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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



20th September 2026

All are welcome



Public Domain

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

From Grahame

'Are you envious because I am generous'. This is one of my very favourite pieces of scripture. Just as the two great commandments, which tell us to love God and love our neighbour, sum up the law of God, I believe this week's passage sums up many of the obstacles we place between ourselves and God's grace. "Are you envious because I am generous", says the land owner.

The historical context of this passage is that a denarius was the going rate for day labour. It was just enough to keep body and soul together – just. But this was accepted practice, no problem there. Jesus again takes everyday concepts and turns them on their head. The owner himself goes to the people. He does not send a hired manager. Again, and again he returns to call the workers to the vineyard. Why didn't they all come the first time, what is their excuse? They actually try to put responsibility back on the owner "because no one has hired us".

The context of this text in the ministry of Jesus, is that he welcomed people who were not in what was considered a 'right' relationship with God. Jesus also encouraged people to move beyond their traditional roles. Jesus welcomed tax collectors. Jesus allowed women to exercise authority in ways and places outside what had been the custom. People were challenged by this and in this passage, Jesus challenges the accepted understanding of justice. Is it just, for those who do more to get the same as those who do less? If we are talking about salvation, would it be possible for those coming late to receive a part portion of salvation? To be half saved? If we stay in the context of the worker's in the vineyard, what kind of justice would it be, if the late workers were paid less than they needed to live that day? Would it be just to pay the early workers more than had been agreed? It may seem fair but the beautiful thing about God's grace is that it is never fair. We receive that which we did not earn, God's welcome, love and acceptance.

Services & Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

20th September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

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| 9am | Parish Council St Martins Mullumbimby |
| 11am | St Martins Mullumbimby 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

27th September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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| 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

SOMA (Sharing of Ministries Abroad)
Australian National Director: The Rev'd
Melinda McMahon

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop Tiffany Sparks

DIOCESE OF PERTH

Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy & Jeri, Bishop David Bassett &
Susan, Bishop Hans Christiansen & Ruth, Bishop Kate Wilmot
Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Murwillumbah

The Rev'd Mandy Larkin, The Rev'd Hilary Singleton & Paul.

LLM

David, Madeline.

Local Prayer Focus

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 September: 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.



So much of our worldly systems are based on accumulation. Accumulation of experience, accumulation of possessions, accumulation of prestige and status. For these accumulations to have meaning the world says they must be measured against those around us. This was the thinking of the workers who felt hard done by. They had received what they had been promised so it was not so much what they had received which was the problem. They were busy worrying about what others were getting.

*God gives us all we need and we respond by abusing God's creation, by hoarding some things while others go without God's love is boundless, literally without boundary, and we respond by trying to find any excuse not to love.
Are we envious because God is generous?*

The grace of God is beyond our comprehension, it is bigger, greater, more powerful, gentler, more beautiful and more loving than we can imagine. How do I know this? The Bible tells me so, the people I meet tell me so, the gift of God's creation tells me so.

May we give thanks every day that God's grace is not fair. This is why we sing, this is why we pray with confidence, this is why we gather with such joy in our hearts, because God is love and God's love will never leave us.

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

20th September Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 16:2-15, Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, Philippians 1, Matthew 20:1-16

27th September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 17:1-7, Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16, Philippians 2, Matthew 21:23-32

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Murray will be visiting the parish on Sunday 25th October. There will be an 9am service in Byron Bay. This will be a combined service including confirmations. There will be a morning tea after the service.

Women's Space –Fletcher Street Cottage



Over the last 3 weeks Brenda and Sue have been teaching some of the Ladies to sew an easy tote bag. It was nice to see their reaction

to being able to make something and learn a new skill.

BCA Boxes

September is BCA Box month. Please bring your boxes into church or the Parish offices for collection

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

Reverend Brenda's Travels

I recently travelled to Adelaide for two conferences, the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Anglican Commission Conference, followed by the international meeting of the Anglican Indigenous Network. Travelling to Adelaide was exciting and I met a lot of new people from around the world and caught up with some old friends from around Australia. I had great conversations with the Indigenous Archbishop of Canada and have been invited to Canada to visit. I also met an Indigenous Bishop from the North Island of New Zealand. It was encouraging to hear about all the programs and positive things they are doing in their countries with their people; from Anglican cultural baptisms and weddings to weekend get-together camps. I look forward to being able to visit them one day. Also, while I was in Adelaide, the National Aboriginal of the Anglican Church of Australia, Bishop Chris accepted the Stolen Generation Cope, which was commissioned by the previous Archbishop of Canterbury when he visited Australia in 2023! Bishop Chris then laid up his Pastoral Staff and retired as the National Aboriginal Bishop for Australia.

