



27th September 2026

All are welcome



Bible Cartoons

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

From Grahame

The context for today's Gospel passage in Matthew 21 is that Jesus had entered the temple for what would be the final time and his authority is challenged by those who will sit in judgement of him. Those listening had witnessed or heard of the authority of Jesus as he healed and gathered God's people. In referring to John the baptiser, Jesus calls on the authority of the prophets through the ages, prophets in whom God's people placed their trust. Jesus called on this authority but brought so much more.

In the parable of the two sons Jesus challenges all those who say the right things but then make no attempt to act as they have said. They will tell you what they think you want to hear, what will help them avoid taking responsibility. The motivation of those questioning Jesus is to trap and discredit him, so that they do not need to change, because what Jesus brought was an invitation to change.

The son who said he would not do as he was asked yet then went in any case, is like the child who will give attitude about anything from eating their vegetables to tying their shoelace, but inside has a sincere heart; a great person to have with you when your back is against the wall. God doesn't call us to say what we think God wants us to hear. God calls us to live into a love so great that it would sacrifice everything for you and for me; a love which welcomes all to come and be transformed. A faith in a love that great leads to action. Action to help those in need as Jesus said and did.

God welcomes all who call on the name of the Lord. Each new day we have the opportunity to choose a deepening relationship with God, who is love, and share this love in relationship with each other.

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

27th September Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

4th October Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 20:1-4,7-9,12-20. Psalm 19, Philippians 3:4b-14,
Matthew 21:33-46

11th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6,20-24, Philippians 4,
Matthew 22:1-14

Parish News

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Murray will be visiting the parish on Sunday 25th October. There will be a 9am service in Byron Bay. This is a special time for our parish as this will be the first confirmation in our new parish. A time to celebrate the work that Jesus has done in the parish. This will be a combined service including the confirmations. Followed by a morning tea after the service.

BCA Boxes

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

Recess for School Holidays

There will be no **Women's Space** on Thursday 1st, Thursday 8th October and will resume on Thursday 15th October.

Sunday Hive Family Worship All Souls Hall will be on recess for the next 3 Sundays returning on 18th October.



Sentence of the day

Come, let us return to the Lord, that we may live before him. Hosea 6.1a, 2b

Prayer of the day

Grant, O merciful God,
that your people may have that mind that was in Christ Jesus,
who emptied himself, and took the form of a servant,
and in humility became obedient even to death.
For you have highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name
that is above every name, Jesus Christ, the Lord;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in everlasting glory. **Amen.**

Matthew 21.23-32

²³ When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Op Shop Opening Hours

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

MISSION

The Buttery (Addiction and Mental Health
rehabilitation centre)

Chair: Jenna Bateman

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop The Right Rev'd Tiffany Sparks

DIOCESE OF WANGARATTA

Bishop Clarence Bester & Michelle.

Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Tweed Heads

In Transition, The Rev'd Sue Woodcock,

The Rev'd Cameron Smith

LLM

Maria, Adrian, Deborah, Yvonne.

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.

Services & Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

27th September Eighteenth 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

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

4th October Nineteenth 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 **(in recess)**

The Clergy, Wardens and Office welcome your enquiries and calls.

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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.