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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

Palm Sunday

24th March 2024

All are welcome



The Reflectionary

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

From Grahame

During this next week or so, we will be reminded of just about the worst thing you can imagine, and something so good it is beyond our imagining.

Is it any wonder some people just can't accept it? The idea that someone would enter the city knowing what was going to happen and suffer in the way Jesus suffered for each of us, for me and for you. Is it any wonder some say "I don't want that to be done for me". It has already been done. Some say being Christian is hard. Some might suggest the whole turn the other cheek and love each other is hard but I think this is just a smoke screen. I think the hardest thing about being a Christian is coming to terms with the fact of what has been done for us. What Jesus has done for us. What Jesus has done for me, and you. I cannot prevent Jesus from being crucified by refusing his gift. I can be reconciled to God by accepting it. When we get down to it, there is only one thing we need to do to be Christian – make the decision accept the sacrifice Jesus made for us, and this can be really, really hard. This is personal, this touches us where we live, in our most private selves and we can't get around it. No matter how hard we work and fuss, where the rubber hits the road it comes down to the fact that Jesus died for each of us as individuals. We can't hide in the crowd with the palm branches, caught up in the moment. This is personal.

We continue to hear of terrible things happening in the world. We hear of innocent women and people including children being harmed and killed in most horrible ways, and we can be sure there were humble heroes at work in those situations.

We pray for all those affected by these conflicts. We pray for humble heroes, we pray for humble leaders to guide us through. We look to the Cross through which we may find

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay 9am-3pm Lenten Study All Souls Bangalow 11am Lenten craft 12noon St Pauls Byron Bay
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
24th March Palm Sunday	
7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay

For the service times over Easter please refer to the insert.

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday - 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.

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Prayer Focus This Week:

MISSION

The Buttery (Addiction and Mental Health rehabilitation centre)

Chair: Sandy Lockhart

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



THE Diocese Of The Murray

Bishop Keith Dalby & Alice, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Sawtell/Bonville

The Reverend Kevin Booth & Anne

LLM Geoff, Trevor

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.

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

healing for ourselves and through each of us, healing for the world.

Through our Lenten journey we have been bombarded by all sorts of things that have distracted us from what we should have been doing. From what was important. Through this Holy week let us see if we can reclaim some of our focus and concentrate on what is real about our faith because this is personal.

Jesus came bringing a peace which passed all understanding. Jesus came offering a freedom which the people struggled to understand. The disciples had been told by Jesus what would happen, but they still did not understand. As the predicted events unfold, the disciples act in interesting ways to deny the inevitable. It is left to others who respond with anointing for the next stage of Jesus' pilgrimage while from the inner most circle comes betrayal; the anointing for the burial to come, the anointing of the King of eternity, recognition from outside and betrayal from within.

Betrayal, hate and fear or forgiveness, love and peace. It continues to amaze me how our fear of the latter continues to lead us to the former. Our fear of the consequences of faith in God's forgiveness and love which brings God's peace, keeps us in the practices of betrayal and hate which fear brings.

As we make our pilgrimage with Christ this week, may we choose forgiveness over betrayal; love over hate, and find our rest in God's peace, eternally.

Hosanna in the Highest!

Services

24th March Palm Sunday

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

For Easter Service times please refer to the insert this week. Please note there have been some changes to the times given last week.

Readings

24th March Palm Sunday

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Mark 11:1-11

31st March Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24,

1 Corinthians 15:1-11, John 20:1-18

Parish News

Knitting for the Disadvantaged



How can you help this important ministry?

1. You can help by knitting or crocheting Beanies and fingerless gloves.

2. If you have any left over wool

or acrylic wool please consider donating it as it is always needed.

BCA Boxes

It is time to bring in your BCA Boxes for counting. They can be left in any of the centres.

Lenten Craft Group



This week a group of us gathered to make Palm crosses for the parish. We found that it helped to ground us in the lead up to Easter.

Palm Sunday Sunday 24 March 2024

Liturgy of the Palms Psalm 118.1-2, 19-29; Mark 11.1-11 or John 12.12-16 • Liturgy of the Passion Isaiah 50.4-9a; Psalm 31.9-18; Philippians 2.5-11; Mark 14.1 – 15.27 or Mark 15.1-29

On Palm Sunday, as we begin the journey into Holy Week, our Palm Gospel readings bring to us a picture of Jesus' identity as the King who comes to save us. Many of Jesus' contemporaries longed for a king who would save them from the Romans. But Jesus is a king who saves us in a deeper and more personal way, as he gives his life out for love for us on the cross. In this Palm Sunday scene we see a contrast between Jesus and earthly kings. While the former ride into battle on great chargers, Jesus is a humble king, whose steed is a donkey. No earthly trappings of power for Jesus, nor for us as we follow him. Let us be refreshed on Palm Sunday in our call to follow Jesus in humility, love, and life-giving service.

Pray for all leaders, that they will lead and bear of a sense of service and humility.

Give thanks for the work and witness of La Iglesia Filipina Independiente, the Philippine Independent Church

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Mission of the Month: Angel Flight

Angel Flight Australia, works with a team of generous volunteers to coordinate free, non-emergency flights and transfer so people living remotely across Australia can access specialist medical treatments.