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Acknowledgement of Country

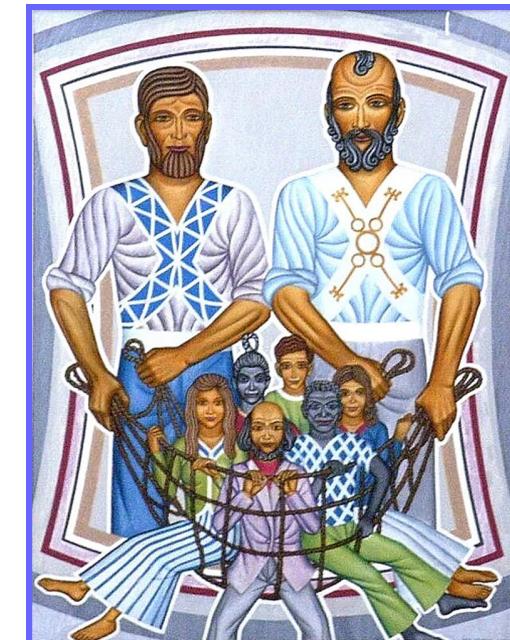
*We, acknowledge the Bundjalung people,
traditional custodians of this land.*

*We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and
present.*



Byron Anglicans
We are one

25th January 2026
All are welcome



Koenig, Peter. St. Peter and St. Andrew, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*,

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

From Grahame

Again, this week our focus Scripture speaks of calling. The first readers of Matthew chapter 4 were trying to cope with change from their traditional lives of faith to something which was far different, but at the same time the fulfilment of the prophecy of their faith. It was what they had been waiting for. The equivalent for us would be if someone came into our worship and proclaimed they were the Second Coming of Christ. This happens more regularly than you may realise, but one day it will be true. How will we cope with that, are we prepared for that?

With the arrest of John the Baptist his public ministry came to an end, and the public ministry of Jesus began. Jesus appeared to take up where John left off, teaching that the 'kingdom of God has come near'. He then goes so much further. Our challenge in 2026 is to discern what this means for us. What does it mean for us to hear that the kingdom of God has come near?

Following Christmas, I hope we have each had some quiet time to reflect and renew. As I have travelled about this new year, I have observed people try to live out their lives in the best way possible and struggling to work out what that meant. When Jesus called the first group of disciples I am confident none of them had any idea of what was to come. They had no concept of the way of life we have in 21st century Australia. This year we will again be challenged to discern and live into God's kingdom of hope, peace, joy and love in our context for the betterment of God's people.

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 Pauls Byron Bay

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:

Mission National Council of Churches
President The Rev'd John Glimore

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey
Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks

The Diocese of The Northern Territory

Bishop Greg Anderson & Annette, Clergy and Laity.

The Parish of South Grafton

The Rev'd Aaron Coatees, The Rev'd Jenny Parker & Ian,

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

25th January Epiphany 3

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

1st February Epiphany 4

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads

9am All Souls Bangalow

9am St Martins Mullumbimby

9am St Paul's Byron Bay

Readings

25th January Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1-10, 1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-25

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.

Bangalow Op Shop



On Tuesday 30th December Rev'd Brenda performed a service of blessing for the long awaited new extensions of the Op Shop. This has given more dedicated space for sorting.

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.

Services in Recess in December/January

All Soul's Church Friday Hive Unwind & Sunday Hive @ 5pm All Souls Hall Family Fellowship will be in recess until February

Spirituality Space St Martins Mullumbimby is in recess until February.

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 January: Bush Church Aid



Bush Church Aid is all about Aid to the Church in the Bush; providing biblically faithful ministry and bringing the life-changing gospel message of Jesus to rural, regional, and remote Australia.