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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.





Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

15th September 2024

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

In our focus passage from Mark this week Peter has a go at Jesus. I suggest that at this stage Peter did not quite have a full appreciation of who Jesus was and is. The crux of the disagreement between Jesus and Peter is played out every day in our communities. It is one of the things which can separate us from God. It is the difference between our preconceived expectations and our comprehension of present and future reality. When our expectations are not met, it seems easier to tell others what they should be doing, how they should be living than offer support.

Perhaps Peter wanted Jesus to sweep all before him in a mighty show of force. This did not sit well with this idea of suffering revealed by Jesus. "Get behind me, Satan", Jesus can't mean Peter, can he? In trying to correct Jesus Peter has made himself an obstacle to the ministry of Jesus and must be removed "get behind me". If Peter is ashamed of what Jesus is saying now, perhaps it would be better if he left. If he thinks this is hard to swallow, he would prove to be even more shocked later.

The message Jesus brought was and is hard to hear for many. They expected chariots and thrones. They will witness a colt and a cross. It could be no other way.

May we live in communities where there are no sentences which include "you should be doing this or that". "May we be a people who instead say what can we do to help". Imagine how Jesus would have responded if instead Peter had said something like "Lord thank you, what can we do to help"?

With every blessing, Grahame



Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

RSL Life Communion 10am

WEDNESDAY Byron Bay 9am-3pm

THURSDAY Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 12noon—2.30pm

FRIDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm

Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

15th September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads 9am St Martins Mullumbimby

22nd September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am St Pauls Byron Bay

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.

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission Mission to Seafarers **Chaplain** The Reverend Onofre 'Inni' Punay

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks



THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Archbishop Philip Freier & Joy, Bishop Bradley Billings & Karen, Bishop Kate Prowd & Roger, Bishop Paul Barker, Bishop Genieve Blackwell & John, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Liston

The Rev'd Alan Colyer

Local Prayer Focus

Brett, 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.

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

Mission of the Month

Bush Church Australia

bush church aid

Going the distance

BCA has a heart for people living in remote & regional Australia. Since 1919 staff & supporters around the country have been going the distance to reach Australia

for Christ.

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

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Readings

15th September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost Proverbs 1:20-33, Psalm 19, James 2:18-26, Mark 8:27-38

22nd September Eighteenth Sunday after Penetcost Proverbs 31:10-31, Psalm 1, James 3:1-12, Mark 9:30-37

Parish News

Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child

Want to give the gift of Christmas to a child who might not get anything? Shoe boxes can be filled with items for the child. Ages from 2yrs-14yrs boy or girl. Ideas for the shoe boxes are: something to wear, something to love, something special, something for school, or to play with and toiletries. If you are interested there are shoe boxes in St Paul's or use shoe boxes with a lid no bigger than a A4 sheet.

AOK (Arts or Kraft) St Paul's Byron Bay

AOK group meets each Thursday in Byron Bay from 12pm starting with lunch.

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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

Bangalow Playgroup

Playgroup started at the church hall in Ashton St Bangalow this month. Anyone with a preschool child is welcome to attend on Wednesday mornings from 9-11am for play for children and stimulating conversation for adults. Cost \$2 donation for morning tea.

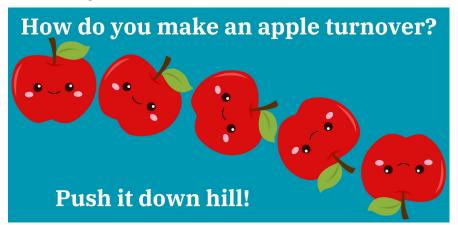
BCA Boxes

September is BCA Box month. Please bring in your boxes for collection and counting.

Parish Pantry

Thank you to everyone who donates food to the Parish Pantry. We are able to help around 10 people each week. Please keep the donations coming!

To make you smile



Ordinary Sunday 24 B Sunday 15 September 2024

Proverbs 1.20-33 or Wisdom 7.26 – 8.1; Psalm 19; James 2.18-26; Mark 8.27-38

The world, and indeed the church, have many interpretations to say who Jesus is. This can cause confusion as well as heresy. It is as simple as Peter's proclamation "You are the Messiah!" and Mary's post-resurrection witness "I have seen the Lord".

We pray that we will take up the cross of the risen Lord Christ each day, and that our daily life will be that faith in action in all we do.

Give thanks for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui, the Anglican Church of Hong Kong, remembering their work and witness.

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"Hope25 is a project of the <u>Anglican Church Australia</u> <u>Mission</u> and <u>Ministry Commission</u> is to plan a season of Parish-based evangelism in 2025. **Hope25 – Hope in an Uncertain World** is that project."

We are being called to plan at least one intentional outreach event or activity as part of the HOPE25 national campaign, between Easter Day and Pentecost 2025. Now is the time to begin planning for this and is just one of the exciting things which will come out of our Ministry Area gatherings.