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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.*



Palm Sunday

10th April 2022

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

I remember last year in Gilgandra, the absolute joy of being able to gather for Palm Sunday, the beginning of the great week of the Christian year. That joy was heightened because the year before we had been locked down as a community due to CoVid-19. This year Brenda and I are again locked down due to that virus. We will miss the joy of being physically gathered in community on Palm Sunday even as we give thanks for the expressions of care and support, we have received. As a community, both our appreciation of the privilege of physically gathering and the way in which we care for those who can't, have been part of our learning through the continuing pandemic which I believe has aided our response in community to the recent floods and the continuing aftermath. In the midst of great challenge there remains great hope.

We begin our journey this week with shouts of hosanna! We will have the opportunity later in the week to share a meal. Then to contemplate afresh the confusion of sacrifice, which was good for us, on Good Friday. Always carrying within us the confident hope of resurrection. In the midst of great challenge there remains great hope.

As I reflect again on the scriptures which will guide us through this week, what jumps out from the page for me is the unrest in the community of that time. Insurrection, revolution was in the air. We can easily forget the atmosphere of the time and as we know, context is important. We are told that murder had been committed as part of the unrest and that Barabbas was part of the murderous group. Imagine the fear that this must have created. In contrast Jesus healed, brought life where there had been death and spoke of the glory of God, and the people in the end condemn him to death. The people call for Jesus to be crucified. The people were scared. In Jesus, they were being asked to exchange the stability of the Roman peace for something else – a peace which they did not know and could not understand – The peace of God which passes all understanding (Philippians 4.7).

Admittedly the stability of Roman governance came at a cost. The emperor's peace was enforced by violence; the emperor's

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 17th April Easter Sunday

7.30am	St Thomas's Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Martin's Mullumbimby
9am	St Paul's Byron Bay

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Wednesday 9.00am-1.00pm Friday 9.00am-1.00pm Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm
Mullumbimby	Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm, Saturday 9.30am—12noon.

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission

GFS Australia/kids Plus+

National Chaplain Bishop Sonia Roulston

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Parish of Kingscliff: The Rev'd Greg March & Georgina.

LLMs Kim.



Local Prayer Focus

Judith, Heather, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Marce, David Williams, Matthew, Sigrid, George, Faith, Axel.

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

Our Community impacted by the current flood event.

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

peace relied on the oppression, marginalisation, and persecution of many to provide comfort to a particular class of people, Roman Citizens, a citizenship which was not open to all, citizenship of a select group. But even the non-citizens, if they kept their head down, if they did as they were told, they could get by under the Roman peace, if they were lucky, they could live a kind of life. A life ruled by and lived in, fear.

Jesus came bringing a peace which passed all understanding. Jesus came offering a freedom which the people also struggled to understand. The disciples had been told by Jesus what would happen, but they still did not understand. As the predicted events unfold, the disciples act in interesting ways to deny the inevitable. It is left to others who respond with anointing for the next stage of Jesus' pilgrimage while from the inner most circle comes betrayal; the anointing for the burial to come, the anointing of the King of eternity, recognition from outside and betrayal from within.

Betrayal, hate and fear or forgiveness, love and peace. It continues to amaze me how our fear of the latter continues to lead us to the former. Our fear of the consequences of faith in God's forgiveness and love which brings God's peace, keeps us in the practices of betrayal and hate which fear brings.

As we make our pilgrimage with Christ this week, may we choose forgiveness over betrayal; love over hate, and find our rest in the peace of God, eternally.

Hosanna in the Highest!

With every Blessing, Grahame

Readings

10th April Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-18, Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 19:28-40

17th April Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26, John 20:1-18.

Services

Sunday 10th April Palm Sunday

9am All Souls Bangalow

Sunday 17th April Easter Day

7.30am St Thomas's Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

11am St Columba's Ewingsdale

Parish News

Children Books



Due to the floods the local primary schools are collecting books to help restock libraries in schools that have lost everything. If you have books suitable for Kindergarten to Year 6 in good condition please drop them into Byron Public School or Bangalow Public School.

Mission of the Month of April

Anglicare North Coast has opened a FLOOD APPEAL for tax deductible donations. We will use our emergency relief processes to provide direct and efficient support to affected households. Donate Now- Please reference your deposit '**Lismore 2022**'. Navigate to www.anglicarenorthcoast.org.au and click on 'donate here' Or use the following details to deposit from your bank account.

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Anglican Parish of Byron Easter Worship

MAUNDY THURSDAY 14 April

All Soul's Bangalow 6pm

MAUNDY THURSDAY MEAL 14 April

St Thomas' Brunswick Heads 6pm

RSVP to 0428866525 for catering purposes

GOOD FRIDAY 15 April

All Soul's Bangalow 9am

St Paul's Byron Bay 9am

St Martin's Mullumbimby 6pm

EASTER SATURDAY 16 April

St Paul's Byron Bay 6pm

Liturgy of the New Fire

EASTER DAY 17 April

St Thomas' Brunswick Heads 7.30am

All Soul's Bangalow 9am

St Martin's Mullumbimby 9am

St Paul's Byron Bay 9am

St Columba's Ewingsdale 11am

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