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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.



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
2nd July 2023

All are welcome

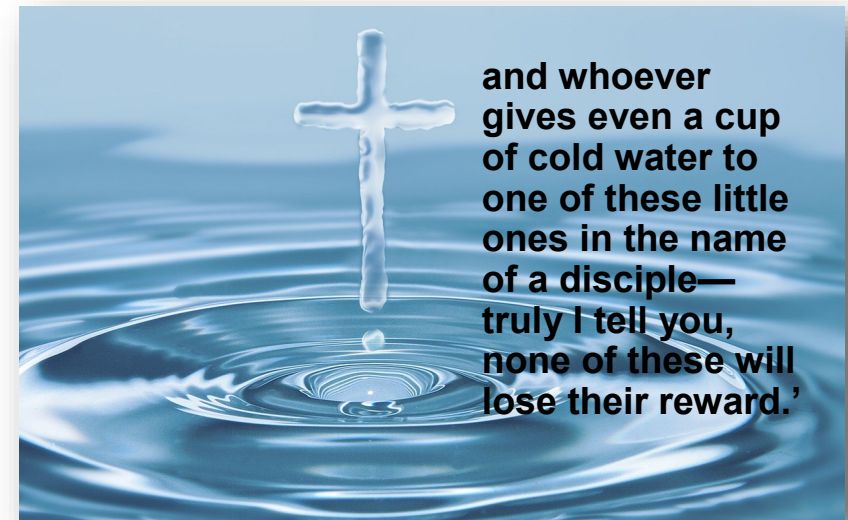


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*A Christian presence in the community, living by faith,
known by love, sharing a voice of hope.*

From Grahame

This week in Matthew 10, Jesus reaffirms what we spoke of last week as random acts of 'kindness'.

We each carry an expectation that we may receive something in return for our efforts. A fair day's work should receive a fair day's pay. But what if we do something for someone who can do nothing for us? Jesus' answer is in the final verse of this week's three verse passage. An act done to the least in his name is as if it were being done for him. What might we expect in return for this? A reward literally beyond our imagining which we have received already. How might we respond to this reality? In Romans 6 Paul asks the question, would you choose to do the wrong thing because you have received the gift of God's grace? What then?

Live your best life. Know God loves you.
Keep on doing random acts of kindness perhaps?

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

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

2nd July
7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Paul Byron Bay

9th July
7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Paul Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale

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.

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Missions National Mission Fund

Chairman The Right Rev'd Geoff Smith

Diocese of Grafton Senior

Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Adelaide:

Archbishop Geoff Smith & Lyn, Bishop Tim Harris & Fiona, Bishop Chris Mcleod & Susan, Bishop Denise Ferguson & Mark, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Ballina :

The Rev'd Cathy Ridd, The Rev'd Amanda Larkin, The Rev'd Richard Brown & Carol, The Rev'd Margaret Davis.

LLM: John, Pat, John..

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



Services

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

16th July Pentecost 7

9am All Souls Bangalow

Readings

2nd July

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

9th July

Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67, Psalm 45:10-17, Romans 7:14-25, Matthew 11:15-19,25-30.

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 the churches.

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.

NAIDOC Week 2023



The theme this year is 'For Our Elders'. Across every generation, our Elders have played, and continue to play, an important role and hold a prominent place in our communities and families. They are cultural knowledge holders, trailblazers, nurturers, advocates, teachers, survivors, leaders, hard workers and our loved ones. This NAIDOC Week we celebrate them.

The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre are hosting a NAIDOC event on Wednesday 5th July.

Ordinary Sunday 13 A [Pentecost 5]

Sunday 2 July 2023

Genesis 22.1-14; Psalm 13; Romans 6.12-23;
Matthew 10.40-42

The story of God commanding Abraham to sacrifice Isaac is troubling. How could God condone child sacrifice? Such things were horrific, banned later in the law of Moses, because that's what the Canaanites did. Jewish scholars look at this passage and contrast Abraham's blind obedience to God telling him to sacrifice Isaac with his passionate arguing on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah earlier in Genesis. While at the end God blesses Abraham's faithfulness, they argue, ultimately Abraham failed - precisely because he chose not to argue with God; this is the last time God speaks to Abraham in Genesis. God expects us not to be slaves who blindly obey God, but friends who will converse, and debate; not passive recipients of mercy, but active partners in bringing about of the realm of God.

Offer to God your deepest thoughts and struggles – even the struggles you might have with faith. Strive to listen for God's response in your heart.

Pray for the safety and integrity of children everywhere, that they may have loving and supportive environments in which to flourish and grow.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in South Sudan.

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Mission of the Month

The Buttery

A rehab treatment centre for alcohol and other drug misuse, problem gambling and mental health issues.