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Acknowledgement of Country

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

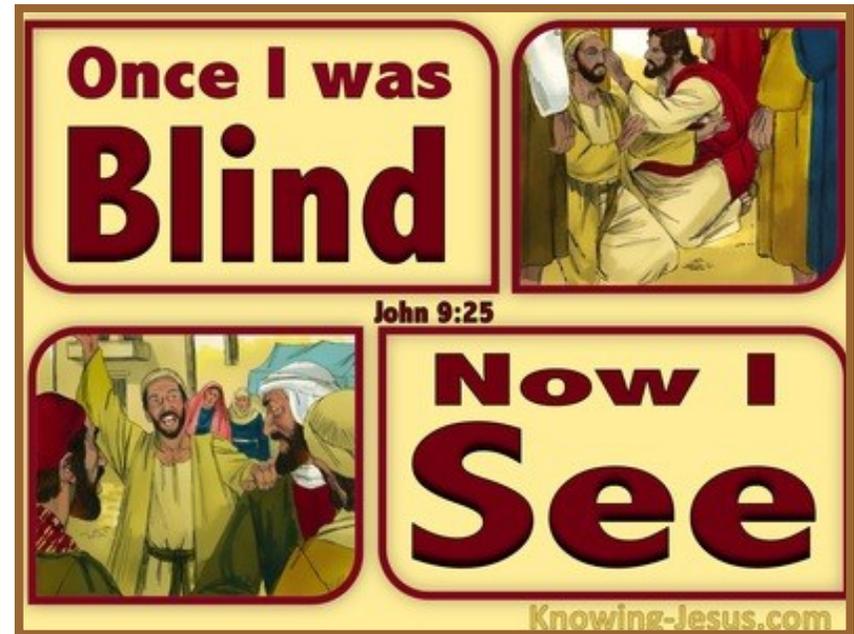
We pay tribute and respect to the elders both past and present.



Byron Anglicans
We are one

15th March 2026

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

As the Australian bishop's continue to lead us through their Lenten study, we come to one of the most challenging questions, what about suffering? Bishop Sonia from the Diocese of Newcastle reflects on Gamaliel from Acts chapter 5, and his advice that we sometimes have to be patient and wait for God's intention to be revealed. It has oft been my experience that God reveals things to us in the midst of our suffering. This is very hard, yet very true. We may be tempted to allow our suffering to lead us to only see the negative, failing to see the positives God reveals. A change of attitude may instead lead to experiences of joy even as we journey with our challenges.

In our Sunday focus passage from John chapter 9 this week, we are reminded that much of Jesus' teaching involved a physical act. This week we hear again of Jesus healing a man blind from birth. In the time Jesus originally spoke into, blindness and other disabilities were seen by many as punishment for sin. The disciples with Jesus probably shared this view. One of the customs which developed around this prejudice was to spit in the presence of the blind as a protection, to prevent the negative aspects of the blind person's sin being transferred. Jesus, as only Jesus can, took this act of rebuttal and turned it into an act of God's healing grace. Jesus spits in the dust, making a paste to restore the man's sight. In a legalistic way of deciding what could and could not be done on the Sabbath one of the prohibitions concerned the act of kneading such as kneading dough. When Jesus made a paste of mud, some interpreted this as an act of kneading. On the issue of the actual healing the community and the Pharisees are divided within themselves. They are divided over whether the man who can now see is in fact the same man who was blind since birth; they are divided over whether Jesus is from God and out of fear, even the man's parents distance themselves from the argument.

In this we are reminded that following Jesus, repenting, having a change of mind and decided to go a different way,

Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

TUESDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm
WEDNESDAY	Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm Lenten Study St Pauls Byron Bay 1.30pm-2.30pm
THURSDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am - 5pm More than a cuppa 10am—12noon St Pauls Byron Bay Spirituality Space St Martins Mullumbimby 4-6pm
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 5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship All Souls Hall

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

Prayer Focus This Week:

Mission St George's College Jerusalem
Dean: The Very Rev'd Richard Sewell

Diocese of Grafton Senior Leadership Team

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

THE DIOCESE OF GRAFTON

Bishop Murray Harvey & Leanne, Bishop-Designate Tiffany Sparks & Grant, (commencing March 2026)
Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Lismore

The Rev'd Roxanne Addley & Leon Pollard, The Rev'd Rhonda Callander, The Rev'd Geoffrey Foley, The Rev'd Alan Shaw & Sue.

LLM Carol, Dawn, Melanie, Stephen, Ray, Ken.

Local Prayer Focus

Mark, Lyn, 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.

Dear Lord please help us to live as you intended
creating, loving, learning and blessing,
walking with us as we go.

Amen

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



was and is a serious decision. One of the consequences for those who recognised Jesus' messianic status was to be excluded from fellowship. It may be hard for us to truly comprehend what this meant. To be put out of fellowship meant being cut off from family, friends and livelihood. The power the Pharisees held over who was in and who was out, could have had immediate consequences for the family of the man who had been healed. You would think for God's people to be welcoming and inclusive would be a given. Sadly, this was not the case. The disciples who witnessed the healing of the man born blind were challenged, we continue to be challenged to use the gifts we have been given to love and care for each other without counting the cost. As it was for the first disciples, we are challenged to act against our usual instinct as instruments of God's grace.

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

15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

9.30am Parish Council meeting St Martins Mullumbimby
11am St Martins Mullumbimby followed by a bring and share lunch.

22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent

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

Readings

15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8-14, John 9:1-41

22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6-11, John 11:1-45

Parish News

Faithfulness in Service

Lismore Parish is holding a Faithfulness in Service Workshop on Saturday 28 March 2026 from 9am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre, Zadoc Street, Lismore.

To register, please contact Margaret Weatherby at the Lismore Parish Office on 66213200 or office@lismoreanglicans.com.

All those people that work or volunteer with in the life of the Parish e.g. Clergy, Parish Councilor's, Op Shop volunteers, must complete a workshop. We offer them regularly and they are valid for 3 years.

Lenten Study



In our Lenten Study today we talked about noise. Noise and how it affects our conversation with God. Is it always necessary to enter a quiet space or can we meet God in the chaos? Yes we can but some times it is better to meet God in the quiet spaces. Lenten Study Wednesdays @ 1.30pm in St Paul's Byron Bay. If you are interested please contact Sue

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

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Weekly Activities

More Than A Cuppa

On Thursday 26th March we will be making Palm Crosses for the parish. Sue can teach you how to make them. Please come and join us. If you would like to know more please contact Rev'd Brenda or Sue. Every Thursday during School term 10am-12noon. Enjoy a variety of craft activities.

BCA Boxes



It is that time again for those that have BCA boxes to bring them in to be counted. They can be left at each centre for collection. 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.

Mission of the Month for March: Angel Flight:

At Angel Flight Australia, we work with our team of generous volunteers to coordinate free, non-emergency flights and transfers so people living remotely across Australia can access specialist medical treatments.

Prayer of the Day

Gracious God,
in order that we children of earth
might discern good from evil
you sent your Son to be the light of the world:
as the light of Christ shines upon us,
may we learn what pleases you,
and live in truth and goodness;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**