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Readings for: 14th March 2021:

For St Thomas 7am, St Paul's Byron Bay 9am,

All Souls 9am Numbers 21: 4-9 Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 Ephesians 2: 1-10 Gospel John 3:14-21





ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

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

Sunday 7th March 2021

Third 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,

Today we are delighted to welcome our Bishop – The Rt. Rev'd Dr. Murray Harvey to Mullumbimby for the first of 3 Episcopal visits to our Ministry Area over the year. The first is today at Mullumbimby with Bangalow to follow on 27 June and Byron Bay on 1 August.

Please make yourself known to Bishop Murray after the service as we gather for morning tea under the cool of the trees.

Thank you to all who attended our Parish Annual General Meeting last Sunday at St Paul's Byron. We elected a talented and faithful Parish Council and two extraordinary Wardens. The election results for 2021 are set out below:

CHURCHWARDENS: PATRICIA ELLIS [Rector's Warden], IAN WHITE

ELECTED COUNCILLORS (9): HELEN BROWN, MARGARET GILES, MERLE SIWICKI, NAN DWYER, RAE COOPER, MERRIDY GODWIN, JOAN WHITE, LYNETTE DUNN, JULIEANNE SINCLAIR.

RECTOR'S NOMINATION: LAURA EAST.

Congratulations to all of our Office Bearers in the Ministry Area of Byron. Our next meeting of Parish Council is 11am on Sunday 21 March 2021 at Bangalow.

Rosters & Service Flyers

Holy Week Flyers and March Rosters are also available at the back of the Church.

World Day of Prayer: Thank you also to those of you who attended the World Day of Prayer Service at St John's Catholic Church, Mullumbimby on Friday (5th March). It was a privilege to be a part of the service and share the faith ecumenically with all of our brothers and sisters in Christ in the area.

Week Commencing 8th March 2021

MONDAY:

TUESDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

RSL Life Communion 10am

WEDNESDAY: Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm

Lenten Study 2pm St Paul's B Bay

THURSDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

FRIDAY: Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm,

Byron Bay Office 9am- 12.30pm.

SATURDAY: Mission Action Plan Meeting with Archdeacon Gail Hagon,

St Paul's Byron Bay. 10am -12.30pm

SUNDAY: Community Celebration 7am St Thomas, Brunswick Heads,

9am St Paul's Byron Bay, 9am All Souls Bangalow.

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 (Rector's Warden), Ian White.

Rector's Nomination: Laura East

<u>Finance Committee:</u> Joan White Treasurer, Merle Siwicki,

<u>Parish Councilor's:</u> Joan White, Merle Siwicki, Rae Cooper, Helen Brown,

Merridy Godwin, Nan Dwyer, Julieanne Sinclair, Lynette Dunn.

<u>Parish Nominators:</u> 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.

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.

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



Mission: Anglican Aid Abroad **Patron** The Rev'd Phillip Aspinall Archbishop of Brisbane.

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 Brisbane: Archbishop Phillip Aspinal & Christa, Bishop Jonathan Holland & Kerry, Bishop John Rounndhill & Frances Thompson, Bishop Cameron Venables & Kate, Bishop Jeremy Greaves & Josie & Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Dorrigo: The Rev'd Canon Michael Ridge & Stephanie.

LLM: Stephanie.

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.

For the Ministry of Anglicare.

For the Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

<u>Mission of the Month:</u> 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.

Ewingsdale and Brunswick Heads

We re-commence our monthly Eucharist Services at Ewingsdale today at 11.00am and Brunswick Heads re-commences next week at 7.00am. Ewingsdale services will be held at 11am on 1st Sunday of each month and Brunswick Heads will be held at 7am on 2nd Sunday of each month.

