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Readings for: 21st March 2021

St Martin's Mullumbimby, 9am
All Soul's Bangalow 9am,

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 119:9-16
Hebrews 5:5-14
Gospel: John 12: 20-33



Bulletin News Items: for inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning by 12 noon.
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ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

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

Sunday 14th March 2021

Fourth Sunday of Lent



Acknowledgement of Country

We, the Anglican Ministry 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 Kjellgren

Dear People of Faith

As we arrive mid-way through the Season of Lent, we are looking intently at our place within the Mission of God as a community of Christian disciples.

Thank you to all who attended and participated in yesterday's Mission Action Planning session for Byron Ministry Area with Archdeacon Gail Hagon, Diocesan Ministry Companion. Copies of the Mission Action Planning documents presented yesterday are available for you at the back of each of our churches.

We are grateful for the work of Parish Executive and Archdeacon Gail, for bringing us to this point in the process.

Feasibility studies and further investigations of mission goals identified in the Byron Ministry Area M.A.P. (Mission Action Plan 2021) will be undertaken by Parish Executive and the Parish Council as we work to a 5 year plan envisaged to be completed in 2026.

Parish Council will consider the recommendations forthcoming from discussions held at the Mission Planning Day on 13 March 2021 at our next meeting of Parish Council, which will be held at 11am on Sunday 21 March 2021 at Bangalow.

There is much to be done and as Archdeacon Gail reminds us, we are all a part of God's Mission, as Byron Anglicans.

Co-operation and collaboration are sought and encouraged as we care for what has been entrusted to us and seek to live into the identity that God is calling us to be as individuals and as a community of faith.

Please support our M.A.P. through daily prayer as we seek God's guidance going forward, without whom, we can achieve nothing. I offer you below the following Prayer for our combined Mission which is adapted from our Diocesan Prayer.

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

The Liberation Larder & The 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.

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.

Weekly Happenings

Week Commencing 15th March 2021

TUESDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

WEDNESDAY: Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm
Lenten Study 2pm St Paul's Byron Bay

THURSDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

FRIDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
Byron Bay Office 9am- 12.30pm.

**SUNDAY: Community Celebration 9am All Souls Bangalow,
9am St Martin's Mullumbimby.**

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 (Rector's Warden), Ian White.

Finance Committee: Joan White Treasurer, Merle Siwicki,

Parish Councilors: Joan White, Merle Siwicki, Rae Cooper, Helen Brown, Merridy Godwin, Nan Dwyer, Julieanne Sinclair, Lynette Dunn, Margaret Giles, Laura East.

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

Synod Representatives: John Watson, Jay Pearse, Merle Siwicki

Diary Dates:

1 May 2021 – 10am Thanksgiving Service

At St Aidan's Church, Eureka. Refreshments to follow in Community Hall. Preacher: Archdeacon Matthew Jones. Enquiries to Rev'd Sandra or Patricia Ellis (Churchwarden).

Sunday Services:

21st March 9am All Souls Bangalow, 9am St Martin's Mullumbimby.

You will be able to register by using the QR Code or by giving your details on the day.

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.



Mission: MU Australia

Provincial President: The Rev'd Anne Kenndy.

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 Newcastle: Bishop Peter Stuart & Nicki, Bishop Charlei Murry & Melissa, Bishop Sonia Roulston & Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Maclean: The Rev'd Lyn Bullard, The Rev'd Lenore Parker, The Rev'd Hope Bunnnett, The Rev'd Judy Edwards.

LLM: Elizabeth, Ross, Cristina, John, Gwynne, Gay.

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

O God in whom we live and move and have our being, thank you for Jesus Christ who is the good news.

By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us all in the Ministry Area of Byron, to be people who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities, that your glory may be revealed through our Mission Action Plan.

We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings this week: Being saved in faith

Numbers 21: 4-9 – The people who look at the raised serpent live; those who don't, die. This reading sits in the context of the Gospel passage.

Psalms 107: 1-3, 17-22 – The people cry out in distress; God hears their prayers and they are saved. *O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: for his loving mercy is for ever.*

Ephesians 2: 1-10 – focuses on what it means to be saved – through God's grace, not good works.

John 3: 14-21 – This passage contains what Martin Luther called 'the Gospel in miniature' – *For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.* Our faith is in the living Christ that was 'lifted up' in resurrection.

Connecting scripture and life

There is always deep wondering about what it means to "be saved" – the Gospel of John this week tells us that God chooses to love the whole world and promises life. We have the choice to believe this, and live in it – the Christian faith is totally centred on the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who was lifted up for us to know we live in God's love. That is why he is called the Saviour!

The **Lenten Journey** questions continue for us all:

What did you learn about Jesus from this week's Gospel?

How are you feeling at this time about your own Lent journey?

Your learning about Jesus immerses as faith in yourself – like all relationships, it is continual learning about what 'the other' is like, and what it means to love and be loved. Today's Gospel passage sums up all that God is as love itself – I hope and pray this 'learning' can transform our life – today! We look forward to gather around the Word and Sacrament this week.

With every blessing for you all, Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren

Locum Rector

Reflection From Rev Rosie:

We find ourselves now mid way in the journey of Lent. A period of time which searches our hearts and therefore our inner dialogue. We move ever closer to the foot of the cross where our sin is laid bare. Our faith renewed, and a life found new in Christ Jesus through his sacrifice for us. In our human frailty we are all bitten by the serpent of indifference and perhaps lack of kindness. Through the grace of Christ Jesus we are renewed.

32 years ago, I stood at the grave of my father. The only words apart from his name were..."God so Loved". I ponder them often, and do so each and every time I spend time in the grassy part of the world where I said Good bye to his earthly body.

Through my pain all those years ago, I held onto those words but did not fully comprehend them. I felt a gentle comfort but did not look the true meaning in the face. I did not kneel at the foot of the cross, nor stare into the sacrifice made for us and for our salvation.

How often in life do we hear words and not fully understand them? How often do we hear words but do not listen? Do we listen to the words we say within the liturgy we share, and do we listen to the words given us from a distance of some several thousand years ago? Or does the pain in our lives, or the fast pace of it blur the message and therefore rob us of the gift within them?

Rev. Rosie Wynter

Parish News:

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

BCA Boxes: It is time to bring your BCA Boxes for counting if you have one. This is an important ministry for our rural companions.

St Columba: On Sunday at 11am St Columba had it first Service since the start of COVID. The service was well attend by 15 faithful members. A lovely morning tea followed the service.



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, coffee etc. can now be left at the churches for collection.

Woolies has started their free seed pots again this year. If you have more than you need or would like to collect them you could place them in the baskets and we will give them out to those in need to help brighten their day or grow some food at home.

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