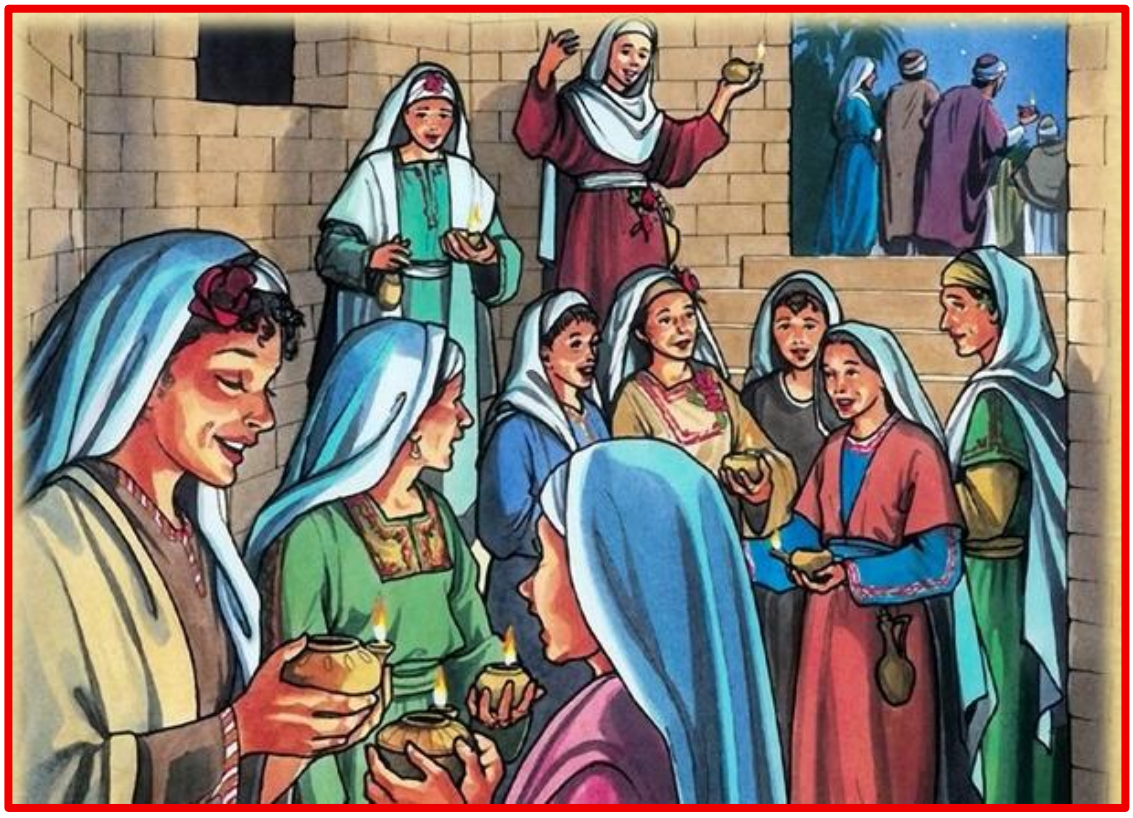
Byron Anglicans
We are one

8th November 2026

All are welcome



PnC Bible reading

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

From Grahame

The context in which Jesus is speaking to us through Matthew chapter 25 this week, the imagery we need to make sense of, is that it was the arrival of the groom which was the all important wedding event. The groom would arrive at the bride's house and then escort her, surrounded by friends and attendant bridesmaids, to the home they would share. This was the final stage of the three-stage wedding process of engagement, betrothal and marriage. Jesus compares the marriage process to our lives of faith. There is the first flush of acknowledging the place of Jesus in our lives, then the time of growth and preparedness which we are living through now, as we wait to be made truly one with God through Jesus Christ.

Over the past weeks we have been reminded of the qualities of discipleship as we go through the growth and preparation stage, walking humbly in God's love and grace and being a living witness to this love and grace for all creation. Like the wedding process, our lives of faith are a pilgrimage, a journey of becoming, and that journey continues into eternity.

