



# The Living Spirit

The Bulletin of Holy Spirit Catholic Parish, Byron Bay / Bangalow

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay

St. Kevin's, Bangalow

**Taking up our own cross.**

15<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B



With the reading from the Gospel of Mark (Chapter 8), we come to a turning point in Jesus' public ministry, before the journey back to Jerusalem where he will be crucified.

Jesus asks his disciples: "Who do people say that I am?"<sup>28</sup> And then, "But who do you say that I am?" Having witnessed his authoritative teaching, his powerful acts of healing and his wonderful miracles, Peter replies on behalf of them all: "You are the Messiah."

And how they and all of Israel longed for the coming of the Messiah. But what the disciples are slow to understand is that this is not the Messiah that they had longed for and expected. It was unimaginable for them that Jesus, as Messiah and God's Beloved Son, was to suffer and die.

Instead of commending Peter for his response, not even confirming it, Jesus instead proceeds to speak to them of his impending passion and death.

The disciples' slowness to understand, their blindness, their struggle, and their resistance to this understanding that Jesus' mission would lead to his arrest, suffering and death is starkly depicted in Mark's gospel. We see it here in Chapter 8, again in Chapter 9 and again in Chapter 10. *(Continued on back page)*

## Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

***"I will walk in the presence of the Lord,  
in the land of the living"***

## Gospel Acclamation.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 50:5-9; Psalm 114; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

**Holy Spirit Parish**  
**Father David Gilbey – Parish Priest**

### Parish Office

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### Office Hours

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Tuesday and Wednesday

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

*Feast Day: Sts Andrew Kim*

*Tae-gôn, Paul Chông*

*Ha-sang and Companions*

### WEEKEND MASSES

**BYRON BAY**

St Finbarr's Church

50 Tennyson St

**Saturday Vigil**

6.00pm

**BANGALOW**

St Kevin's Church

Deacon St

**Sunday**

9.30am

**Reconciliation available before  
Vigil and Sunday Mass.**

## Holy Spirit Parish

### PLANNED GIVING CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES / DIRECT DEBIT

- \* **Option 1: Collection Boxes at Church entrance.**
- \* **Option 2: Church Collection Plate.**
- \* **Option 3: Direct Debit, details as follows:**

**1<sup>st</sup> COLLECTION:** (Clergy)      **2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** (Parish)  
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*Thank you for your continued  
Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey PP*

**22<sup>nd</sup>  
September,  
2024**  
25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year B

**St Finbarr's  
Byron Bay**  
6pm  
Saturday

**St Kevin's  
Bangalow**  
9.30am  
Sunday

LECTOR/S

Ann  
McCabe

Jan  
Witney

MINISTER OF  
COMMUNION

Tony  
McCabe

#### NEXT WEEK 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B

Wisdom 2:12,17-20; Psalm 53; James 3:16-4:3; Mark 9:30-37

#### Please pray for the Recently Deceased:

Malcolm Larkin, Fr. John Kelly, *Cugino* Joe Inzitari, Colin Meanwell, Valda O'Brien-Cox (Hopkins), Genny Crane (Weir), Patricia Launder, Lyn Riddle (nee Hopkins), John Locke, Baby Hugo Long, Marie Myers, Peter Tiernan, Don Harris, Joan Finucane, Kath O'Meara, Margaret Damen (Weir), Mick Ronan, Kate Stirling, Brett Rice, Keith Kimpton

### WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

ST FINBARR'S CHURCH, BYRON BAY

9.30am

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2024

All Welcome.



### THANK YOU. *gratitude*

A very big thank you  
to all those involved in making the day so special for  
the children celebrating their First Holy Communion.

### PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES – 2024/2025

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#### As a faith community,

**we pray with our brothers and sisters  
in their time of need:**

Val Meanwell, Kathryn Head, Marika Jones, Kath Lourey, Fr Anthony Lemon, Matthew O'Sullivan, Carmel Kenway, William Farrugia, Mathew O'Meara

*(Due to Privacy Laws, names are only placed on this list when requested by the sick person or family member and will remain on the list for at least 6 weeks. As we are not aware if illness improves or continues, you are welcome to make a further request for inclusion.)*

### PUBLIC ROSARY

Please come and join the Public Rosary! Sat 12th Oct at 11am, Beachfront Park opposite Holy Family Church, Lennox Head. Please contact St Francis Xavier Parish Office 6681 1048 or Marie Sullivan 0409887677 for more information.

