Byron Anglicans
We are one

29th November 2026

All are welcome



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

From Grahame

Last week we ended the Church year with the great celebration of Christ the King. This week begins a new year. During this year we will particularly focus on the Gospel according to Mark. Mark does not provide a nativity. There is no baby in the hay. Mark begins with action. The common theme of our readings today is that things were not quite right and the people cried out to God. When we place ourselves in the centre of things, events can seem overwhelming and we risk losing perspective.

Mark was writing during a time of great persecutions, people were being killed because of their faithfulness. Jerusalem was destroyed during civil unrest including the Temple and Jesus had not come back yet. It had been about 40 years since Jesus had spoken of his return and the community had to come to terms with the reality that God's timing is not the same as ours. With everything that was going on they needed a way to ensure that the Good News of Jesus Christ did not die with them because we know what wars can do, whole generations gone. Mark's community took the step of moving from relying on the spoken word to including the written word. By God's grace we are able today to hear God's Holy Word from the written word. May we never take this privilege for granted or forget the sacrifices made to make this possible.

In this Season of Advent as we continue to wait for the coming of the Lord in glory, it is possible to be weighed down by the challenges we face or the challenges we hear of others facing. Yet we continue to carry our hope into the future.

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

29th November First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 64: 1-9, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19, 1 Corinthians 1:1-9,
Mark 13:24-37

6th December Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 40:1-11, Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13, 2 Peter 3:8:15a, Mark 1:1-8

Sentence

'Heaven and earth will pass away,' says the Lord, 'but my words will not pass away.'

Mark 13.31

Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
through long generations you prepared a way
for the coming of your Son,
and by your Spirit you still bring light to illumine our paths:
renew us in faith and hope
that we may welcome Christ to rule our thoughts
and claim our love;
to whom be glory for ever. **Amen.**

Parish News

Christmas Carols

We will be hosting our annual Christmas Carols in St Martins Mullumbimby Tuesday 8th December commencing at 5.00pm with a sausage sizzle. The Red Inc Choir will be performing.

St Pauls Byron Bay will also celebrate with Christmas Carols and a sausage sizzle commencing at 5.30pm. On Wednesday 16th December.

Diocesan Ordination Service Saturday 28 November 11.00am in Christ Church Cathedral Grafton

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.

Supporters Breakfast Fletcher Street Cottage

On Saturday 21st Helen, Jay, Lyn and Sue attended the breakfast. We had time to meet some of the other donors plus hear what the service has been doing this year. For 2026 they have helped around 50,000 clients which has tripled on last year. There are many services that help at the cottage Doctors, a podiatrist, a hairdresser, and many more. Steve the Chef's idea is to help show care through the breakfast he prepares. They have 3 full-time staff, plus Uni students on placement. There are also some part-time staff and 160 volunteers. Jay Pearse's art exhibition will run for the summer. Please go have a look. All proceeds from the sale of her paintings will go to Fletcher Street Cottage.











Help For our Wildlife



For those who like to knit or sew, Wires are in need of pouches and liners for baby native animals that come into their care. They are in need of "large and extra-large pouches for kangaroo and wallaby joeys. If you are interested in helping please contact Sue and she can give you a copy of the sizes and the pattern needed.

Socks

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



Schoolies week

For the next 3weeks there will be many students who have finished their schooling and are out celebrating. Please pray that they have a safe and enjoyable time while in our community. Pray for the Red Frogs and other helpers that are here to ensure they do remain safe.

ADVENT STUDY ST PAUL'S BYRON BAY

During Advent there will be a study group led by Rev. Brenda meeting in St Paul's Byron Bay on Wednesdays 25th Nov, 2nd, 16th, 23rd December at 1.30 pm. If you would like to join this group, please contact Reverend Brenda or Sue.



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Op Shop Opening Hours

Mullumbimby Op Shop

Monday - Friday 9.30am– 3.30pm

Bangalow Op Shop

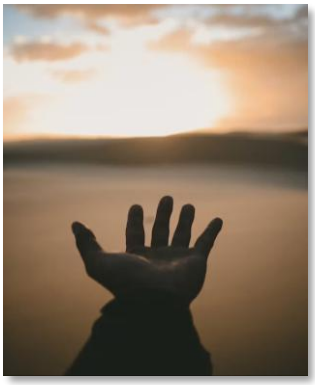
Monday - Friday 10am-2pmSaturday - 9.30am-12.30pm

Byron Op Shop

Monday - Friday 9am—1pm

Prayer Focus This Week:

MISSION



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Local Prayer Focus

Jennifer, Ellen, Paul, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine, 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 November: Mullumbimby Neighbourhood Centre: The MDNC offers free counselling through Listening Space, food parcels through Community Support and Hot Showers, with all toiletries supplied. Gulganii Pantry is open for affordable low-cost food on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Services & Weekly Happenings

29th November First Sunday of Advent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9.30am	St Pauls Byron Bay. We will join with the Uniting church at Carlyle St 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
FRIDAY	Parish Office Mullumbimby 9am-4pm Byron Bay Office 9am-12noon

Next SUNDAY

6th December Second Sunday of Advent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	St Martins Mullumbimby
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay.
5pm	Sunday Hive Family Worship All Souls Hall

13th December Third Sunday of Advent

7.30am	St Thomas Brunswick Heads
9am	All Souls' Bangalow
9am	St Pauls Byron Bay
11am	St Columba Ewingsdale
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.