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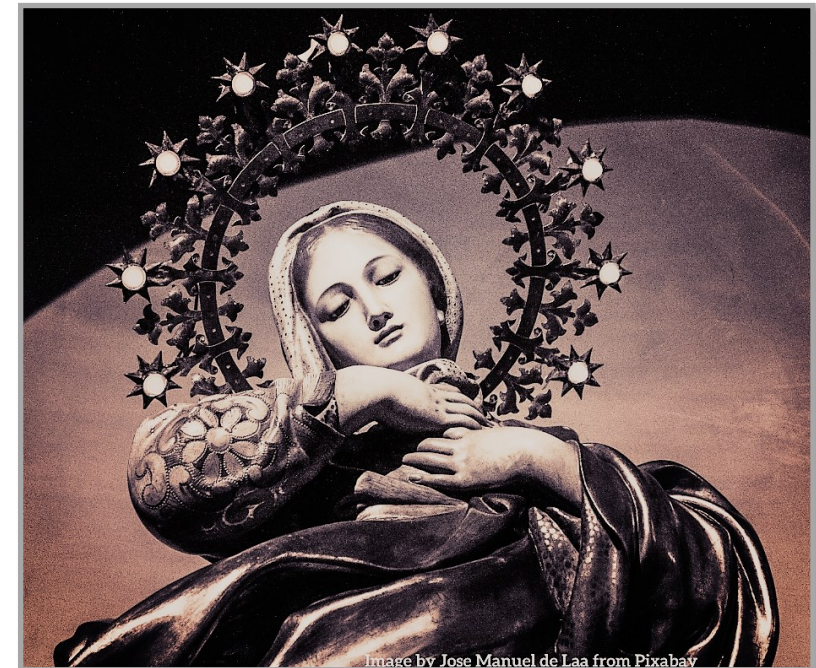
Acknowledgement of Country

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



Sunday 19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

In our remembering of the fast approaching promise of our Saviour's birth, we witness to that which many cannot understand. An apparent contradiction. Out of one of the smallest towns will come a ruler, a carpenter's son and yet a descendant of King David, an end to sacrifices and burnt offerings and yet the greatest sacrifice of them all. God made flesh walking and suffering as we suffer seeing and hearing as we see and hear but without sin. A provider of healing and teaching and great comfort yet killed as the worst were killed. To those who do not understand it is difficult to explain. How can you explain to a glass half empty world the comfort of that same glass being half full and the joy and expectation of celebrating that in Jesus the Christ our cup is full?

Today even in what many call a liberal and liberated society too many are marginalised and blamed for everything from juvenile crime to the national debt and global warming. Go back 2000 years and there's Mary, not yet married and expecting a baby. What an amazing faith Mary must have had, what terrible trials did she endure to bring a baby into the world? The situation in which Mary's found herself had the potential to cost her the ultimate price. For many it still does today. With this perspective we may begin to appreciate why Mary has a special place in the history of our faith. Not just as a means of bringing baby Jesus into the World, although that would be enough, but also as a hero of the faith facing persecution and injustice, worthy of our thanks and gratitude.

I hope in visiting Elizabeth Mary found support. I hope in the experience of John the Baptist jumping for joy in his mother's womb, as witness to the special commission of Mary as a pivotal figure in human history, Mary found encouragement for what lay ahead of her. Mary did not know what would become of her and yet she stepped out in faith. From the potential of being one of societies outcasts to the mother of Christ the King.

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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

SUNDAY 19th December

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday & Thursday: 10am-2pm
Byron Bay	Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm
Mullumbimby	Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.30pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron **BSB:** 705 077 **Account:** 00041263

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission Vicar Of Bangkok
Dean The Rev'd Tim Eady & Julie

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team
Bishop

The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Rockhampton: Bishop Peter John Grice & Virginia, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Orara Valley Anglican Parish: Ministry Roster
LLM Ted, Gayl, Ian, Ruth.

Local Prayer Focus

Judith, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Marce Margaret Harvey, David Williams, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Faith.

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

Mission of the Month

Angel Flight Helicopter

Angel Flight Australia is a charity which coordinates non-emergency flights to assist country people to access specialist medical treatment.



Jasmin Roberts Waka Waka

By Mary's acceptance of God's commission, Mary became the first disciple. The first to be called to participate in the ministry of Jesus in the world. How might we use Mary's example to live a life which more closely resembles the one God would have us live?

Services

19th December

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

26th December

9am All Souls Bangalow

Readings

Sunday 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-5a, Song of Mary APBA p.31, Hebrews 10:5-10, Luke 1: 39-45

Sunday 26th December First Sunday after Christmas

1 Samuel 2:18-20,26, Psalm 148, Colossians 3:12-17, Luke 2:41-52.

Parish News

Church Services and Car Pooling

Joan & Ian White have offered to take anyone from Byron Bay who would like to attend the services in our other centres . If you would like to take up this offer please contact Joan on 0419 020 705. It would be nice to see more of this because why travel alone when company makes the trips better.

Giving Envelopes

Boxes of envelopes are now available for collection at each centre. If you prefer to give electronically our bank details are:

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Adopt a Family

Thank You to everyone for the very generous donations. The families will love them and it brings some much needed joy on Christmas Day.

Diocesan Ultreya

Grafton Cathedral
Saturday 15th January 2022
All welcome!
Flyers available in each centre!



Op Shop Christmas Closing Times:

The Coordinators and volunteers wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year. We thank you for your support through out the year and look forward to next years trading.

Byron Op Shop

will close on Friday 24 December and reopen on Wednesday 12 January

Mullumbimby Op Shop

will close 22 December and reopen 17 January

Bangalow Op Shop

will be closed 22, 25, 26, 27 December, and 1, 3, 5 January only.



Christmas Service Times

17 December Friday

7 pm St Paul's Byron Bay

Lessons and Carols by Candlelight
14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay

23 December Thursday

6 pm Thursday, St Thomas' Brunswick Heads

Holy Communion, Christmas Eve Worship a day early.
Family Worship and Holy Communion
21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

24 December Friday Christmas Eve

6 pm St Paul's Byron Bay

Family Worship, Holy Communion and Christmas Play
14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay

7 pm All Souls Bangalow

Family Worship and Holy Communion
1 Ashton St, Bangalow

9 pm St Martin's Mullumbimby

Family Worship, Holy Communion and Christmas Play
38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby

9 pm St Columba's Ewingsdale

Family Worship and Holy Communion
William Flick Lane, Ewingsdale

25 December Saturday Christmas Day

7.30 am St Thomas' Brunswick Heads – Holy Communion
21 Fingal St, Brunswick Heads

9 am All Souls Bangalow --Holy Communion

1 Ashton St, Bangalow

9 am St Martin's Mullumbimby - Holy Communion

38 Stuart St, Mullumbimby

9 am St Paul's Byron Bay - Holy Communion

14 Kingsley St, Byron Bay