**FRIDAY:**

**SATURDAY:**

**SUNDAY:**

Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm

St Paul's Byron Bay Lenten Study 2pm

Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

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Byron Bay Office 9am- 12.30pm.

**Community Celebration 9am at St Paul's Byron Bay.  
Followed by the AGM in St Paul's.**

### Shop Opening Hours:

**Bangalow:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-2pm, Saturday: 9.30am-12.30pm.

**Byron Bay:** Tuesday—Friday 9am-1pm, Saturday 9.30am –12.30pm

**Mullumbimby:** Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm, Saturday 9am-12noon.

**Parish Council: Wardens:** Patricia Ellis, Ian White, Laura East.

**Finance Committee:** Joan White Treasurer, Felix Holmer, Merle Siwicki,

**Parish Councilor's:** Rosemary Campbell, Joan White, Felix Holmer, Merle Siwicki, Rae Cooper, Helen Brown, Merridy Godwin, Nan Dwyer, Julieanne Sinclair.

**Parish Nominators:** Helen Brown, Patricia Ellis, Nan Dwyer,

**Synod Representatives:** John Watson, Jay Pearse, Merle Siwicki

### Bulletin News Items:

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning by 12 noon.

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**Mission:** The Buttery, **Chief Executive Officer:** Ms Leone Craydon,  
**Chair:** Sandy Lockhart.

**Diocese of Grafton: Senior Leadership Team: Bishop:** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey, Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks, **Dean:** The Rev'd. Dr Greg Jenks,

**Mission Companion:** Archdeacon Gail Hagon.

**The Diocese of Tasmania:** Bishop Richard Condie & Helen, Bishop Chris Jones & Christine, Clergy & Laity.

**The Parish of Sawtell/Bonville:** In Transition

**LLM:** Geoff, Trevor.

**Prayer Request:** Judith, Hilary and Paul, Steve & Jenny, Tony, Fr Gary & Robyn Priest, Tom Holmer & Family, Lorretta, Chris, Donna.

For the work of the Community Centres and their work with the homeless.

The Liberation Larder.

For the Ministry of Anglicare.

For the Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

**Mission of the Month:** The Rescue Helicopter. This is a worth while and much needed charity in our region, please consider giving generously.

A sheet has been prepared for those requesting prayers and are inside the Churches for your use. Please fill in and give to Sue Williams.



On Ash Wednesday we began our journey. A time for reflection and wonderment. Reflection on our lives through COVID 19 over the last year. Causing us to miss Holy Week as a faith community. Reflection on what our faith has brought to us through these times. A wilderness which has crossed the globe. Wonderment at the enormity of the resilience of human kind and the love which flows through the toughest of days.

Let this Lent be truly a time to ponder the journey. As we have experience the changing face of the planet, let that be a gift in all that we hold dear. In the depth of our faith and in the deep desire to come to know God's love for us as we journey the 40 days. May the wilderness bring awareness, strength, insight and above all, the true depth of God's compassion, forgiveness and love for us. Blessings in all things, Rev. Rosie Wynter

### **Parish News:**

Parish Council decided to gift Rev'd Zoe an arrangement of flowers for helping with our Christmas Services. She has sent this reply to pass onto everyone in our parish:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers which arrived today, and also for the card conveyed by Rev Rosie last Friday. I very much appreciate your kindness. Please convey my thanks to Rosie and Parish Council.

Blessings Rev'd Zoe



**Back to School:** On Wednesday a donation was paid to Byron Bay Public School & Bangalow Primary School in order to help 2 students in each school with some of their school costs. The Schools were very grateful for our generous donation and have said that it will help the children enormously.