In the story Jesus tells, the ten bridesmaids are outwardly indistinguishable from each other, kitted out as bridesmaids with their lamps to light the way. All ten fell asleep. Jesus tells us at the beginning that 5 are foolish and 5 are wise otherwise we would not know because to us they seem the same. It is not outward appearance which separates the foolish from the wise but what is happening inside, their readiness to respond. Jesus calls us to live lives of readiness, not just sitting and watching and waiting but ready. Our readiness is shown in our lives of faith lived out in community. Don't be like the 5 trying to buy oil at midnight. Don't wait to love our neighbour later, peering around the corner so that when we see Jesus coming we may quickly love all our neighbours – love our neighbour now. Don't wait to live humbly in our walk with the living God later, begin that journey now, sustained in the Spirit.

Jesus reminds us this weekend through Matthew, that we do not know the hour of his return. Now is the time to reconcile, now is the time for peace. Do not wait!

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

8th November Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25, Psalm 78:1-7, 1 Thessalonians 4:9-18, Matthew 25:1-13

15th November Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Judges 4:1-10, Psalm 123, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24.42, 44

Prayer of the day

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parish News

On Sunday 15th November we will farewell Rev'd Murray and Rev'd Wendi. They have made a big impact on this parish in the time they have been with us. We will miss them and wish them well in the next chapter of their ministry.

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.

National Recycling Week takes place from 9–15 November 2026, marking its **30th anniversary** since being established by Planet Ark in 1996. Planet Ark Environmental Foundation are celebrating 30 years of educating Australians on the waste hierarchy (reduce, reuse, and recycle). Australia's national recycling rate has grown from 7% (1.5 million tonnes) in 1996 to over 60% (43 million tonnes) today. What more can we do? Take our used batteries and light bulbs to drop off points like Woolies, Coles, Bunnings. Donate good used clothing, bric brac, furniture to Op Shops.

Faithfulness in Service
The last Faithfulness in Service for in the parish year will be on Saturday 14th November 10am-1pm held in St Martins Mullumbimby Enrolments forms can be found in the Op Shops or by contacting Brenda or Sue.
Thursday 19th November 10am held in All Saints in the Church Undercroft Murwillumbah. To register please email office@allsaintsanglican.org.au.

It is a Diocesan requirement that the following people must participate in a training course:
Clergy and Licenced Lay Ministers; Members of Parish Council; Paid employees; All leaders or coordinators of parish ministries e.g MU, Op Shop; All leaders and helpers involved in family and children's ministry, People involved in contact ministries e.g. officer volunteers, Op Shop workers, hospital and aged care visitors.

World Kindness Day 2026 Friday, November 13, 2026.



About World Kindness Day

November 13 every year (established in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement).

Goal: To highlight good deeds, empathy, community connection, and compassion across local and global communities.

Core Idea: Small, intentional acts of kindness create a positive ripple effect that inspires others. Lets do something intentional for our communities. Just a smile to the person who passes you in the street goes a long way.

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.



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

ADVENT STUDY ST PAUL'S BYRON BAY

During Advent there will be a study group meeting in St Paul's Byron Bay on Wednesdays at 1.30 pm. If you would like to join this group please contact Reverend Brenda or Sue.



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Prayer Focus This Week:

MISSION

The Bush Church Aid Society
National Director: The Rev' d Canon Greg Harris
Regional Officer QLD/NNSW:The Rev'd Mike Uptin

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 BATHURST

The Venerable Dr Stephen Carnaby (Bishop Elect) & Joanne, Clergy and Laity

The Parish of Casino

The Rev'd Canon Sally Miller & Ron, The Rev' d Ron Miller & Sally, The Rev'd Thea Archinal

LLM

Robyn, Susan, Stephanie.

Local Prayer Focus

Ellen, Paul, Noah & Family, Mark, Lyn, Kerrie, Leonine, Murray, June, John, Sophie, Anna, Charmaine, Lee, Carol, Neil, Janie, Marjory, Lin, Hilary, Rachael, Margaret.

Please pray for the students sitting their HSC Exams.

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

8th November Twenty-fourth 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

TUESDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby Closed until 17 November
10am RSL Life Communion

WEDNESDAY Byron Bay Office 9am-3pm

THURSDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby Closed until 17 November
More Than a Cuppa 10am-12noon
St Pauls Byron Bay

FRIDAY Parish Office Mullumbimby Closed until 17 November
Byron Bay Office 9am-12noon
Smarties Play Group 10.30am-12noon, St Martins Hall Mullumbimby will conclude on the 13th November

Next SUNDAY

15th November Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9am	Parish Council
11am	St Martins Mullumbimby followed by a bring 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.