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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.



19th October 2025

All are welcome



Revised common lectionary

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

From Murray

In the Gospel reading for today we read of the unjust Judge that gets annoyed by the widow that he decides to grant her justice. The reading looks at the connection between faith and Justice. Justice is one of the values of faith in God.

It a profound lesson on the importance of persistence in prayer and the assurance of God's justice. In the parable, Jesus presents a widow who refuses to give up, repeatedly appealing to an indifferent judge for justice. Despite his lack of compassion or respect for anyone, the judge eventually grants her request simply because of her persistence or nagging. Through this story, Jesus encourages us not to lose heart, even when answers to our prayers seem delayed or situations appear hopeless. The widow's unwavering determination is a model for our faith journey, reminding us that perseverance is vital when approaching God with our needs and hopes.

Moreover, the contrast between the unjust judge and God is striking. If even a reluctant human judge eventually acts, how much more will our loving God respond to those who call out to Him day and night? Jesus reassures us that God is attentive and eager to bring justice, though it may not always occur in the way or timing we expect. The closing question—"Will the Son of Man find faith on earth?"—challenges us to examine our own trust and persistence. Are we willing to persist in faith, confident that God hears and cares, even when faced with discouragement? This passage calls us to steadfast prayer and resilient faith, trusting in God's goodness and justice.

It calls us to be active in our collective and individual advocacy for those who are unable to stand up for themselves.

Blessings
Murray

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12.30pm
SATURDAY	Hive Playgroup Bangalow 9-10.30am

19th October Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

9.30am	Parish Council All Souls Bangalow
11am	All Souls Bangalow followed by a bring and share lunch.
5pm	Sunday Sanctuary Meditation All Souls Bangalow

26th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission SOMA

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 David Bassett & Susan, Bishop Hans Christiansen & Ruth, Bishop Kate Wilmot, Clergy and Laity.

The Parish of Murwillumbah

In Transition, The Rev'd Hilary Singleton & Paul.

LLM David, Madeline

Local Prayer Focus

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

Pray for the students, supervisors as the HSC begins. 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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Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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This month marks the 40th anniversary of the ordination of the late Bishop Arthur Malcolm as deacon in God's Church. Bishop Arthur was consecrated in 1985 and was Australia's first Aboriginal Bishop. In the 1960s Bishop Arthur served as a Church Army evangelist in Brewarrina NSW where he is fondly remembered to this day. Bishop Arthur cowrote the Reconciliation Prayer for A Prayer Book for Australia with his wife Colleen.

Reconciliation Prayer

Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled with you and reconciled with each other.
You made us in your likeness,
you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.
He has given us forgiveness from sin.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
different in culture, but given new life in Jesus Christ,
together as your body, your Church, your people.
Lord God, bring us together as one,
reconciled, healed, forgiven,
sharing you with others as you have called us to do.
In Jesus Christ, let us be together as one. Amen.

Services

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Readings

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Jeremiah 31:27-34, Psalm 119:97-104, 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5,
Luke 18:1-14

26th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Joel 2:23-32, Psalm 65, 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18,
Luke 18:15-30

Parish News

Little Brothers of St Francis

We have received a delivery of honey, sauces, chutney and jams from the Little Brothers of St Francis. If you would like to buy some they are available in each centre. The latest newsletter is also available if you are interested.

More than just a Cuppa meets in St Paul's Byron Bay @ 10am for chat, coffee & craft. All ladies are welcome to join us. Look forward to your company.

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.

If you are planning to attend and have available seats in your car can you please let the office know. There are people keen to go but are unable to drive.

Mission of the Month for October:

Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Center:

The Neighbourhood Centre has had some critical funding cuts which will impact some of their services. Please give what you are able to support this community outreach.

Spirituality Space

*Deepen your spiritual
journey,
nurture your soul
or just pause and reflect
in a welcoming
community.*

Thursdays 5-7pm
commencing
16th October

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