

Sunday 29th August 2021 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

All are welcome



A Christian presence in the community, living by faith, known by love, sharing a voice of hope.

It's a different way of life isn't it?

Lockdown! How are you coping? Thinking of you and praying for safety, health, and hope, as you live through these uncertain times and restrictions.

Rosie and I are really missing the opportunity of being with you, especially at Sunday worship. This week Rosie participated in the Clergy Ministry School by zoom. Imagine sitting at home in front of a computer for three days by yourself! The focus of the school was Conflict Resolution and I understand the presenter was very good.

For Del and I, it has been reducing shopping to one day per week, going out for the short walk each day, connecting with family and friends by phone, and trying to make the most of the quieter days. And yes, we have both had two jabs. Today we did hear the news that the Queensland border is likely to be closed for another ten weeks, which means our planned 80th birthday celebrations for Del with our Queensland families will not be able to take place. But, like others, we too feel that we have been so fortunate to have escaped the presence of COVID in the Northern Rivers, while feeling sad for so many who have been severely affected by the disease and long lockdowns.

The following is a link to an excellent article from the Principal of Ridley Theological College in Melbourne, which many will find a great encouragement for coping in anxious times.

https://www.abc.net.au/religion/kierkegaard-and-coping-with-coronavirus-anxiety/12203806

We continue to pray for Grahame and his wife Brenda as they prepare to move to Byron in safety, hopefully to be Commissioned on Friday 17th September, COVID permitting. I did send to Grahame and Brenda this week, a link to a great documentary film "Byron Bay – the Meeting Place", which I think gives a very realistic picture of the history and cosmopolitan nature of the diverse culture of the region.

The Clergy, Wardens and Office welcome your enquiries and calls.

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Acknowledgement of Country

We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people, traditional custodians of this land.
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.



Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

SUNDAY 29 August Services cancelled due to lockdown

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalowclosed due to lockdownByron Bayclosed due to lockdownMullumbimbyclosed due to lockdown

Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552 Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au

Mission of the Month

Shaping Outcomes is a not-for-profit National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Provider focusing on early childhood intervention programs for children with disabilities. Please consider giving generously.

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Readings Sunday 29th August

James 1:17-27, Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9, Mark 7:1-8, 14-23 **Sunday 5th September**James 1:10, 14:17, Psalm 125, Mark 7:24, 27

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A REFLECTION FOR MEDITATION

When this is over, may we never again take for granted A handshake with a stranger Full shelves at the store **Conversations with neighbours** A crowded theatre Friday night out The taste of communion A routine check-up The school rush each morning Coffee with a friend The stadium roaring Each deep breath A boring Tuesday Life itself.

When this ends,
may we find
that we have become
more like the people
we wanted to be
we were called to be
we hoped to be
and may we stay
that way--better
for each other
because of the worst.

- Laura Kelley Fanucci

Parish News

COVID Lockdown

There are currently stay at home orders in place for our area. This means no church services, no meetings and no Op Shops.

OP Shop Byron Bay Volunteers Needed Looking for something to fill your time or need some social interaction? The Byron Op Shop is in need of volunteers. If you are interested please contact Coordinator Cathy 0432 606 849

Parish Roll Update

We are updating our Parish Roll. There are forms at the churches for you to complete and return to the Office Manager.

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.

Farewell to Archdeacon Greg and Del We had hoped to be able to gather on the 11th September to farewell Greg and Del. We will wait to see how the COVID story unfolds and update you as we have more information.



Prayer Focus This Week:

Restructuring for Mission and Ministry

Diocese of Grafton

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, making disciples and growing faith communities.



Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership

Team Bishop

The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey **Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks **Dean** The Rev'd. Dr Greg Jenks

Local Prayer Focus Judith, Hilary and Paul, Tony, Fr Gary & Robyn Priest, Lorretta, Chris, John, Margaret Harvey, David Williams, Matthew, Ros Gower.

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless. The Liberation Larder,
The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre,
Ministry of Byron Bay & Mullumbimby Christian Education.

A sheet has been prepared for those requesting prayers and is inside the Churches for your use. Please fill in and give to Sue Williams.