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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

1st February 2026
All are welcome



Helping, Sharing, Caring, Harmony, Peace,
Art in the Christian Tradition

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

From Grahame

The theme of our focus Scripture this week is on the world's tendency to complicate God's message to God's people, leading to negative outcomes. Jesus turns the world's approach around, lifting up those who are often cast aside. Matthew chapter 5 is commonly referred to as the Beatitudes. A Beatitude is a blessing. Before Jesus' usage, a Beatitude was to be used to describe the benefit one might receive from a particular accomplishment or form of behaviour, either in the present or in a future time. The way Jesus uses this form, as we would expect, is something different.

Through the Beatitudes, Jesus gives us a description of what we would hope to see if we look at a community of followers of Jesus. So, if we look at a Christian community we would hope to be able to see the results of hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ: the poor lifted up; the grieving comforted; the withdrawn enabled; those needing justice receiving justice. The reward for those who live this way is to know peace and mercy.

In the way Jesus describes the Beatitudes every traditional measure of success is turned upside down. The Good News is then particularly good news for those this world would discard. Imagine the stories that would have been told following the Sermon on the Mount, about what this Good News would mean for the poor, the hungry, for those who mourn. What stories could we tell today about what the Good News has meant for us? Not so that we might engage in a competition, but that we might be an encouragement for one another. In the messiness of life, I personally take great comfort from the summary found at the end of this week's Old Testament Bible passage in Micah 6.8:

*He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?*

With every blessing, Grahame

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
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12pm
SUNDAY	7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads 9am All Souls Bangalow 9am St Martins Mullumbimby 9am St Paul's Byron Bay 11am St Columba Ewingsdale 5pm Sunday Hive All Souls Hall Family Fellowship

Op Shop Opening Hours

The Mullumbimby Op Shop

Monday—Friday 9.30am- 3.30pm

Bangalow Op Shop

Monday - Friday 10am-2pm
Saturday - 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Op Shop

Monday—Friday 9am—1pm

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron
BSB: 705 077 Account: 00041263

Prayer Focus This Week:

DIOCESE OF GRAFTON Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ, making disciples and growing faith communities.



Diocesan Vision Statement

Transforming lives through Jesus Christ

Diocesan Prayer

God in whom we live and move and have our being, we thank you for Jesus Christ who is the good news.
By the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to be people who transform lives, make disciples and grow communities, that your glory may be revealed in all creation.
We pray this through your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Local Prayer Focus

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

The Community Centres and their work with the homeless.
The Liberation Larder, The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre, The Fletcher Street Cottage, 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
Email: admin@byronanglicans.org.au

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

Sunday Services

1st February Epiphany 4

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Paul's Byron Bay

8th February Epiphany 5

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Paul's Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale
5pm Sunday Hive All Souls Hall Family Fellowship

Readings

1st February Epiphany 4

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

8th February Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a, Psalm 112, 1 Corinthians 2:1-13, Matthew 5:13-20

Parish News

Cursillo Ultreya

The next Cursillo Ultreya will be held on Saturday 7th February at Grafton Cathedral. The day will begin at 9.30am with coffee and tea followed by a Eucharist celebration at 10am in the Cathedral. The theme is "Seeking God's Guidance". BYO lunch with Coffee/Tea/slices provided. Finish at 3pm. All who have attended a Cursillo are welcome to attend.

Annual General Meeting

The time has come for the parish to elect new Wardens and Parish Councillors and Synod representatives. Parish Council is the body responsible for the governance of the Parish. Please consider prayerfully if you would like to serve in one of these positions. Speak to Grahame for more information. Nomination forms will be available from each centre. The AGM is on 15th February 2026 following the 9am service in All Souls' Bangalow. Now is the time for those who submit reports to start writing them. Please submit to Anne in the office by 25th January office@byronanglicans.org.au.

More than just a cuppa!

Come for coffee, a chat and craft!
St Paul's Anglican Church
14 Kingsley St Byron Bay
10am-12pm Thursdays during
school terms

for more information contact
Rev'd Brenda or Sue on 66843552



Back to school backpacks



The Mullumbimby & District Neighbourhood Centre have asked for our assistance in providing back to school backpacks filled with school supplies for children in need. We are seeking donations of backpacks, lead pencils, pens, rulers, pencil cases, glue sticks, coloured pencils, note books etc. Please give all donations to Reverend Brenda and speak to her if you have any questions. Thank you. Neighbourhood Centre have sent us a big thank you backpacks already received. The children that have already got them were delighted.

Parish Pantry



Thank you to everyone who so faithfully supports our Food Pantry and Tent Ministry Outreach. More and more people are finding themselves needing extra support. Your generosity enables us to provide a bag of basic groceries. It takes a little bit of the pressure off for them. Please continue supporting this Ministry. Non perishable items can be dropped at the churches or to the Parish Office.

Mission of the Month for February:

Men's Shed Bangalow: We believe everyone deserves a place to be heard, supported, and empowered. The Shed is where strength meets vulnerability, and community meets growth. **Our Programs**
Practical support, genuine connection, and pathways to living your best life.