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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

23rd February 2025

All are welcome



Scripture Images

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

From Grahame

Love

One of the charges those working against the earliest gatherings of the Church, which was brought to the Roman authorities, in order to have the Christian gathering dispersed, was that they were involved in immoral acts. This was a reaction to gossip about the agape meal, the love feast, or what we call Holy Communion. Imagine having a reputation like that in Byron? Imagine being the group gossiped about because you were fixed on God's love and the sharing of it?

We don't need to agree with each other to be in fellowship together but we do need to love each other. Why is love so important? Our hope is in God's love. Through our lives of faith we are able to share this love. The love God calls us to share through Jesus is a doing kind of love. It is not about having a romantic notion about someone, it is about holding a hope that they will do well; it is about acting for their best interests; and it is not just about wishing them well on their way as they leave; it is not about helping, where you help them pack so they may leave more quickly. It is wishing them well as they stay; It is about acting in a way which helps them stay. This is the king of love in action which leads to peace. This is the blessing Jesus offers, which is peace which passes all understanding. This is the love Jesus is describing in our focus passage of Luke 6 this week. We live in hope of peace because 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

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay 9am-3pm
THURSDAY	Mullumbimby 9am-4pm AOK St Pauls Byron Bay 10am
FRIDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

23rd February Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

9am St Pauls Byron Bay
10.30am AGM

2nd March 2025 Transfiguration

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Pauls Byron Bay.

Op Shop Opening Hours

Bangalow	Monday - Friday 10am-2pm Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm
Byron Bay	Monday - Saturday 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

The Buttery

Chair: Sandy Lockhart

Diocese of Grafton Senior

Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF Tasmania

Bishop Richard Condie & Helen, Bishop Chris Jones & Christine, Clergy and Laity

The Parish Port Macquarie

The Rev'd Daniel Berris & Kerry, The Rev'd Cannon Dr John Barrett & Valmai, The Rev'd Ken Fenton, The Rev'd Yoshiya Sakamoto & Olivia, The Rev'd Leanne Smith & Cary.

LLM Margaret, Merry, Erica, Brodie, Bruce, Ron, Christina, Norman.

Local Prayer Focus

Tina, Mitch, Harriet and extended family, 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 for February

Fletcher Street Cottage: Fletcher Street Cottage is a welcoming, safe and respectful space where people who are doing it tough can come to enjoy practical relief opportunities, find meaningful connections and access broader support to get back onto their feet.



Hope25 is getting closer. You will remember Hope25 is a call on every Anglican Church in Australia to hold at least one dedicated outreach event or activity between Easter and The Day of Pentecost this year, proclaiming hope in an uncertain world. We know the hope of God's love and this is yet another encouragement and opportunity for us to share it.

Services

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2nd March Transfiguration

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5th March Ash Wednesday

10am St Paul's Byron Bay

10am St Martin's Mullumbimby

6pm All Souls' Bangalow

Readings

23rd February Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

Genesis 45:3-11,15, Psalm 37:1-11, 40-41,

1 Corinthians 15:35-50, Luke 6:27-38

2nd March 2025 Transfiguration

Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2,

Luke 9:28-36

Parish News

World Day of Prayer 2025

Friday 7th March 10am at St John's Catholic Church Mullumbimby. The focus country for 2025 is the Cook Islands and the theme is 'I made you wonderful'.

AOK

AOK Craft group meet on Thursdays @10am in St Paul's Byron Bay. Remember it is never too late to learn a new skill! Everyone is welcome!

Diocesan Uityreya

Saturday 22nd February 2025 at Christ Church Cathedral Grafton. 9.30am Morning Tea for 10am start. BYO lunch. there will be a Cathedral service, plus the commissioning of the Cursillo team for this year. **Theme "You are Mine & I am Yours"**

Annual General Meeting

The Parish AGM will be held on Sunday 23rd February 10.30am.

Diary Dates

Shrove Tuesday

4th March 6pm 'Pancake Meal' St Martin's Mullumbimby.

Ash Wednesday 5th March

10am St Paul's Byron Bay
10am St Martin's Mullumbimby
6pm All Souls' Bangalow

Lenten Study

Commencing 12th March 1pm St Paul's Byron Bay

Bishop's Visit

16th March 11am St Martin's Mullumbimby

Lenten Study

A Lenten Study will commence on Wednesday 12th March 1pm in St Paul's Byron Bay. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Sue admin@byronanglicans.org.au

Centenary St Martin's Mullumbimby



25th March 2025 St Martin's Mullumbimby turns 100! There are several events planned to mark the occasion. These begin with the **Bishop's visit on the 16th March** with an 11am service and shared lunch afterwards. **On Sunday 23rd March 3pm** there will be a **'Centenary Celebration Concert'** featuring local artists followed by an afternoon tea.

Faithfulness In Service Course

This course is being run in Alstonville Ministry Centre on Saturday 15th March 9am—12pm. Please contact the Parish Office: office@byronanglicans.org.au if you would like to attend.

Ordinary Sunday 7 C Sunday 23 February 2025

Genesis 45.3-11; 45.15; Psalm 37.1-11; 37.40-41;
1 Corinthians 15.35-50; Luke 6.27-38

Today's gospel continues on from last week's. Jesus now exhorts us to love our enemies, asking what good it is to love only those who already love us. He commands us to be merciful, just as God the Father is. And, perhaps most difficult of all, we are commanded to avoid judging others.

Pray that we can love so extravagantly that there is absolutely no room for unrestrained judgementalism in our hearts.

Give thanks for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines