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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.

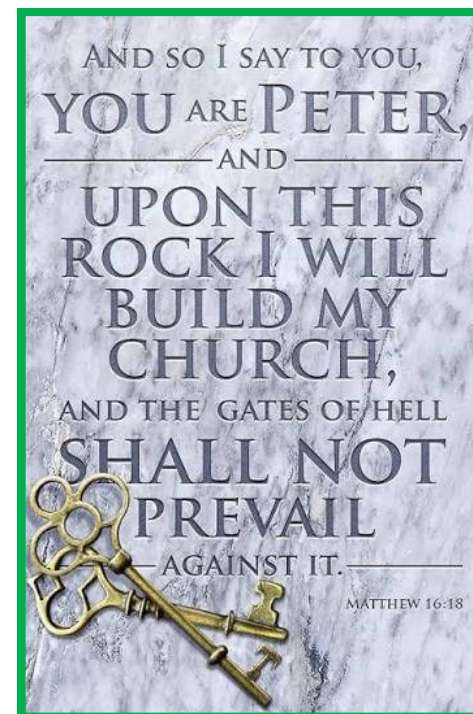
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23rd August 2026

All are welcome



Unfading Truth

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

From Grahame

As we continue to reflect on the Gospel according to Matthew we hear again Jesus ask Peter, and each of us, the question - who do you say that I am? Our answer to this question determines how we act as disciples of Jesus. Our answer determines how we live our lives and what our witness will be to others. If we do not have a concept of who Jesus is and what this means for each of us personally, how can we hope to hear God calling us into the world as Church? If you share Peter's faith and believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of the living God, you cannot help but experience a change of mind and heart, and live differently. When the world says care only for yourself, disciples of Jesus also care for others. When the world says put yourself first, disciples of Jesus put God first. When the world says it is ok to hate, to exclude, and to corrupt, disciples of Jesus offer love, include others and share. When the world says give up, the disciples of Jesus are called out into the world by God as the living resource of God's rescue mission for God's people.

As it was in the 1st Century, we live in an age when the world often responds in negative ways to the message the 21st Century disciples of Jesus bring. Nevertheless, we are those disciples. Peter recognised Jesus as the Messiah, God's liberating leader, literally the embodiment of God's law of compassion and care, and his disciples received authority to act in his name. Jesus continues to give authority to his disciples to act in the world in his name.

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

Services & Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

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

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

30th August Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

MISSION

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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.



Readings

23rd August Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

30th August Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15, Psalm 105:1-6,23-26, Romans 12:9-21,
Matthew 16:21-28

Annual Cathedral Quiet Day

Saturday 5 September 2026, 10:00am to 3:00pm at Grafton Cathedral.

This year's theme, "**Being Petrified: Hope in barren & parched lands,**" will be led by Rev'd Katherine Bowyer and offers an opportunity to be refreshed through Scripture, silence, music and prayer.

Bookings are essential. Please reserve your place here:
<https://events.humanitix.com/cathedral-quiet-day-2026>

Cursillo

The next Cursillo three-day weekend in the Anglican Diocese of Grafton is scheduled for October 3 to 5, 2026. Please contact Grahame for further information.

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

Jesus said to them, 'Who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' Matthew 16.15–16

Prayer of the day

O God, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the
living God,
we may be living stones
for the building up of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Matthew 16.13-20

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.



'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**.

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AFTERNOON
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ALL PROCEEDS
TO FLETCHER
STREET
COTTAGE.