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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.*

Parish Direct Debit details for tithes.

Anglican Parish of Byron

BSB: 705 077 Account: 00041263



16th August 2026

All are welcome



Christ and the Canaanite Woman Jean-Germain Drouais 1784

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

From Grahame

This week we hear through Matthew of a Gentile woman of Canaanite heritage who refused to take no for an answer. The society Jesus lived and worked in was dominated by men. Jesus was on a mission to the people of Israel, the chosen people. Here before him he finds an outsider, a Gentile and a woman. At first Jesus does nothing. The disciples urge Jesus to take action – ‘we don’t need the negative publicity. Send her away’. Jesus acts, but not as the disciples intend.

Perhaps drawing out the scene for the benefit of the disciples, Jesus does what he does so well and sums up the situation according to the law. The understanding of his mission to that point was the reconciling of Israel to God. To this point, ministry to the Gentiles is irrelevant because ‘why would they even be interested?’ They are on a different journey. The Canaanite woman answers back, which is in itself remarkable given her standing in relation to the group. In ‘talking back’ to God this woman has joined the tradition of Abraham, Moses and Job, and as if this was not enough she acknowledges Jesus as Lord. Her prayers are answered.

Our Christian communities fight the temptation to exclude people every day. It is too easy to become comfortable with certain ways of doing things and certain ways of interpreting things. Every day we see examples of people excluded from doing certain things because of who they are, where they are from, their gender, any excuse to not confront our prejudices and theirs? It is not always obvious. Sometimes it is wrapped up in politeness but it is no less objectionable to God. We, the Church, the Body of Christ, are called to reclaim and redefine a role in the wider community. We are called to explore new expressions of what it means to be instruments of God’s grace. We called to embark on a voyage of rediscovery of what it means to be Church. We are called to discern what

Services & Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

16th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

11am All Souls’ Bangalow
followed by a bring and share Lunch.
5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship,
All Souls Hall

TUESDAY

Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm

WEDNESDAY

Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm

THURSDAY

Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
More Than a Cuppa 10am-12noon
St Pauls Byron Bay
Spirituality Space 4-6pm
St Martins Mullumbimby

FRIDAY

Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm
Byron Bay Office 9am-12noon
Smarties Play Group 10.30am-12noon,
St Martins Hall

Next SUNDAY

23rd August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Pauls Byron Bay
2pm Hope 26 Concert St Paul’s
Byron Bay
5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship
All Souls Hall

MISSION

Mission to Seafarers
National Liaison Bishop: The Right Rev'd
Jeremy James

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop Tiffany Sparks

THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Archbishop Ric Thorpe & Louie, Bishop Kate Prowd & Roger,
Bishop Paul Barker, Bishop Genieve Blackwell & John, Clergy
and Laity

The Parish of Liston

LLM James

Local Prayer Focus

Rae, Paul, Noah & Family, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine,
Murray, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Charmaine, Lee, Carol,
Neil, Brett, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary and Paul, Rachael,
Margaret, Christian.

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

Mission of the Month of August: Fletcher Street Cottage:

Fletcher Street Cottage is a welcoming, safe and respectful
space where people who are doing it tough can come to
enjoy practical relief opportunities, find meaningful
connections and access broader support to get back onto
their feet.



God is doing in our community and what we are called to be
and do as a part of that work.

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

Readings

16th August Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15, Psalm 133, Romans 11:13-32
Matthew 15:21-28

23rd August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 1:8-2:10, Psalm 124, Romans 12:1-8,
Matthew 16:13-20

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

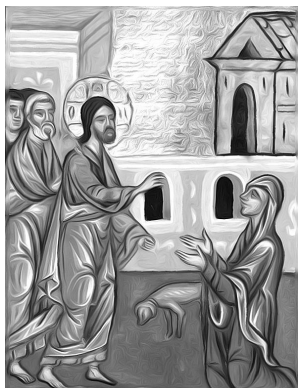
Sentence of the day

Thus says the Lord, 'Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed.' Isaiah 56.1

Prayer of the day

God of freedom,
you have broken the tyranny of sin
and sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts:
give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,
that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

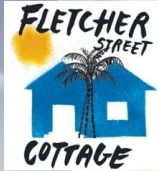
Matthew 15.21-28



²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' ²⁴ He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' ²⁵ But she

came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' ²⁶ He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁷ She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

Bazzi Rahib, Ilyas Basim Khuri. The Canaanite Woman Asks for Healing for Her Daughter, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://act.library.vanderbilt.edu/artworks/57555> [retrieved August 14, 2026]. Original source: http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ilyas_Basim_Khuri_Bazzi_Rahib_-_Jesus_and_the_Canaanite_Woman_-_Walters_W59243A_-_Full_Page.jpg.



'Hope 26'

hope for tomorrow



SUNDAY 23RD AUGUST 2PM

ST PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH - 14 KINGSLEY STREET, BYRON BAY

Join us for an afternoon of classical and contemporary music performed by talented local artists. Let the melodies **lift your spirit** and the harmonies **soothe your soul**.

DELICIOUS
AFTERNOON
TEA
PROVIDED.



ENTRY
BY
DONATION.



ALL PROCEEDS
TO FLETCHER
STREET
COTTAGE.