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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

20th July 2025

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

What would you do?

As we continue our focus on Luke 10 this week, we hear again of the world turned upside down. In a time when hospitality was one of the most important things you could do, Mary sits at the feet of Jesus as if she were a man perhaps involved in some theological questioning on her own behalf, while Martha does the 'right' thing, running around like the proverbial blue fly, possibly afraid that Mary will get them both into trouble.

Martha is not afraid of Jesus. Martha has no problem asking Jesus to order Mary away. Jesus acknowledges Martha's concerns but instead suggests that Martha may have got things wrong. What does Jesus mean, are they to ignore their ministry of hospitality? Just last week the priest and the Levite got a serve for being true to their 'religious' duties instead of providing practical help. Two weeks ago, Jesus told the disciples that where they received hospitality that house would receive a blessing. What's Jesus on about?

Mary had responded to the love of God in Jesus, striving to soak up every precious moment in his presence. Imagine you have been repressed for a couple of thousand years, just to pick a number, and then you meet someone who values you as a complete human being, worthy of time, worthy of explaining the deepest mysteries of your being. Where would you place your priorities? Martha responds out of her heritage, doing the right thing, saying the right thing, thinking the right thing. But she is not happy. The issue is not so much that Mary should have been cooking, or that Martha should have been sitting at the feet of Jesus. The issue is that they should have been doing what they were called to do, and content that the other was doing the same. Jesus was not above sharing out some food. There were other options. There did not need to be an either/or situation. They could have had a chat and then organised

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm RSL Life Communion 10am
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm
THURSDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm AOK St Paul's Byron Bay 10am - 12pm Coffee with Murray 10am
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
SATURDAY	Hive Playgroup Bangalow 9-10.30am
20th July Sixth Sunday after Pentecost	
9.30am	Parish Council St Martins Mullumbimby
11am	St Martins Mullumbimby followed by a bring and share lunch
5pm	Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow
27th July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	
7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls Bangalow
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay
5pm	Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow

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

Anglican Consultative Council

General Secretary:

The Right Rev'd Anthony Poggo

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Riverina

Bishop Donald Kirk & Camryn, Clergy & Laity

The Parish of Nambucca Valley

The Venerable Peter Shayler-Webb & Clare, The Rev'd Lesslie Fotakis & Peter, The Rev'd Rosalin Johnson & Fred.

LLM

Leslie, Sheralee, David, Jan, Sue, Anne

Local Prayer Focus

Tina, Mitch, Harriet & extended Family, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Jean, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil, Brett, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Rachael

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 July:

Angel Flight. At Angel Flight Australia, we work with our team of generous volunteers to coordinate free, non-emergency flights and transfers so people living remotely across Australia can access specialist medical treatments.

Bulletin News Items

For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward items to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552 Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au



something to eat. Was Martha afraid that Mary would be led astray by this charismatic teacher, was Martha afraid she would be led astray herself. We know that they all became good friends, so somewhere off stage, as they say, things worked out.

We each face these challenges every day. In a way it may seem easy to say pray and be guided by the Holy Spirit, yet choosing between exercising the gift of hospitality to Jesus or resting in his presence. Aren't both serving God?

Last week in the parable of the Samaritan who did a good thing, Jesus talked about the cognitive dissonance between acts of faithful sacrificial service and focus on religious observance, which risks becoming mere lip service. So perhaps what Jesus is commenting on is not so much that Martha is busy with hospitality, but that she is criticising Mary. The parable is then not about an argument between faith and works but about spending more time getting on with what God has called each of us to do and be, and less time passing judgement on the call of our fellow travellers on the road.

With every blessing,
Grahame

Services

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Readings

20th July Sixth Sunday after Pentecost


Amos 8:1-12, Psalm 52, Colossians 1:15-29, Luke 10:38-42

27th July Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 1:2-10, Psalm 85, Colossians 2:6-15, Luke 11:1-13

Parish News

NAIDOC 2025


 **The Anglican Diocese of Grafton**

NAIDOC Gathering

Sunday 27th July **1.30pm**

Emmanuel Anglican School
Horizon Drive, Ballina

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the publication of the
"God of Holy Dreaming" Thanksgiving Prayer for Australia
in *A Prayer Book for Australia*

 **THE NEXT GENERATION: STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**
6-13 JULY 2025

RSVP appreciated for catering purposes:
<https://events.humanitix.com/2025-grafton-diocese-naidoc-gathering>

NAIDOC Gathering for the Anglican Diocese of Grafton, taking place at Emmanuel Anglican School on Sunday 27th July, from 1.30pm. We will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of publication the God of Holy Dreaming Thanksgiving Prayer for Australia in *A Prayer Book for Australia*. RSVPs are appreciated:

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AOK St Paul's Byron Bay

AOK meets every Thursday during School time for Arts and Crafts from 10am-12noon. All are welcome to join us for coffee and chat, and craft if you like. Will be in recess until 24th July. Second week we will be making more blankets for the homeless. If interested please come along for every 2 people we can make one blanket.

Beanies and gloves for those in need

Beanie and gloves are being made and distributed to those in need. If you would like more information and be involved please talk to Sue

Backpacks for Kids



The Neighbourhood Centre Mullumbimby urgently need help in filling backpacks for children escaping domestic violence. We have a list of items that can be included in the backpacks. Please ask us if you are unsure. Donations of money would also be welcome. Rev'd Brenda will be taking them over on the fourth Wednesday of each month.

Coffee with Murray



A coffee gathering will be held each Thursday, 10.00am at Paseyo coffee shop which can be found on the corner of Stuart and Tincogan streets Mullumbimby. This will be an ongoing weekly event that you can also invite your friends and neighbours too.