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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.*



**8th February 2026**

**All are welcome**



Swanson, John August. Festival of Lights, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56546> [retrieved February 4, 2026]. Original source: Estate of John August Swanson, <https://www.johnaugustswanson.com/>.

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

## From Grahame

Our focus passage this week is Reverend Brenda's absolute favourite which speaks of our call to be salt and light to the world in Matthew Chapter 5. Whenever I would arrive in a new parish, I loved to hear the stories of the history of place, the stories of how things once were. I would sometimes hear of the great crowds which once gathered and of the work which had been done in the past in God's name. The other side of that particular coin, whether stated or not, is 'why aren't things like that happening now'? The disciples Jesus spoke to have all gone to glory now and many of the characters of the stories of this place have moved on in one form or another. So, who does God intend to be salt and light for our world today? Has God given up? Some say that this is the case. I don't believe God has given up on us and I don't think we should give up on God. So, who is God calling to this mission of being salt and light today? Have we been separated from the mission Jesus spoke of? Have we lost our saltiness? Are we trying to hide God's light under a bowl? Are we trying to be selective about our faith and putting it on and taking it off when we think it suits us?

Many, many years ago in a land far, far away I can still recall in the lead up to a parish AGM being stopped in the main street by a member of that parish who asked "who is going to be on the next parish council?" I replied that the parish would pray and then vote for the people they believed God wanted to serve in that way. The response – "pray?" I remember reading the work of a Christian commentator, who had reflected long on the topic of what made the Saints of old different to everyone else. He suggested that what separated the Saints from others was that while some may be concerned with trying to please many people, the Saints more fully lived into the reality of pleasing The One.

I think the reason we tend to want to put on and take off our faith sometimes has to do with who it is we are trying to please. I continue to believe the Gospel is the incarnation of

# Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

<b>TUESDAY</b>	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm RSL Life communions 10am
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Spirituality Space St Martins Mullumbimby 4-6pm
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12pm
<b>SUNDAY</b>	9am All Souls Bangalow followed by the AGM in the hall, then a bring a share lunch. 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:

**Mission** Church Missionary Society Australia (CMS).

**Executive Director QLD/NSW:** The Rev'd Fairhurst

## Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

**Bishop** The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

**Archdeacon** Tiffany Sparks

## The Diocese of Bendigo

Bishop Matt Brain & Rachael, Clergy and Laity.

## The Parish of Coffs Harbour

The Rev'd Nathan Dean & Anita, The Rev'd Carol Ford & David, The Rev'd Kassimiro Yanga & Edina

**LLM** Bob, Elaine, David, Jennifer, Allan, Gae, Bob.

## 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  
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God's love for us. God is love and through the Gospel, God's love is made known in the world. If we proclaim the Gospel we are proclaiming God's love. To whom is God speaking through the Gospel of Jesus Christ today? Have we been separated from the mission Jesus spoke of? Have we lost our saltiness? Are we trying to hide God's light under a bowl? I wonder what might be possible if we focused on God and prayed about these questions?.

With every blessing, Grahame

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

### 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

### 15th February Epiphany 6

9am	All Souls Bangalow followed by the AGM in the hall, then a bring a share lunch.
5pm	Sunday Hive All Souls Hall Family Fellowship

## Readings

### 8th February Epiphany 5

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

### 15th February Transfiguration

Exodus 24:12-18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16-21, Matthew 17:1-9

## Parish News

### Brunswick River Regeneration



Last week I attended a gathering on the Brunswick River, where a group of interested people and those share holders involved, viewed the regeneration of a 10 metre strip of land that was bare dirt on the river bank 3yrs ago. The great amount of work that has gone into this project

has been amazing. Delta Kaye of 'Country as Teacher' shared some stories of her childhood and showed us the bush tukka that has been brought back. Another elder shared some weaving techniques and how to make cultural string. Thank you to Delta and all the 'Country as Teacher' mob and the other stakeholders that regenerated this wonderful space. Rev'd Brenda

### Annual General Meeting

The AGM will take place on Sunday 15th February in All Souls' Bangalow following the 9am service. The Annual Report is available for you Sunday in the worship centres.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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

## Mission of the Month for February: Men's Shed Bangalow