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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.*



**Second Sunday in Lent
5th March 2023**

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

In our focus passage this week, Jesus speaks of being born again and then offers a statement on salvation in John 3.16. When we cut through the debates, this is what we are talking about when we speak of being born again. The point when the idea of Jesus as our saviour moves from head learning to heart learning and we are reborn in Christ. Our actions in the world then reflect this rebirth. Sometimes this may mean we do different things. It will always mean we do things differently because we will act for God instead of ourselves. We will act for God and trust in God to provide for us. For some of us our rebirth in the Spirit came with a rush so that we can recall exactly where we were and what we were doing when we were born again in Christ Jesus. For others the experience may have been a more gradual transformation as we were exposed to the love of Jesus growing up in a Christian family and community. Whichever way it happened for you and whether you remember it or not, for each of us there is a moment when the lights come on and everything, or at least a lot of things, make more sense. If you are sure this has not happened for you yet, then it is up to you to do something about it. Get alongside one of your sisters or brothers in Christ; it's worth it. All it takes is a little trust, a little faith.

During a scripture class I had once, we were reflecting on Matthew 7.7 (knock and the door will be opened) I asked the class what they would do if they got home and wanted to get inside but didn't have a key. One tough lad answered that he would break the door down. Good luck with that I said. But there is another way, there is a better way. It just takes a little trust, a little faith and in the end a decision.

With every blessing,
Grahame

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Meditation 10am All Souls Bangalow
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm Lenten Study St Paul's Byron Bay 2pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm

Sunday 5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent
9am St Martins Mullumbimby followed by the AGM.

Sunday 12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent
7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

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: Bush Church Aid Society

National Director: The Rev'd Greg Harris

Regional Director: The Rev'd Mike Uptin

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



The Diocese of Bathurst:

Bishop Mark Calder & Susan, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of Casino:

The Rev'd Sally Miller, The Rev'd Ron Miller, The Rev'd Thea Archinal.

LLM Robyn, Dolly, Bev, Susan, Kerry.

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

Services

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Readings

5th March 2023 Second Sunday in Lent

Genesis 12:1-4a, Psalm 121, Romans 4:1-5, 13-17, John 3:1-17

12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent

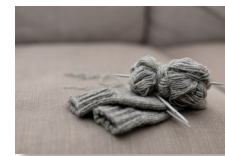
Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1-11, John 4:5-42

Parish News

BCA Boxes

It is now time to bring in your BCA box for counting. They can be left in any of the centres.

Knitting for those in need



With winter on the horizon it is time to start knitting for the disadvantaged. There are patterns for beanies and fingerless gloves in St Paul's plus spare wool. Please send all finished items to St Paul's for distribution.

St Thomas Centenary of dedication

A service to celebrate the centenary of the Church of St Thomas' Brunswick Heads will be held on 26th March at 11am. A planning session will be held on Wednesday **8th March @ 5pm St Thomas' Brunswick Heads**. All welcome

Meditation

The meditation sessions being held in All Souls Bangalow will be in recess until the 7th March when Rev'd Rosie returns from her much needed holiday.

AGM

The Parish AGM will be held on **Sunday 5th March** following the 9am service at St Martin's Mullumbimby.

Faithfulness in Service Workshops

Faithfulness in Service is the code of conduct for the Anglican Church of Australia.

It is a Diocesan requirement that the following people must participate in a training course every 3 years:

Clergy & Licenced Lay Ministers, members of parish Council, paid employees, all leaders or coordinators of parish ministry eg: MU, Op Shop, People contact ministries eg: office volunteers, Op Shop workers, hospital and aged care visitors.

We will be holding two courses in the Parish:

All Soul's Bangalow Friday 24th March 1-3pm

St Paul's Byron Bay Saturday 1st April 1-3pm

If these dates do not suit you Ballina Parish are holding courses which you are welcome to attend:

St Mary's Ballina Saturday 18th March 1-3pm

St Mary's Ballina Thursday 23rd March 12-2pm

Application forms are available in the churches and from Anne and Sue.

Please return completed forms to the office.

Mission of the Month

ABM Appeal for victims of the earthquakes in Turkiye and northern Syria.

The Second Sunday in Lent Sunday 5 March 2023

Genesis 12.1-4a; Psalm 121; Romans 4.1-5, [6-12], 13-17;
John 3.1-17 or Matthew 17.1-9

One can feel for Nicodemus seeking out Jesus for enlightenment, understanding, only to be confronted with the idea of being 'born again? Today we'd ask Google only to be given thousands of options to choose from. My choice of explaining Born Again, would be *Kintsugi* – the Japanese art of repairing a broken pot by joining the pieces together with gold, with us as the pot, and the Spirit of God being the gold that holds us together.

Pray for understanding and welcoming being born again the Holy Spirit into our lives.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church of Japan, the *Nippon Sei Ko Kai*.

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Lent: Organ Music Reflection



We invite you to join us at St Mary's Anglican Church Ballina for 30 minutes of organ music and a poem. You don't have to do anything but sit in God's loving presence and immerse yourself in music and hear a reflective poem. Music has the ability to lead into stillness.

Every Tuesday during Lent 5.30-6.00pm.