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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.

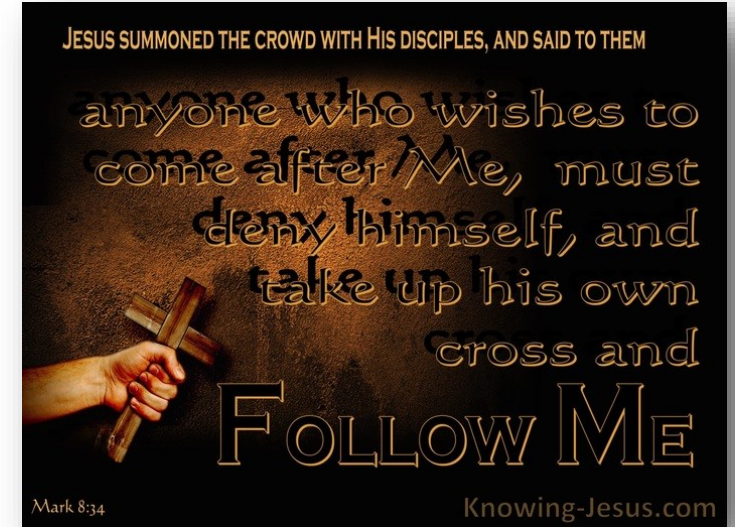


Byron Anglicans
We are one

Second Sunday in Lent

25th February 2024

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

This week as we continue through the season of Lent, Jesus speaks of the cross we may bear in his name. What are we meant to take up and what is it we should be putting down?

In the Anglican tradition, before a minister is ordained they go on retreat. On my retreat in preparation for being made a deacon, I remember being troubled. The retreat leader led us in some short talks to guide our reflection and offered certain times for private discussion. He also offered the lesser sacrament of reconciliation of the penitent, better known as confession.

This is not part of the tradition I grew up in so I was not sure. As I prayed I identified that the thing causing my discomfort was a bad attitude I carried toward a previous clergy supervisor. I was carrying a spirit of unforgiveness toward this person and it was weighing me down. 'But you don't understand what he did to me.....' I am sure we are all familiar with situations similar to this and the response we use which keeps us bound to the person or situation. The next day I made my confession to God through the retreat leader and I was set free. I was able to submit to being ordained and here we are.

I don't need to work with the that person any more but I continue to pray for them. I have been able to provide them with pastoral support in their own challenges and smile when I visit with them at their home, as they come to terms with the next phase of their journey with God.

Forgiveness can be transformative for the person being forgiven but even more for the one able to offer it through Jesus Christ. When we forgive those hardest to forgive, we are acting most fully as God's instrument and through this we are closer to God. Who wouldn't want to smile about that?

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay 9am-3pm Lenten Study Group 11am-12pm Bangalow Lenten craft 12noon St Pauls Byron Bay
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Meditation 11am All Souls Bangalow Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

25th February Lent 2

11am St Martins Mullumbimby followed by a bring and share Lunch.

3rd March Lent 3

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow Wednesday - Friday
10am - 2pm
Saturday 9.30am - 12.30pm

Byron Bay Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm

Mullumbimby Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

DIOCESE OF GRAFTON Community of the Sisters of the Church (Kempsey) Sister Helen, Sister Linda Mary.



Religious Orders in Australia The Society of the Sacred Mission, The Society of the Sacred Advent The Society of St. Francis (including the Third Order), The Brotherhood of St. Barnabas, The Order of St. Benedict, The Community of St Barnabas & St Cecilia, The Community of the Holy Name, The Community of the Sisters of the Church, The Sisters of the Incarnation, The Little Brothers of St. Francis.

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 & Annette, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of South Grafton

The Reverend Aaron Coates, The Reverend Jenny Parker & Ian.

Local Prayer Focus

Greg, Janie, Marjory, Geoff, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Lorretta, Chris, John, Matthew, Lucy, Sigrid, George, Liz, Gladys, Heather, Chris, John, Sophie, Karen, Carol, Karen, Fran, Rebecca, Thea, 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 Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au

God has provided us with many ways in which to serve and we serve better with a lighter heart. This Lent pray and reflect and talk to someone about how you might move from frowns to smiles. God did not use half measures in order to claim our salvation. What will our response be?

With Every Blessing,
Grahame

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

Services

25th February Lent 2

11am St Martins Mullumbimby followed by a bring and share lunch.

3rd March Lent 3

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

Readings

25th February Lent 2

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16, Psalm 22:24-32, Romans 4:13-25, Mark 8:31-38

3rd March Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 1:18-25, John 2:13-22

Parish News

Upcoming events:

Lenten Study

All Souls Hall Bangalow Wednesdays 11 am to 12 pm.
Please contact Grahame for more information.

World Day of Prayer

We are hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 1st March 10am at St Martin's Mullumbimby. There will be a morning tea following the service. If you are able to bring a plate to share please contact office@byronanglicans.org.au.

Diocesan Ultreya



Cursillo is celebrating 40yrs in the Grafton Anglican Diocese. On *Saturday 2nd March 2024, in Church Cathedral Grafton. Give thanks to the Lord for the past 40 years of Cursillo in the Grafton Diocese.* Details: 9.30am Morning Tea (provided); 10.00am Eucharist, finish @ 3.00pm. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided There will be birthday cake too!

The Op Shop Link to Community



Over the past 2 weeks there have been articles regarding the wonderful work the Op Shops do in our community. One major way you can support and become part of this valuable outreach is to volunteer. If you feel you would like to join our Op Shop team please get in touch with your local outlet. They will be delighted to hear from you.



Mission of the Month

The Mullumbimby and District Neighbourhood Centre Inc

MDNC) is a locally based, community managed organisation that listens to its communities and works with them to deliver services to meet community needs as well as build individual and community capacity. The MDNC provides access to a diversity of funded and unfunded services and programs including but not limited to Community Support/ Emergency Relief, parenting support, specialist domestic violence services, support for homeless, financial counselling, Food Recovery programs, community meals and social inclusion activities.

Lent 2 B – Sunday 25 February 2024

**Genesis 17.1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22.24-32;
Romans 4.13-25; Mark 8.31-38**

There is Abraham and Sarah in the retirement village when God totally disrupts their plans. It's never too late to act in faith. Abraham and Sarah are such extraordinary examples of faithfulness that St Paul refers to them in his letter to the Romans as a model of faith. When it comes to faith there is no retirement age.

We pray for older people that their faith may be an inspiration to all.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Central Africa.

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