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Readings for: 28th March 2021

9am St Paul's Byron Bay
9am All Soul's Bangalow

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-18
Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Mark 14: 1-15



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

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

Sunday 21st March 2021

Fifth 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'D SANDRA

Dear People of Faith

We are quickly moving toward the end of the Season of Lent as today we celebrate Lent 5. As individuals and as a community of faith we are moving ever closer to the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ as we start Holy Week next Sunday (28 March) with Palm Sunday.

In today's Gospel Jesus uses a potent agricultural image to capture the transformative nature of his imminent death: like the grain of wheat, he must go into the earth and die in order to bear fruit. The same is true for his followers: to be concerned only with self-preservation is to "lose" one's life yet to give one's life is to "keep it for eternal life."

Although the language is more explicit in John, the grain of wheat image echoes some aspects of the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah (31.31-34). Jeremiah presents the God of Israel as One who forgives and who is even prepared to forget the sins of the past.

The people will be God's garden: the seed planted within them is God's Law. They will be God's own billboard: the law of forgiveness and mercy will be written in their hearts.

John uses the "eternal life" metaphor in much the same way as the other gospel writers use the "reign of God" or "kingdom" image. To keep one's life for "eternal life" has to do with living God's transformative vision for creation in the present so that it might one day be fully realised.

In John's Gospel, Jesus' death is also his being lifted up in glory. The moment of his death becomes the moment of drawing "all"

Weekly Happenings

Week Commencing 22nd 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 St Paul's Byron Bay,
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.

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

Bulletin News Items:

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning by 12 noon. Sue Williams
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Mission: The Buttery, **Chief Executive Officer:** Ms Leone Crayden, **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, Lorretta, Chris, Donna.

For the work of the Community Centres and 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.

to himself. The "all" includes all people, but is not restricted to the human community. It also allows for an ecological interpretation: in his death and exaltation, Jesus gathers the whole Earth community into the mystery of God's redemptive and transforming love.

As we live into God's transforming and transformative vision here in the Ministry Area of Byron, please support our Mission Action Plan through daily prayer as we seek God's guidance going forward. All of our goals were affirmed at last week's Mission Action Planning session with Archdeacon Gail Hagon and we added an extra one – Spiritual Growth – Christian Formation for ourselves and others. I offer you below the following Prayer for our combined Mission which is adapted from our Diocesan Prayer.

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:

Jeremiah 31.31-34 – God talks about the new covenant he will make with his people when he writes his law in their heart and they will be his people.

Psalms 119.9-16 – Keeping God's word in our hearts helps us to avoid falling into sin

Hebrews 5.5-14 – Melchizedek was a priest of Jerusalem (Salem). His profile is found in Genesis 14 and his position is explained in Hebrews 7. In order to grow from infants in the faith to mature Christians we must learn discernment.

John 12. 20-33 – Jesus explains his oncoming sacrifice and why he must die.

CONNECTING scripture and life

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?**

We look forward to gathering around the Word and Sacrament this week.

With every blessing for you all.

Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren Locum Rector

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 Thomas: On Sunday at 7am St Thomas's had its first Service since the start of COVID. The service was well attended by 9 faithful members.

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.

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:

Faithfulness in Service Workshop: As part of our commitment for volunteering in the Anglican Church we are required to do this course. It is a three hour course to be held on Friday 16 April @ 10am in St Paul's.

Please RSVP by 13th April to the Parish Office Anne Wareing 66843552.

Sunday Services:

**28 March 9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Paul's Byron Bay.**

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

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.

5 June 2021 – 10am Thanksgiving Service at St Oswald's Church, Broken Head. Refreshments to follow in the grounds. Celebrant: Archdeacon Matthew Jones and Preacher The Rev'd Richard Brown. Enquiries to Rev'd Sandra or Ian White.

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. If you want to try before Friday here is a simple diagram, but don't panic as we will show you how.