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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.



Third Sunday of Easter
23rd April 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

Again this week we hear from the Acts of the Apostles and Peter's Pentecost proclamation during that great Jewish festival in Jerusalem. Peter builds his explanation out of the scriptural heritage of those listening to him until they come to a realisation of what has happened; of what they have allowed to happen; of what they have done. Whether through their direct action; whether through their in-action and silence; whether through their membership of the collective; they share responsibility.

Imagine being in the group during that moment of realisation. Imagine being there and looking around for someone to hold responsible. Imagine the moment you come to understand it is you, "they were cut to the heart". Then the people look for answers, "what shall we do?". What terrible punishment could be enough to pay for what has been done to this innocent, for what has been done to God? What will the answer to this question be? Could anyone have imagined the answer would be love? Fill the void of left by guilt and shame with love, God's love which has been with you since the beginning in Genesis 1.1-2. Before darkness was distinguished from light the Spirit of God was there. When we are challenged by change and most especially when we are challenged by the change we know needs to be made in ourselves, God is there to fill the void, God is there beside us, God is waiting for us to be open to God's all embracing love.

After experiencing an earthquake and being told by an angel the tomb was empty, Mary rushed away in fear, shock I would think, and also great joy. Then Jesus appeared, and spoke. Jesus spoke and drove away the fear. The void which had been left began to fill. The friend who had walked with the group; the one they were trying to come to terms with having lost, was not lost after all and Mary is able to go tell the men what they are to do.

They are to be gatherers of people who have made mistakes and they will begin with the group gathered in Jerusalem, some confused, some frightened, some angry, all looking for

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

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

11am All Souls' Bangalow followed by a bring and share lunch.

Op Shop Opening Hours

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

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission: Religious Orders in Australia

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of The Northern Territory:

Bishop Greg Anderson & Anette, Clergy & Laity.

The Parish of South Grafton:

The Rev'd Jenny Parker & Ian.



Local Prayer Focus

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

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

answers and something to fill the void left by the things which have not lived up to expectations. They will gather all who will come into community, a new community of faith in Jesus and what he has done. This community will come to be called The Church. A community testifying to a love too great for only words, a love which requires action. A place where those without family find family; a place where families are nurtured and grow; a place which is not really a place at all but an attitude, a way of being, which can go anywhere, to all people and accomplish great things for the Lord, great things for God's people.

Out of the one planted seed a new way of being grows, a way of being which is imperishable; a way of being which is love. Almost at the end of this amazing book we call The Book, in 1 John 4.8 we are reminded "God is love". As we are drawn to know God more we discover layer by layer that God's love is at the centre in Christ Jesus, God's love is at every point on our journey of discovery, as with Mary on the track, God's love drives out fear leaving only joy. As members of the Church this is the message we have received, this is the message we proclaim, Christ is risen, Alleluia!

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

9am St Martins' Mullumbimby'

30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

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Readings

23rd April Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a,36-41, Psalm 116:1-4,11-18, 1 Peter 1:13-25, Luke 24:13-35

30th April Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:1-10, John 10:1-10

Parish News

Knitting for those in need



With winter on the horizon it is time to start knitting for those in need. 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.

More than a Meal

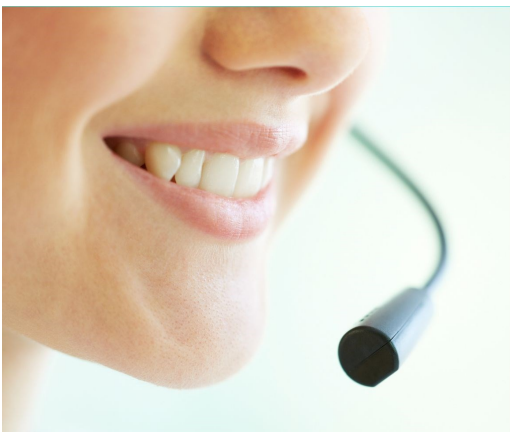


Due to volunteer shortages at the Neighbourhood Centre 'More than a Meal' is in recess until a solution is found. Meals will still be provided but for now will not be prepared in our space.

Parish Consultations

The next consultation opportunities will be **Saturday, 20th May at 2 pm in St Columba Ewingsdale and Saturday 27th May 2pm in St Thomas' Brunswick Heads.** Please take this opportunity for a cuppa and a chat about the future of the Parish of Byron. Bring along your questions and ideas. This is your chance to have your say.

To make you smile



**How many
Telemarketers does it
take to change a light
bulb?**

**One.... but it has to be
changed at dinnertime!**

The Third Sunday of Easter Sunday 23 April 2023

Acts 2.14a, 36-41; Psalm 116:1-4, 11-18; 1 Peter 1.13-25;
Luke 24.13-35 or Matthew 28.8-15a

The Gospel of Matthew's account of the resurrection juxtaposes the disciples' response of fear and joy (when Jesus reassures them in their fear) with that of the chief priests' scheming and manipulation. Those who trust in the resurrection have a hope that transcends worldly power machinations; there is nothing to defend or protect, only a life to be joyfully lived. We need not be troubled by those who seek to control, for they have no authentic power. Notice what fears still seek to control you; gently place them in the care of Christ, who invites us beyond our fear, to lasting joy.

- Pray for the Anglican Church of Melanesia as it seeks to address displacement of the communities in the Solomon Islands from the impacts of climate change.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Melanesian Brotherhood, the Melanesian Sisterhood, the Society of St Francis and the Sisters of the Church who minister throughout the Pacific Islands.

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Mission of the Month



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