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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.



Christ the King

26th November 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 passage from the Gospel according to Matthew this week, we hear the last of Jesus' speeches. We have come to the end of Jesus' teaching ministry according to Matthew and the end of our Liturgical year. In our reading today as we celebrate Christ the King we have a summary, the essence of what it means to live as a Christian, the life that we are called to live into. It is the way we treat the least which is the outworking of the gift we have received. As we face the only judgement which really matters our hope is in our faith in Jesus. This draws us into a new way of living that is not all about us.

The parables we have been hearing these past few weeks have all been concerned with our final judgement. I often hear discussions about righteousness. Unfortunately, many of these discussions seem to centre around judging others and what they need to do in order to be as righteous as the speaker. Jesus states clearly that the righteous are those who have cared for outsiders. The sign of righteousness is how we care for the least.

When we are considering, in our busy day, whether we should help someone or not, Jesus is telling us to imagine we are acting directly for him. It is as if it were Jesus we were helping and not that person who annoyed us last week or the person who does not look like us, dress like us, speak like us. And remember context. It is not enough to say 'I helped every leper I ever met' although we certainly do still need to help lepers, or 'I gave everything I had to every Canaanite woman I met'. We are not very likely to meet the same people Jesus met but we most certainly meet people who are cast to the fringe because of their physical infirmity or their ethnicity or their religion or any other category we choose to make. Context is important. Who are the least in our society, today? Who are the marginalised; who are the ones that are denied the rights that we take for granted? It is not for me to define who these people are for you. It is for each

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

26th November Christ the King

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

3rd December Advent 1

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am St Paul Byron Bay

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow Monday—Friday
10am-2pm
Saturday 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Bay Tuesday— Friday
9am-1pm

Mullumbimby Monday—Friday 9.30am-3.30pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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Prayer Focus This Week:

Missions National Council of Churches
President Rev'd John Gilmore

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 Clyde Appleby & Linda,
The Rev'd Chris Elliott & Jennie, The Rev'd Duncan McArthur
& Jennifer.

LLM Gordon, Robert, Frankie, Wendy.

Local Prayer Focus

Rev Gloria Shipp, Janie, Jean, Marjory, Geoff, Judith, Lil, Lin,
Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, David Williams,
Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris,
John, Sophie, Karen, Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Irene,
June, Thea, Elaine, Ros, Ann.

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless.
The Liberation Larder, The Mullumbimby & District
Neighbourhood Centre, Ministry of Byron Bay &
Mullumbimby Christian Education.

Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward to Sue
Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552
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of us to take responsibility for what is happening in the world
around us and do our bit, to do what we can to help.

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

26th November Christ the king

11am All Souls Bangalow followed by a shared lunch

3rd December Advent 1

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

10th December Advent 2

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Martin's Mullumbimby

11am St Columba Ewingsdale

17th December Advent 3

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls' Bangalow

Readings

26th November Christ the King

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 100, Ephesians 1:15-23,
Matthew 25:31-46

3rd December Advent 1

Isaiah 64:1-9, Psalm 80:1-7,17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9,
Mark 13:24-37

Parish News

Blessing of the Ballina Labyrinth

Saturday 9 December at 9.30 am, St Mary's Ballina

You're invited to the community blessing of the labyrinth at St Mary's Anglican Church, Ballina. Walk the labyrinth, and be part of the blessing with water and bubbles. Music by the Threshold Choir. Refreshments available from the Coffee Cart Bring a hat/umbrella/sunscreen, and a picnic rug or chair to sit on. Bring your kids and grandkids too!

Back Packs for Kids

We have the opportunity to partner with the Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre to supply back packs filled with essential items to those children escaping Domestic Violence. Donations can be left in the Parish Centres. If you prefer you may give money and the goods will be bought. Just place the money in an envelope marked backpacks and place on the offertory plate.

Advent Study

Advent starts on Wednesday 6th December at St Paul's at 2pm. There will be a list in each centre for you to put your name down if you are interested in attending.

Parish Pantry

Thank you to all who donate to our Parish Pantry. The demand for support has been very high. As we approach Christmas we would like to include some Christmas items in the food bags. Things like mini Christmas puddings, mince pies, tins of ham or Christmas sweets are always very much appreciated.

Strawberry Moon Concert

St Martin's is hosting a music event on Sunday 26th November at 4pm. Gyan and Si with strings will be performing. Tickets available tix@trybooking.com
All welcome

Ordinary Sunday 34 A Christ the King Sunday 26 November 2023

Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; either Psalm 100 or 95.1-7;
Ephesians 1.15-23; Matthew 25.31-46

The image of Christ as King can seem antithetical to how we see and understand Jesus. He is not concerned about power and status but rather caring for all with food, drink, clothing and welcome. This image is replicated by the prophet Ezekiel with God as shepherd searching for and seeking out the sheep. When we are gathered together in the presence of God we share in what has been prepared for us and we are blessed.

God, bring me with the angels into the presence of your glory.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East

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Mission of the Month

Anglican Board of Mission

Working for Love, Hope & Justice

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