*(See Church noticeboard for details.)*

### RECONCILIATION



**Vigil Mass:** St Finbarr's, Byron Bay 5.30 - 5.50pm  
**Sunday:** St Kevin's, Bangalow 9.00 - 9.20am

### ROSARY

Friday 8.50am  
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay



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**ST FINBARR'S**  
Catholic Primary School

## This Week at St Finbarr's



Year Six travelled to St Joseph's Banora Point on Monday to celebrate the annual Catholic Schools Mass for students in their last year of primary school. This is a special occasion where students shared a sausage sizzle then participated in fun games led by senior students from the college.

We were joined by schools from Tweed Heads, Murwillumbah, Kingscliff, Pottsville and Mullumbimby and it was a great day of celebration and meeting new friends.

Layla Lollback was selected to read for the Liturgy and Taj Dolman starred in the video presentation as he spoke about what it means to be a student in a catholic school. *Well done Layla and Taj.*

Final preparations are underway for our Finnies Fringe Festival to be held this Friday from 4pm.

The school will come alive with Art, Music, Dance and Food and everyone is welcome to join in the fun.

Congratulations to our First Holy Communion students and a big thank you to Mrs Magnus and Mrs Piccoli who have been preparing the students for this special sacrament.



**Tim Bleakley**

Principal

*Loving, Growing, Learning for Life.*

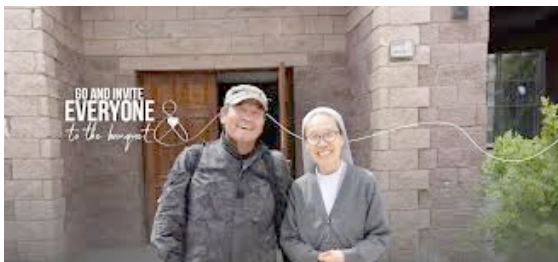
### PRAY FOR UKRAINE



Loving God, We pray for the people of Ukraine, for all those suffering or afraid, that you will be close to them and protect them. May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen

### WORLD MISSION MONTH.



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

**You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move Forward.**

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They just don't get it!

So, as Jesus, accompanied by his disciples, journeys to Jerusalem where he will be arrested tortured and crucified, the disciples slowly progress on a journey of coming to understand Jesus' identity and mission as the Messiah.

In our lives we too, each and every one of us, struggle in various ways to understand Jesus, our Saviour, and his role in our lives and in the world. We too often have misguided expectations of God. And we too, each one of us, are called to respond to Jesus' question: *\* Who do you say that I am? \* What do I mean to you in your life?*

Jesus, having explained to his disciples the suffering and death that he will soon endure, goes on to say to them that they too will also face suffering. He tells them: *"If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."*

So too for us. Discipleship will inevitably require self-denial and taking up one's own cross. There's no denying it! And each one's cross is uniquely their own.

When we make the Sign of the Cross, *"in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"* we identify and mark ourselves as follower of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One. Our cross-making in the Sign of the Cross symbolises the reality of suffering not just in Jesus' life but in our lives as his followers, not just his cross but the cross that is ours to carry in our lives. It reminds us too of the resurrection and life of the world to come.

*We are not alone in our journey. Jesus is with us every step of the way. Anne Hunt @ Majellan Media 2024*

### Prayer for Priests

Lord, We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your Priests to follow her own words, *'Do whatever He tells you'* (Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls.

Amen.

### **Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800**



The Kids Helpline is a free 24 hour telephone counselling service for children and young people aged between 5 and 25.

### **SAFEGUARDING YOUR CHILDREN.**



Would parents please keep their children ***supervised at all times*** in the Church and surrounding grounds – including taking them to the bathroom. For their safety, please ensure you can always see them while on Parish grounds.



### **The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office**

Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please contact the Safeguarding Office 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

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