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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.*



# Pentecost Sunday

## 19th May 2024



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

## From Grahame

We Are One! This is the motto of Byron Parish. Over the past four years the parish has been working through how to live into this and live out the Mission Statement of the Parish:

***To be a Christian Presence in the Community, Living by Faith, Known by Love, Sharing a Voice of Hope.***

We are blessed with many resources. Our challenge is always how to best contribute to the mission of the Church in this place, consistent with our Mission Statement.

In my appointment prior to Byron, this time of prayer for Christian unity would have been the completion of a week of combined worship in various locations of the 8 Churches of the town, and the privilege of hosting the final gathering of the week. As we face new challenges as community, it is important to remember that we are not alone.

In my reading I have been reflecting on Paul's letter to the Galatians and have come to one of the most encouraging parts of his writing. You see, one of the things that was happening in the background of the Galatian church was that old problem. Who is worthy to be part of the 'in' crowd and who is out, and should we let those that are out in? If we let some in what will they need to do to be classed as in, what hoops will they need to jump through, because you couldn't just let people that had previously been out, in, unless they had paid some kind of fee, or price, or passed a test or something, surely? Who paid the fee, who paid the price, who passed the test? One of the reasons some like to have symbols in church buildings is to remind us of who paid the price.

The Galatians had fallen into that old trap. When we arrive at a new destination or complete a task we will often have an opinion about those that have yet to complete the journey or complete the task. Some may see the challenges they have overcome as a foundation to help others have an

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay 9am-3pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

## **19th May Pentecost Sunday**

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

## **26th May Trinity Sunday**

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

## **Op Shop Opening Hours**

<b>Bangalow</b>	Monday - Friday 10am-2pm Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm
<b>Byron Bay</b>	Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm
<b>Mullumbimby</b>	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:

### Mission

SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad)

**Australian National Director:** The Rev'd Melinda McMahon



### Diocese of Grafton Senior

#### Leadership Team

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

### THE DIOCESE OF PERTH

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy & Jeri, Bishop Kate Wilmot  
Clergy and Laity

### The Parish of Murwillumbah

The Rev'd Lyndon Mulholland & Anna, The Rev'd Hilary  
Singleton & Paul.

### LLM

David, Madeline.

### Local Prayer Focus

Greg, Jean, 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, Wayne & Robyn Elliot.

Please uphold Shan and the family in your prayers at this  
time.

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

easier journey, others may take the view that if they had to go through x,y or z, to get to where they have, then why shouldn't everyone else? That is essentially the argument that Paul was having with the established Church, because the organisation had begun to develop obstacles to God's grace. The Church members had forgotten whom it was who paid the price of their admission. Paul realised that some were trying to rewrite history so he wrote to the Church. In Galatians 3.28 he reminds the Church that obstacles of heritage, status and gender have been removed because we are all one in Christ Jesus. Jesus gave himself to fund God's great rescue mission for God's people. Paul reminds us the rescue happens now, the life boat is alongside the hands are stretched out to save us, really all that is left for us to do is stop fighting; stop hanging on to those things which are dragging us under; kick off our wet and soggy boots of fear and anger because we don't need them anymore; leave behind the lifejacket of possessions; switch off the beacon of our prejudices which maintain us in misunderstanding and bitterness and accept the lifeboat of God's love.

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

#### 19th May Pentecost Sunday

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

#### 26th May Trinity Sunday

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

## Readings

### 19th May Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-21, Psalm 104:26-36, Romans 8:22-27,  
John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15.

### 26th May Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29, Romans 8:12-17, John 3:1-17.

## Parish News

### Commissioning of New Licensed Lay Ministers

Bishop Murray has been pleased to license Irini Thornton and Mark Thornton as Licensed Lay Ministers in the Parish of Byron, to serve as Lay Pioneer Ministers. The Reverend Canon Grahame Yager will commission them for this ministry during 9 am worship in St Paul's Byron Bay on Sunday 19 May 2024. Please pray for Mark and Irini as they prepare to take up this new ministry.

### Five Little Churches

Christopher Gray has put together the history of the former Parish of Eureka and the five churches that at one time made up the Parish. For more information please see flyer in each centre.

### Knitting for the Disadvantaged

How can I help in 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. There has been more donated to the parish if you need any to knit beanies or gloves please call into St Pauls and pick up some.



### Parish Pantry

Thank you for your continuing support of our Parish Pantry. We are in need of long life milk, baked beans, spaghetti, tinned fish, cereals and spreads.

## Confirmation

Confirmation in the Anglican Tradition will be offered in the second half of 2024. For more information and to book for preparation, please contact us as soon as possible. 02 6684 3552, [office@byronanglicans.org.au](mailto:office@byronanglicans.org.au)

## Biggest Morning Tea



On Friday 24th May @ 10am we will be hosting a Biggest Morning Tea in St Paul's Byron Bay. We need people to volunteer on the day to help set up/pack up, serve, wash up. We will also like people to bake goods as well. If you are interested please let Sue know.

## New Organ for All Souls' church



You may be aware that some months ago the organ at All Souls, which has served for many years in various locations, experienced a catastrophic failure. Parish Council has considered options and resolved to purchase A Clavis 224 digital organ from All Organs in Brisbane. The cost of the Clavis 224 is \$ 18 000.00 plus GST, with a 10 year warranty including lessons from All Organs on special features and follow up support from Brisbane.

If you would like to donate in support of this purchase, please use the parish direct deposit details using the reference 'organ' or contact Anne in the office to make other arrangements.

There is nothing quite like live music in worship. Thank you for your consideration.

## Mission of the Month



**Westpac Rescue Helicopter** Saving lives in our community!