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Readings for: 16 May

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13
John 17:6-19



ANGLICAN PARISH OF BYRON

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

**Sunday 9th May 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter**



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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

Dear People of Faith,

This morning's message to us from Jesus is about the Joy that no-one can take away from us. It is about the Joy of rightly placed affections.

In his classic book *Mere Christianity*, former atheist C.S. Lewis, offers profound insight into the psychological engine that pulls along the entire train of human experience. He writes "*All that we call human history – money, poverty, ambition, war, empires, sexual exploitation, slavery – is the long terrible story of humanity trying to find something other than God, which will make them happy. Simply put, the driving motive in history is the desire for happiness. All sin, from slavery to racism, to terrorism, to extortion, to the sparks that ignite world wars – all are driven by a desire for happiness apart from God.*"

Lewis pokes a steel probe into the raw, unmediated nerve of atheism. And he reminds us that the greatest hazard we face today is not *intellectual atheism* – denial of the existence of God, but rather *affectional atheism*, refusing to believe '*God is the object of our greatest and most enduring joy.*' Lewis goes on to expound that '*affectional atheism is at the heart of all human foolishness and it plagues every heart.*'

Yet, the good news my friends, is that Jesus reminds us through the Gospel today, that the Joy he offers will bring us true and lasting happiness.

Therefore, the question for us is "Are we walking in that JOY?" Jesus promises that we can put our faith in Him and have confidence in the secure joy he offers, for we all live on the other side of the Cross and Resurrection, in a time of blessing in the new Covenant.

Jesus tells us that when our joy is found in him, our Joy will last

Weekly Happenings

Week Commencing 9 May 2021

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
SUNDAY 16 May	St Paul's 9am St Martin's 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-12pm.

Wardens Patricia Ellis (Rector's Warden), Ian White.

Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning by 12 noon. Sue Williams Phone 66856431 Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au

Mission of the Month

Anglican Flood Relief through the Diocese of Grafton. This is a worthwhile 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.

18 June Faithfulness in Service

Ballina Parish Hall 24 Burnett St Ballina 10am.
This training must be completed by Clergy, LLMs, paid employees, leaders of Parish Ministries, office volunteers, Op volunteers and hospital and aged care visitors. Completed forms need to be returned to John Bryen directly as per the form or to the Parish Office.



Mission SparkLit National Director Mr Michael Collie

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 Canberra & Goulburn Bishop Mark Short & Minica, Bishop Carol Wagner & Jay, Bishop Stephen Pickard & Jennifer, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Kempsey in transition

LLM John, Pat, Fran, Amkela, John, Ros.

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.

forever. Our Joy will be complete – both in this world – and the next.

I pray that we may all know the joy of Jesus in our lives together in this beautiful parish of Byron Ministry Area as we put our trust in Him - as individuals - and as a Community of Faith throughout our five centres.

We are well advanced into the Easter Season now with only one Sunday left before we celebrate the Ascension and move into Pentecost. I pray that we may all continue in God's blessing as we are infilled with the joy and love of Christ.

I am so grateful for the privilege of being able to get to know so many of you through pastoral visitations however, please also remember you can call me any time on 0404 623 423 if you would like to talk about anything at all. I would love to have a cuppa with you. Spiritual Journals are still available at the back of all of our churches to assist with your prayer life and meditation upon scripture readings.

Readings for Today

Acts 10.44-48 – The Gentiles also receive the Holy Spirit which amazes the Jewish believers.

Psalm 98 - Is all about praise for God's fairness and holiness. Because God is perfectly just and fair – we can trust in God completely.

1 John 5.1-12 – When we become Christians, we become a part of God's family, with fellow believers as our brothers and sisters. It is God who determines who the other family members are – not us. We are simply called to love and accept them. The question for us from John is "How well do we treat our fellow family members in Christ?"

John 16.16-24 - Jesus teaches about using his name in prayer. He promises our grief will turn to Joy through our following of him.

May the God of Peace continue to bless each and every one of us.

Revd. Sandra Kjellgren
Locum Rector

Parish News



Baptism: A very special morning last Saturday as we shared in a Baptism at St Columba's Ewingsdale. A blessing to all.

Rev'd Rosie

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, tinned fish, tinned spaghetti, pasta, rice, biscuits etc. can now be left at the churches for collection.

Cursillo News There is a fire Day for all Cursillistas. Theme: 'Running the Race'. At: Murwillumbah Anglicans 26-30 Byangum Rd. 15 May 9:30-2:30, Cost for lunch \$10.

Why come alone? Invite your friends.

The day is not just for Cursillistas but anyone who wishes to join us for a spiritually uplifting and thought provoking day of fun and fellowship.

Everyone's welcome. See you there!

On the 16th May the Secertariat are asking all Cursillistas to wear your **colours** to Church in celebration of Cursillo.

Parish Council News

- Bangalow Social Justice Committee to be re-convened as the 'Anglican Parish of Byron Social Justice Committee'.
- Quilted Cross Wall Hanging and timber reredos to be translated from St Aiden's, Eureka to All Souls, Bangalow pending approval of Faculty.
- Building and Property Committee formed to assess all properties as per the Mission Action Plan and maintenance

requirements.

- Ian White has been appointed to the Anglican Diocese of Grafton Schools Commission. Congratulations Ian.
- Archdeacon Gail Hagon has provided feedback on the Mission Action Plan. The document has been reviewed and many of the goals are already in progress.
- An amount of \$1,321 from Op Shop proceeds has been donated to the Anglicare North Coast Flood Appeal.

Diary Dates

Sunday Services 16 May

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

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

21 May, 2pm Bangalow Hall. "Let's Get Together". Come along for a combined parish think tank on what the community would like to offer as suggestions on the format and timing of this new parish group.

23 May Pentecost Sunday.

Come celebrate in the rural setting of Hazeldene. Jack & Hilda Richards have kindly invited us to their property at 355 Coopers Shoot Rd, Coopers Shoot, for a combined service for Pentecost plus we will celebrate Jack's 84th Birthday. BYO drinks salad, dessert, nibbles, plates, cups & cutlery. Jack will supply the meat. RSVP Sue Williams by 16 May on 6685 6431.

5 June – 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.

