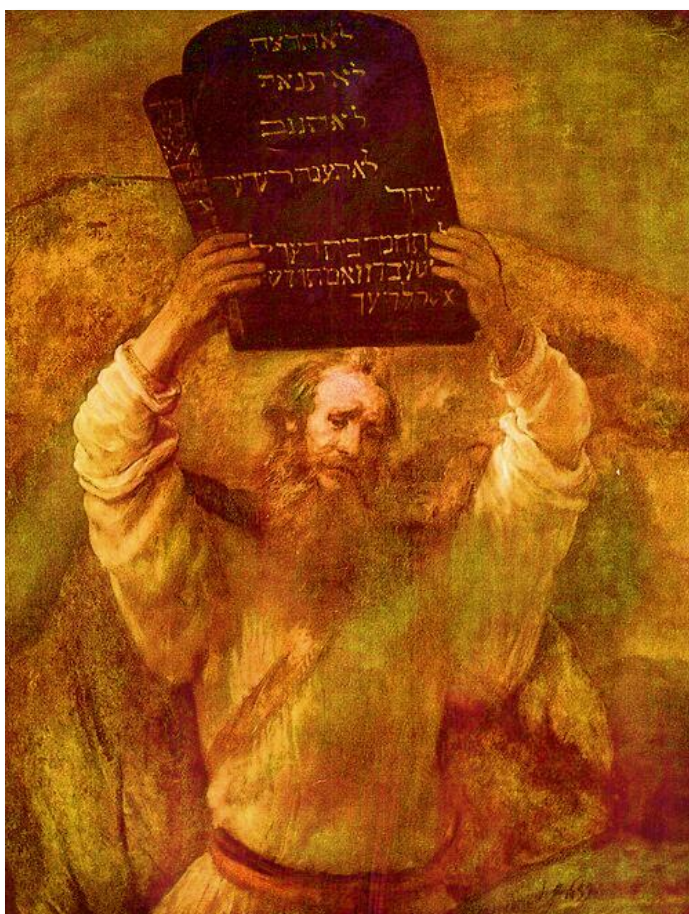




11th October 2026

All are welcome



Moses Breaking the Tablets of the Law by Rembrandt 1659

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

From Grahame

This week we hear again a passage from Paul's letter to the Philippians. This time from the beginning of chapter 4. The Church in Philippi had some problems. The community was a blend of historic Greek culture overlaid with the culture of the Roman conquerors who had decided to settle and stay. Into this came the emerging Christian Way. Paul, writing from prison, attempted to deal with some of their problems by keeping the people focused on Jesus. But could the early Christians of Philippi be expected to rejoice always when they had two members at each other's throats in the middle of the congregation? At times like this Paul reminds us that the joy we know through the love of God in Christ Jesus is greater than our disagreements. These two particular members were acknowledged as being called by God to be elders of the church, to act as instruments of God's all embracing love.

But rejoicing always does not mean there will not be challenges. It does not mean that Euodia and Syntyche should ignore their differences. Rejoicing in the Lord always, is about acknowledging our being in Christ and acknowledging that the Christ in each of us is better than the alternative. It means that when two alternative views come together the discussion is kept on topic and does not degenerate into soul destroying personal slanging matches or violence. Sharing the sign of God's peace, as we do when we gather in worship, came about as an alternative to sharing the peace of the Roman Empire. The Emperor's peace, was brought about by force and accepted because it was believed there was no alternative or there would be chaos.

God wants so much more for us than peace which is the absence of chaos through war. The Christian way of life came into existence as an alternative to life under the 'Emperor's peace'. God's way, the way of Christ is different and needed now more than ever.

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

11th October Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 32:1-14 Psalm 106: 1-6,20-24, Philippians 4:1-9,
Matthew 22:1-14

18th October Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 33:12-23, Psalm 99, 1Thessalonians 1:1-10,
Matthew 22:15-33.

Parish News

Bishop's Visit

Bishop Murray will be visiting the parish of Byron on Sunday 25th October at St Pauls, for a 9am service. This is a special time as it will be the first confirmation service for our new parish. The combined service, including confirmation, will be followed by morning tea. Please pray for candidates as they prepare for their confirmation. A time to celebrate the work that Jesus has done in us all.

Diocesan Ordination Service

Saturday 28 November 11.00am

Amanda Stark and John Edwards will be ordained as Deacons. Mandy and John are currently Formation Students in the Parish of Maclean

The Rev'd Yoshiya Sakamoto will be ordained as a Priest. Yoshiya is currently the Parish Deacon at Port Macquarie. Please pray for them as they prepare for their ordination.

Socks

Do you have a lot of odd socks lying around?
Don't throw them away as Fletcher Street Cottage are short on socks for their clients. Please take them to the cottage or bring them in for us to deliver.



World Mental Health Day



Mental Health Month is held in October each year, with World Mental Health Day taking place on 10 October.

This is an important moment to raise awareness of mental health, reduce stigma and encourage people to seek support when they need it.

It's also an opportunity to pause, check in with ourselves and those around us, and reflect on how we can look after our own mental health and wellbeing.

Mental Health Australia, the national peak body for the mental health sector, coordinates the national Mental Health Month campaign. This year's theme is Together We Thrive.

Whether at home, at work, at school, in the community or online, this Mental Health Month we're encouraging everyone to start conversations, share their stories and strengthen the connections that help us thrive.

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

Sentence of the day

This is our God for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. Isaiah 25.9

Prayer of the day

Saving and healing God,
you have promised
that those who have died with Christ shall live with him:
grant us grace to be continually thankful
for all you have done for us,
and in that thankfulness to be eager to serve and live for others,
so that we and all your children may rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Matthew 22:1-14

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹ 'But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Prayer Focus This Week:

MISSION

The Movement for the Ordination of Women
President: Dr Elaine Lindsay

Diocese of Grafton

Senior Leadership Team

Bishop The Right Rev'd Dr Murray Harvey

Assistant Bishop The Right Rev'd Tiffany Sparks



THE DIOCESE OF BUNBURY

Bishop Ian Coutts, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Grafton

Dean: The Very Rev'd Naomi Cooke & John,

The Rev'd Canon Camellia Flanagan TSSF

The Rev'd Grant Sparks & Tiffany

LLM

Kathy, Robyn

Local Prayer Focus

Ellen, Gladys, Paul, Noah & Family, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine,
Murray, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil,

Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary 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

Mission of the Month of October:

The Buttery (Addiction and Mental Health rehabilitation centre) Since 1973, we have specialised in caring for and supporting people with mental health issues and alcohol and other drug conditions. All Buttery programs are evidence-based and represent best practice.

Services & Weekly Happenings

Clergy & Staff can be contacted via email or phone

11th October Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

7.30am St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am All Souls Bangalow
9am St Martins Mullumbimby
9am St Pauls Byron Bay
11am St Columba Ewingsdale
5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship
All Souls Hall **(in recess)**

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 **(In Recess)**
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 Mullumbimby

Next SUNDAY

18th October Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

11am St Pauls Byron Bay followed by a bring and share lunch
5pm Sunday Hive Family Worship
All Souls Hall

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.