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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.*



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
25th June 2023

All are welcome



Scripture images

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

From Grahame

This week as we reflect on the good news, Jesus explains to the Apostles that they are valued. They are known and valued as individuals for the unique gifts they bring to the community. Then, after reflecting on living together in unity with each other and with God, Jesus speaks of division. When we hear of philosophies or concepts or ideas, the discussion may not deeply touch us. These debates can be something which happens separate from us. Jesus was a real person (and more). When a person asks you directly, 'are you with me or against me' there needs to be a response. It becomes something personal. To take up your cross and follow Jesus requires a personal decision. At that time, when the audience was predominantly of the Jewish faith, don't forget that Jesus was a good Jewish boy, to follow Jesus often meant to be in disagreement with one's own family.

To be identified as Christian was to be set apart as a target in a world that did not agree with what you were doing. That is why it was so important to have times of regathering and rekindling. Is any of this sounding familiar? This is the world in which **we** live. We live in a time when we are told it is not cool to be Christian. We are living through the same types of challenges the Apostles faced. I remember many years ago introducing a group of young people to the concept of 'random acts of kindness' the things we do for others without thought of personal reward. This concept is different to what our young people are bombarded with each day. Surely this idea of giving without expecting anything in return should be one of the characteristics of our Christian community? In speaking with the group back then, we discussed how a 'random act of kindness' could be as simple as listening to someone who is having a tough time. Is this the community of faith we want to invite people into?

What are we inviting people to come into, what are we inviting them to become? I suggest that we want people to come and encounter Jesus. We want them to feel what it is like to be loved unconditionally, to experience random acts of kindness,

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm Meditation (in recess)
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-4pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby Office 9am-4pm
25th June	
11am	St Paul's Byron Bay followed by a light bring and share lunch.
2nd July	
7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
9am	St Paul Byron Bay

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:

Missions The Buttery

Chair: Mr Sandy Lockhart

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Willochra:

Bishop Jeremy James & Lynne, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Wauchope :

The Rev'd Canon Angela Dutton, The Rev'd Clyde Appleby & Linda, The Rev'd Chris Elliott & Jennie, The Rev'd Duncan McArthur & Jennifer

LLM: Gordon, Robert, Frankie, Wendy.

Local Prayer Focus

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



to feel that they belong. This may not seem cool, this may put us at odds with some of our peers; the people we call friends or even our family but this is what we are called to do and be. This is what sets us apart from every other group in society and in my opinion it is very cool.

May we live in Spirit-filled courage as we move out with the gospel message of God's love and salvation for all, welcoming all who would come in.

All through this day dear Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for you, and every life I touch please bless by your Holy Spirit, whether through the words I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live; so shall your kingdom come on earth as in heaven. Amen.

Adapted from the daily prayers of
Mary Sumner founder of Mother's Union and Brother John Dent Martyn BGS

With every blessing, Grahame

Services

25th June Pentecost 4

11am St Paul's Byron Bay

2nd July Pentecost 5

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

9am St Paul Byron Bay

9th July Pentecost 6

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

9am St Paul Byron Bay

11am St Columba Ewingsdale

Readings

25th June

Genesis 21:8-21, Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17, Romans 6:1-11, Matthew 10:24-39

2nd July

Genesis 22:1-14, Psalm 13, Romans 6:12-23, Matthew 10:40-42

Parish News

Cursillo



An invitation has been extended to those who are part of the Cursillo movement to attend a **Fire Day. 'It's All about Joy'**. It will be held in Ballina Anglican Parish 24 Burnet St Ballina, on Saturday 15th July, 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$15 for soup and slice. Bring a friend.

Little Brothers of St Francis Jams & Honey

Another shipment of jams, honey, etc has been delivered. They will be for sale on Sunday in St Paul's.

Parish Pantry

The Parish Pantry is run from the office in Mullumbimby and gives food to those who are in need. Donations of food can be left in each of the centre churches or at the Mullumbimby office. Donations of long life milk, cup of noodles, spreads, tins of tuna, baked beans and spaghetti with ring pull, cereals, muesli bars, etc are always needed

Knitting for those in need



Please keep knitting as winter is here. 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.

Ordinary Sunday 12 A {Pentecost 4}
Sunday 25 June 2023

Genesis 2.18-21; Psalm 86.1-10, 16-17; Romans 6.1-11;
Matthew 10.24-29

In Romans, Paul presents the gospel that we enter into a right relationship with God only by the grace of God, which is a free gift. We receive this gift by putting our faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. And only by faith: there is nothing else we ourselves can do to earn being put right with God. But for Paul's interlocutors, if a right relationship with God is ours for free, then we can keep on doing bad things because we will always be forgiven anyway. In fact, the more bad things we do the more grace there will be. Grace has no ethic. Paul's answer is that in our baptism, we were baptized into Christ's death which put to death our old life of doing bad things. And gave us new life which enables us to do good. Grace does have an ethic.

We give thanks that we are put right with God by his free gift through the death and resurrection of Jesus. And that grace does have an ethic.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of Province of Myanmar

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Mission of the Month

Westpac Rescue Helicopter Service

Operating in Northern NSW since 1975. Your donation saves local lives.