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Readings for: 7th March 2021

For St Martin's Mullumbimby, 9am St Paul's Byron Bay at 9am,

St Columba's 11am

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm 19

1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Gospel John 2: 13-22



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

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

Sunday 28th February 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



Acknowledgement of Country

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 are welcome in Anglican Ministry Area of Byron.

Message from Locum Rector - Rev Sandra

Dear people of faith,

How lovely it is to gather together as a community of faith in a combined service today at St Paul's Byron Bay where Rev'd Rosie and I will share the Eucharist with you. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish is this Sunday – and we look forward to gathering, sharing the meeting time and hospitality.

READINGS FOR THIS WEEK - Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16 God makes another covenant with Abram and Sarai – for the blessings of land, children and future generations. They were amazed!

Psalm 22: 24-32 Reminds us to remember God's promises which are indeed held and lived in future generations.

Romans 4: 13-25 References the promise made to Abraham – as one not through the law but through faith.

Mark 8: 31-38 Jesus foreshadows his suffering; and indeed for those who will follow him, it will not be easy. But the alternative is to compromise our very souls.

Connecting Scripture and Life

Faith, faith and more faith! Through all the readings this week we are reminded, encouraged and indeed admonished that relationship with God/Jesus is built on faith. And that it is not easy Jesus' words are so challenging "For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it." We are called to not only carry our own cross this Lent – but share the carrying of Christ's cross to Good Friday.

Weekly Happenings

Week Commencing 1st March 2021

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm

Lenten Study St Paul's Byron Bay 2pm

THURSDAY: FRIDAY:

Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm, Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm,

Byron Bay Office 9am- 12.30pm.

SATURDAY:

SUNDAY: St Martin's Mullumbimby 9am

with Bishop Murray

St Paul's Byron Bay 9am

St Columba's Ewingsdale 9am

Op 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.

Wardens: Patricia Ellis, Ian White, Laura East.

Finance Committee: Joan White Treasurer, Felix Holmer,

Merle Siwicki,

Parish Councillor'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: Items for inclusion in the weekly bulletin must be forwarded to Sue Williams by Wednesday 12pm.

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Prayers: Anglican Communion and Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev'd Justin Welby & Caroline. **Diocese of Grafton: Senior Leadership Team:**

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Bishop: The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey, **Archdeacon:** Tiffany Sparks

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Mission Companion: Archdeacon Gail Hagon.

The Anglican Church of Australia:

Primate Archbishop Geoffery Smith & Lynn,

General Secretary: Anne Haywood, General Office Staff,

The General Synod and all the Standing Committee.

The Parish of Alstonville: The Rev'd Dr Desiree Snyman & Marius Mulder, The Rev'd Doug Bannerman & Anne, The Rev'd John Kidson & Chris, The Rev'd Geoff Vidal & Carol.

LLM: Barbara, Charlie and Mark.

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

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

Liberation Larder & Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre

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.

Prayer request sheets are available at the Churches for your use. Please fill in and give to Sue Williams.

I encourage us all to keep a Spiritual Journal during our Lent ponderings, talk around the household dinner table, and to grow through our journey. (Spiritual Journals are available for free at the back of each of our churches.)

Blessings, Rev Sandra Kjellgren Locum Rector

Reflection From Rev Rosie:

As we travel now through the Lenten journey, we are gifted space to stop and to reflect. To perhaps not ponder as such, what earthly things we need to give up for lent. (Do we give up chocolate? Do we give up something we ascertain as a treat or reward?) Rather to perhaps look at what we can give up, or put aside in order to grow closer to God. Closer to the call on our lives. Quieter, so as to hear the whisper within, which graces us a moment from the clang of the world, to truly listen.

As Jesus asks His disciples in this Sunday's gospel to take up their cross and to follow Him, we understand, that to take up anything, we must in essence put something down. The disciples likened the cross to great suffering and to death. Perhaps 'Cross", the last word they wished to hear, however, the depth of the command from Jesus was yet to be revealed. They struggled, as they had truly expected their Messiah to come in power and might to overthrow the authorities of the day. Instead they learned that He came with power and might to conquer death. To overthrow fear and to instead to powerfully teach of love, acceptance and grace.

So, what do we need to give up or put down in order to follow in the footsteps of the One who came to lead us?

May peace and quietness allow us to grow in awareness this Lent. May blessings flow from this awareness, allowing a gentleness of heart and a deeper strength to take up the cross and follow Him. Leading us to a vastness of perspective, and a steady footing as we tread the path of our lives. Upheld, loved and blessed as children of God.

I look forward to joining with you for the Lenten Studies and reflections, and to travel the path of Lent with you as we together, ponder the stillness and the joy of God's gracious love. Rev. Rosie Wynter $$_{\rm 3}$$

Parish News:

Wedding Anniversary: On the 24th February 2021 Fae & George Flick celebrated their 59th year of wedded bliss.

Lenten Study: The first of our Lenten studies commenced on Wednesday and was well attended. Rev'd Rosie presented a very enjoyable and uplifting study. The cost of the books is \$10

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

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 Bay on Saturday 13 March 2021. Archdeacon Gail will revisit and refresh the current Mission Action Plan for the Ministry Area. 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: email admin@byronanglicans.org.au or telephone 66856431 by 10 March.

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

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.

Community Outreach within our Parish:

Feeding the Community: Donations of non-perishable food items e.g. Baked Beans, tea bags, biscuits 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:

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.

Sunday Services: 7th March 9am St Martin's Mullumbimby + Episcopal Visit from Bishop Murry, 9am St Paul's Byron Bay, 11am St Columba's Ewingsdale.

Music Recital: You are invited to attend a music recital Sunday 7th March at 3pm in St Mary's Anglican Church Ballina. Carmelia MacWilliam on Flute, Hamsa Arnold on Organ. Cost: Donation.

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.

Parish Council Minutes: The minutes from the January Parish Council meeting are now available from each centre.