MISSION ACTION PLAN – SATURDAY 13 MARCH 2021 - 10AM AT ST PAUL'S BYRON BAY

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER WITH SUE WILLIAMS AT BYRON OFFICE FOR OUR MISSION ACTION PLANNING DAY WITH ARCHDEACON GAIL HAGON. WE START WITH MORNING TEA AT 10AM – FINISHING AT 12.30PM. EVERYONE IS INVITED AND PARTICULARLY MEMBERS OF PARISH COUNCIL. For COVID purposes please indicate your attendance to Sue Williams in the Byron Office either by email to admin@byronanglicans.org.au or telephone 66856431 by 10 March.

Readings for Today:

Exodus 20:1-17 – The Ten Commandments are delivered to the people by Moses.

Psalm 19 – God's law helps people to live well

1 Corinthians 1.18-25 – Paul challenges conventional wisdom and says what will 'save' people by upholding the weak, the foolish, the despised.

John 2.13-22 – Jesus turns the tables upside down in the temple, calling for a dismantling of an unjust system.

Connecting Scripture and Life

There is a real focus in the readings this week on reflecting on what it means to live faithfully together. God has offered loving rules (the Commandments); invitation to praise God (Psalm); challenges to the status quo (Paul); and an absolute active response to injustice and 'wrong rules' (Jesus). How then shall we live as faithful community and each of us as person of faith?

How are you feeling at this time about your own Lent Journey? I encourage us all to keep these as our Lent ponderings, talk around the dinner table with family, fellow Christians and remember the scrutiny of Lent is for our honest encounter with God.

Don't forget to pick up one of the Spiritual Journals prepared for you free of charge at the back of our churches. As we move steadily toward Good Friday and

on to Easter consider undertaking extra biblical studies and prayer as we journey together with Jesus and each other this Lent.

May God continue to bless you, in Jesus' name.

Rev'd Sandra Kjellgren LOCUM RECTOR

Reflection From Rev'd Rosie:

In today's gospel we clearly observe another facet of Jesus. The disciples have witnessed Jesus' teaching, healing and Transfiguration through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus asking them to then take up their cross to follow Him. Jesus now upends the power structure within the Temple and dares to talk of its destruction.

We too are a temple of the Holy spirit. We too are under continual construction. We are the place in which the love of our Lord resides. It is in the words that fall from our mouths that Jesus speaks. If we hurt others, then we begin the destruction of the temple within ourselves. By not honoring our body as a temple of God we in turn, fill it with the greed of the money changers and the disrespect of those who used the Holy temple for that of political power and control. There is no room for power and control within the love of God. Jesus, a man of humility and grace had no need to exert power or authority. Simply to love. To include, and to call out the wrong He witnessed. His authority came from God and He did not use it to injure, deny or cause others to question their worth. Nor as He lead them, did He use human authority to put down or to exclude.

Let us be aware, more than ever during this season of Lent, that the power of God goes with us as we confront wrong. As we call out those who would see the temple of God both without and within destroyed. As we walk with God to the death of his only Son, let us know that His hand is outreached to us and His love remains...with us ...always...even to the end of the age.

Rev. Rosie Wynter

Parish News:

<u>Birthday News:</u> Flo Weir 6th March, William Burke 11th March, Raelee Garner 17th March.

<u>Care of our Sacred Vessels:</u> Calling for volunteers for the centre Mullumbimby to come together to clean the silver sacred vessels and the brass within the church. There will be a working bee at St Paul's on Wednesday 10th March at 10am. 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

<u>ABM:</u> 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

<u>Rosters:</u> 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:

<u>Feeding the Community:</u> 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.

<u>Tents for the homeless:</u> 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:

Saturday 1st May at 10am a Thanksgiving Service at St Aidan Eureka.

Sunday Services:

14th March 7am St Thomas Brunswick Heads, 9am St Paul's Byron Bay, 9am All Souls Bangalow.

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

<u>Music Recital:</u> 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. This is part of St Mary's Music Programme. Cost: By Donation.

<u>Palm Crosses:</u> 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