**Care of our Sacred Vessels:** Calling for volunteers for the centres of Byron Bay and Mullumbimby to come together to clean the silver sacred vessels and the brass within the church. Bangalow have already organised the working bee. This can be a wonderful get together over morning tea and I will happily join you in these endeavours. We give a big thank you to those who are performing this important ministry. Rev Rosie

## **AGM**

I must apologise and clarify a boo boo that was made in last week's bulletin where it was printed that no questions could be taken from the floor at AGM and written notice of questions must be received by Rector 7 days prior to the meeting This is how it works under the Canons and Constitution of Diocese of Brisbane. I have knowledge now that Grafton Diocese **DOES** allow question from the floor. However, if the answer is unknown without time to research, the person asking the question will be requested to write to parish council in order for time to research question so that correct information can be provided. SO, Questions may certainly be asked from the floor however the answer may not be able to be given without the opportunity for research to be undertaken.

Thank you all for your understanding  
Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren LOCUM RECTOR

**ABM:** In Lent instead of giving up something why not take up something different. For the cost of a cup of coffee during Lent, we can make a difference. There will be envelopes available at each centre which will be for Lent, Good Friday and Easter I call people to this outreach ministry. R

**Cakeless Cake Stall:** It is the cake stall you have without having the cakes. We are holding a Cakeless cake stall until the end of the month and all money raised goes to Generate , who pay Paul Dent the school Chaplain to attend Byron Bay & Mullumbimby High Schools. All you do is place the money it would cost to make a cake in the envelope provided and put it with the weekly offerings to be banked. So simple.

**Rosters:** In each of our centres there are forms for you to put your name down for reading, prayers, welcoming/COVID help & morning tea. These are important roles in the running of the centres each Sunday. **Please take the time to prayerfully consider if you can help and put your name down maybe in a centre you don't normally visit.** To make it easy here is the roster of services for February.

## **ROSTER FOR SERVICES THROUGH FEBRUARY 2021**

### **FEB 28 St Paul's Combined Service**

The AGM will be held Sunday 28th February 10.45am following the service in St Paul's Byron Bay.

### **NOMINATIONS FOR PARISH COUNCILLORS**

**Today is the last opportunity you have to put in your nomination form.**

## **Community Outreach within our Parish:**

**Feeding the Community:** Donations of non-perishable food items e.g. Baked Beans, tea bags, coffee etc. can now be left at the churches for collection

**Tents for the homeless:** Donations of tents and tarps. We would be so grateful if you could donate to this important outreach. This could be by making a financial donation or providing the items needed. Once again items can be left at any of our churches

## **Diary Dates:**

**Lenten Study:** Our Lenten Study begins Wednesday 24th February at 2pm at St Paul's Byron Bay. There is still time for people to put their name down. The cost of the books is \$10.

**Sunday Services:** Sunday 28th February St Paul's Byron Bay at 9am. The AGM will be held on 28 February at 1045am in Byron Bay.

**It is now longer necessary for you register with your details before hand. You will be able to register by using the QR Code or by giving your details on the day.**

## **YOU ARE INVITED - MISSION OUTREACH**

Archdeacon Gail Hagon and Rev'd Sandra invite all members of the Byron Ministry Area to attend a Mission Workshop to be held 10.00am to 12.30pm in St Paul's Byron on Saturday 13 March 2021. Archdeacon Gail will revisit and refresh current Mission Action Plan for the Ministry Area and Mission this workshop will include Mission and use of buildings at Brunswick Heads. For COVID purposes please indicate your attendance to Sue Williams in the Byron Office either by email to [admin@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:admin@byronanglicans.org.au) or telephone 66856431 by 10 March.

**World Day of Prayer:** This year's world Day of Prayer is being held at 10am, St John's Catholic Church 15 Murwillumbah Rd Mullumbimby. Theme: Vanuatu, Contact people: Vivianne 66845432, Pam 66847359.

**Palm Crosses:** On Friday 26th March @ 11am we will be making Palm Crosses. This will be held in St Paul's Byron Bay. There will be laughter and fellowship and in the process we will make crosses. So come along for morning tea and if you want to learn there will be some one to teach you. This is always enjoyable time with new and old friends.