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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.



28th September 2025

All are welcome



Jesus MAFA project

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

From Grahame

Over the past weeks Jesus has taught us through a number of parables. Some addressed to those on the fringe, one addressed to the disciples, and this week Jesus speaks directly to the Pharisees who have been mocking his teaching. In our focus passage this week from Luke 16, Jesus identifies the Pharisees as the rich man of today's parable. What are we meant to learn from this today? What is God saying to us?

I heard a person on the radio once scold a radio commentator because he didn't know his scripture. The person who rang in was boasting what a good Christian they were because, like the parable of the Widow's Mite, she gave all that she could spare, to the church, bzzzz wrong. The whole point of the parable of the Widow's Mite in Mark 12.42-44 is not that the widow gave what she could spare, but that she gave all she had to God. But that teaching is a bit hard so we adapt it to suit our situation, to further our point of view of what God is saying to us. This is what the Pharisees did. This is what Jesus exposed. The Pharisees had corrupted the Law and used the resources God provided to make themselves appear more important, to have for themselves fine linens and places of honour. It really doesn't matter how well we can recite Holy Scripture, or how often we read the Bible or go to Church unless we are prepared to hear the message God's Holy Word brings; unless we are willing to follow in the way of Jesus.

The rich man in Jesus' parable this week is often portrayed as someone who just came a bit late to repentance. If only they had lived a little longer, if only there had been some suitably dramatic event that could have revealed to them the need to repent? Maybe if they had someone come and personally tell them how important it is to listen to God and obey the commandments? Maybe then? Why didn't they listen? We will do better. If God thought this was so important surely there would be some way of giving us the message that could not be denied?

Jesus speaks through this week's passage from Luke to describe the denial which will come following his own

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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| TUESDAY | Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm |
| WEDNESDAY | Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm |
| THURSDAY | Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm More than just a cuppa St Paul's Byron Bay 10am-12noon In Recess |
| FRIDAY | Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm |
| SATURDAY | Hive Playgroup Bangalow 9-10.30am |

28th September Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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| 9am | All Souls Bangalow |
| 9am | St Martins Mullumbimby |
| 9am | St Pauls Byron Bay |
| 5pm | Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow |

5th October Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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| 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

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| Bangalow | Monday - Friday 10am-2pm Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Byron Bay | Monday - Friday 9am - 1pm |
| Mullumbimby | Monday - Friday 9.30am - 3.30pm |

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission Anglicare Australia

Chair: The Right Rev'd Chris Jones

Executive Director: Kasy Chambers

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of Grafton

Anne Bryce (Chair), Dr Liesa Clague, Mark Fenton, Micheal Flanderka, The Rev'd Greg March, The Rev'd Constantine Osuchukwu, Annie Marie Troutman.

Anglicare North Coast

Chief Executive Officer: Mark McNamara, **Chair:** Anne Bryce.

Local Prayer Focus

Murray, Brian, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Jean, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil, Brett, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Rachael, Billy.

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

Bulletin News Items For inclusion in the weekly bulletin please forward items to Sue Williams by Wednesday morning. Sue Williams Phone 66843552
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crucifixion and resurrection.

But what if we built special buildings where people would know to come to hear and learn what God has done for us in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus? Maybe then?

The rich man came very late to repentance indeed because there in the torment of Hades he still hadn't heard the message. He still didn't get it. When he looks up and sees Lazarus with Abraham he sees only a slave that Abraham should use to send water to quench his thirst or if not that, perhaps as someone to run errands for him back home to his household so that they may be saved. He still doesn't understand that Lazarus stands with Abraham finally free, not a slave. The rich man does not understand what he has done wrong in life and continues after death in the only way he knows, focused on his own wants and desires, completely missing what God intends.

We know helping each other makes our communities stronger and makes our own health better. We know loving each other is what God wants. Again, it seems the Holy Scriptures could have been written yesterday as the lessons we should learn from them are more relevant today than ever. The rich man perhaps thought he had been very successful and that this would gain him a preferred place with God. What God is calling us to be in our generosity to others, is faithful stewards of the gifts we receive. The rich man thought even after death he had an entitlement, even though in life he had neglected his responsibility to be a faithful steward to those who needed help.

The Pharisees thought they were entitled. They had this idea that the money they received was theirs and they could do with it whatever they liked. They forgot all they had was a gift from God, given to them so they may provide God's blessing to others. Are we more interested in our entitlements than our responsibilities, are we blind like the rich man to the Lazarus at our gates? Do we acknowledge the blessings we receive as gifts from God? Do we use them the way we know God intends?

With every blessing,
Grahame

Services

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Readings

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Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15, Psalm 91:1-6,14-16,
1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

5th October Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Lamentations 1:1-6, Psalm 137, 2 Timothy 1: 1-14,
Luke 17:5-10

Parish News

Welcome

We warmly welcome Reverend Judy Edwards who is celebrating worship today at St Paul's Byron Bay.

Daylight Saving

On Sunday 5th October @ 3am all clocks will go forward 1hour. Don't forget to put them forward before going to bed.

More than just a Cuppa is in recess until 23rd October @ 10am. Look forward to you joining us.

Coffee with Murray

Join Murray for coffee Thursdays 10am at Paseo Café in Mullumbimby.

Guess Who's Coming For Coffee:

Our next coffee morning will be on Thursday 16th October @10am. We are celebrating the work of the carers in our Parish. Please come along to enjoy delicious food and entertainment. You are welcome to bring along those who you care for, or come along to show support for all of the carers.

September BCA month

September is BCA month. It is time again to bring in your BCA boxes. They can be left at any of our centres. Thank you for your generosity.

Diocesan Ordination Service

Rev'd Murray Fysh will be ordained as a Priest at Christ Church Cathedral Grafton on Saturday 15th November at 11am. We are all invited to attend and support Murray. Please keep Murray in your prayers as he prepares for this important step on his journey.

Sentence of the Day

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James 5.16

Collect

O God,
from whom light rises in darkness for those who seek you:
grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties,
the grace to ask what you would have us do,
that in your light we may see light,
and in your narrow path may not stumble;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mission of the Month for September:

Australian Board of Missions:

Anglican Board of Mission is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church.