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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.*



**Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
12th February 2023**

All are welcome



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known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

From Grahame

Christians get labels. Labels like being holier than thou and too good to mix with regular people.... You may be able to think of some others. In the passage of Matthew this week, Jesus responds to those who try to say he is lowering standards and ignoring the law. Jesus is not lowering standards. Jesus is raising them. This is one of my favourite passages because it reminds us Christians are regular people and Jesus wants to save Christians too. We cannot do it alone, we need Jesus.

I have told some of you the story of a town in which my family lived where it seemed the park would have a visiting Christian revival group every weekend. It was a rite of passage for some coastal congregations to have an outback experience and save some souls in the bush. On a particular weekend I was in the park for the mandatory revival meeting and enjoying the singing when the preacher for the day got up and started 'as a former sinner'. Oh dear! What so now he is perfect, he no longer makes mistakes, now he doesn't need Jesus.

Now we get into some hard work. Jesus says, not only don't murder, but don't be angry; not only don't commit adultery but don't even think about it. How does that fit with those saying look but don't touch and you are alright? Not only do not swear or in other words do not lie, but don't think that by invoking the name of your dear mum or your children or God, that you make your idea of the truth any more truthful. Just say yes or no. How refreshing would that be, how simple a life we could live if all we had was yes or no.

Can you imagine the outrage of the people Jesus first spoke to? Can you imagine the fear? What do we do about this? Do we pretend we didn't hear? Or do we just shrug and say 'that Jesus said some really messed up stuff'?

What I think the preacher of my story meant to say as he got up to speak was 'as a forgiven sinner'. Through the forgiveness of God in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, not just once but every day and every hour and minute of every day. One of the reasons Christians get bad press is that people think, that we think we are better than everyone else. They probably got this idea

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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

Sunday 12th February 2023

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
11am	St Columba Ewingsdale

Sunday 19th February 2023

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Martin's Mullumbimby

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10am-2pm Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & 9am-1pm for February
Mullumbimby	Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm Saturday 9.00am—12.00pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission: St George's College Jerusalem
Dean: The Very Rev'd Richard Sewell

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Grafton:

Bishop Murray Harvey & Leanne, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Lismore:

The Rev'd Christian Ford & Brenda, The Rev'd Alan Shaw & Sue, The Rev'd Rhonda Callander.

LLM Carol, Dawn, Stephen, Ray, Ray, Ken.

Local Prayer Focus

Judith, Lil, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, David Williams, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Faith, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris, John, Sophie, Karen, Shirley, Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Irene, Harper, Harley, Joe & Jade, Karen Christofferson, June, Thea, Elaine.

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 recovering from the floods.

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



because at some time in history some Christians thought they were...not here, not us no, no, no. It is not through our pious living or any act on our own that the law is fulfilled. It is only through Jesus Christ this may be accomplished. Jesus is the fulfilment of the law.

How we live is about entering into a relationship with God through Jesus Christ and by virtue of this with the whole of creation. Some days will be better at this than others, some days our relationship will look decidedly shaky. But being a Christian means that we do not give up on the relationship, even when it gets shaky, especially then. There will be times when we make mistakes. The key is to be honest about our mistakes with each other and with ourselves, and use the experience to do better next time. In this way we are living into the pilgrimage, the journey with a purpose, to which we are each called. Don't give up on the relationship. Jesus doesn't call us to live life as if we were perfect. Jesus calls us to live as if we are forgiven, because we are, and in that fulfilment through Jesus the Christ we may find perfection.

Live into this truth, give thanks for this reality, and rejoice at the difference this makes in our world today.

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

12th February 2023

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

19th February 2023

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am St Martins Mullumbimby

Readings

12th February Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Deuteronomy 10:12-22, Psalm 119:1-8, 1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37

19th February Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

Parish News

Lenten Studies

Wednesday 22nd February @ 2pm St Paul's Byron Bay. Rev'd Grahame will be running the Lenten Study, for those interested please place your name on the list provided in each centre.

Annual Report



Reports for inclusion in the Annual Report are due on 14th February. Please email them to Anne at office@byronanglicans.org.au. Thank you

Sleepbus

On Saturday 4th February a new social justice initiative was welcomed to Byron Shire. The charity "sleepbus" has allocated one of its specially converted buses to Byron Shire. Alrick and Laura East represented the Anglican Parish of Byron at the open afternoon and viewing time for interested members of the community and community groups. These photos give an idea of the compact, fully self-contained and air-conditioned sleep pods. More information about the charity and its work in several Australian states is available on their website www.sleepbus.org The organisation is looking for interested volunteers. The sleepbus will fill a gap in the existing local support services by providing a safe night's rest for vulnerable people.



AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 5th March** following the 9am service at St Martin's Mullumbimby. Nominations for parish positions are now open. Nomination forms are available from Sue or Anne.

Members of Parish Council

80.2 Each member of Parish Council shall comply with any requirement set by Bishop-in-Council for compulsory checks or training for professional standards purposes. Failure to do so will result in cancellation of their membership of Parish Council. Diocesan Governance Ordinance 2008 (as amended 2022)

These requirements include the completion of Faithfulness in Service and Safe Ministry Training and holding a current Working with Children Check.

We are also beginning a new 3 year cycle, which means we will be electing new Synod Representatives and Parish Nominators.

Please contact Rev Grahame if you have any questions or would like to discuss the roles and requirements any further.

Parish Consultation

The next consultation opportunity will be **Saturday, 18 February at 2 pm in All Souls hall Bangalow**. Please take this opportunity for a cuppa and a chat about the future of the Parish of Byron.

Little Brothers of St Francis



We have a variety of delicious goods from the Brothers available for sale. See Sue for further information.

Mission of the Month Bangalow Men's Shed

The Men's Shed provide an opportunity for men to connect with community in a caring and supportive environment.