



# The Living Spirit

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

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay

St. Kevin's, Bangalow

**Being great in God's eyes.**

22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2024

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B  
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**



This week's reading from the Book of Wisdom illustrates the kind of thinking that was common in the ancient world: If God is with someone then, assured of God's protection, they will prosper. If, on the other hand, they are suffering and not prospering, then it must be that God is not on their side.

How, then, would the ancient world have understood the teaching of Jesus in the gospel? *"The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death."* If his enemies were to kill him, let alone if he was to be publicly humiliated and suffer, surely he could not be the messiah for whom the people waited.

This is the second time in the Gospel of Mark that Jesus has prophesied his death. At this point, the disciples don't understand and are too confused and afraid to ask Jesus what he really means.

When instead the disciples talk about who among them is the greatest, they still dream of becoming earthly lords and princes of status, power and authority. But before we judge the disciples too harshly, we must remember that this story from Mark's gospel has been recorded to mirror our own sins and temptations. We too have ambitions and desires that impede our ability to respond to what Jesus wants from us.

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## Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

***"The Lord upholds my life."***

## Gospel Acclamation.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

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

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

### Parish Office

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Tuesday and Wednesday

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

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

9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay  
*Feast Day: St Finbarr*

**\*\*\* NO MASS at Byron Bay -  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024**

### WEEKEND MASSES

|                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| <b>BYRON BAY</b>      | <b>BANGALOW</b>   |
| St Finbarr's Church   | St Kevin's Church |
| 50 Tennyson St        | Deacon St         |
| <b>Saturday Vigil</b> | <b>Sunday</b>     |
| <b>6.00pm</b>         | <b>9.30am</b>     |

**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*

**29<sup>th</sup>  
September,  
2024**  
26<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

Suzanne  
Wallington

George  
Cox

MINISTER OF  
COMMUNION

Ian  
Leggo

**NEXT WEEK 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year B**

Numbers 11:25-29; Psalm 18; James 5:1-6;  
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



## 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.

## WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

ST FINBARR'S CHURCH, BYRON BAY  
**9.30am**

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

**"Feast of St Finbarr"**

*All Welcome.*



There will be **NO MASS** at  
9.30am at **St Finbarr's Church**  
on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2024.**

**Please Be  
Advised**

## CUPPA AFTER MASS - PLEASE JOIN US

- at St Finbarr's Church for a **"Cuppa"**  
after **6pm Mass**

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2024.**

*Please bring a plate of goodies to share.*

**All Invited!**



## MASSES AVAILABLE ONLINE

CATH NEWS - [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)  
Google Catholic Masses and click your choice  
AVAILABLE FREE TO AIR ON TV  
Channel 10 - every Sunday - Mass 6.00 am

**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.)*

## 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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## This Week at St Finbarr's

Our school Soccer team travelled to Murwillumbah last week to compete in the Paul Wilson Cup for all Catholic schools in the Tweed District. The team made the final and played superbly despite going down one goal to nil. *Congratulations boys and girls.*

All students have been involved in the Zing Dance program at school this term. They are building confidence each week and we look forward to seeing all classes performing their piece.

The new climbing web playground equipment has been a roaring success. Funds raised from the Colour Fun Run last year have contributed to constructing this amazing structure. All children from Kinder to Year Six are able to use the climbing space which presents plenty of challenges as well as loads of fun.

**Tim Bleakley**

Principal

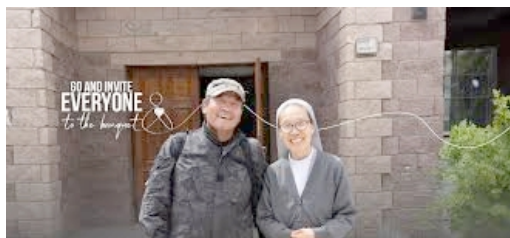
*Loving, Growing, Learning for Life.*

## Saint/s of the Week



**Saint Finbarr** was the son of an artisan and a lady of the Irish royal court. Born in Connaught, Ireland, and baptised Lochan, he was educated at Kilmacahil, Kilkenny, where the monks named him Fionnbharr (white head) because of his light hair. He is also known as Bairre and Barr. On a visit to Rome the Pope wanted to consecrate him a bishop but Saint Finbar was deterred by a vision. He notified the pope that God had reserved that honour to Himself and Saint Finbar was consecrated from heaven. He preached in southern Ireland and lived as a hermit on a small island at Lough Eiroe on the river Lee. Saint Finbar founded a monastery that developed into the city of Cork and he was it's first bishop. His monastery became famous in southern Ireland and attracted numerous disciples. Many extravagant miracles are attributed to him. Supposedly the sun did not set for two weeks after he died at Cloyne about the year 633. *Feast day - 25 September*

**St Vincent de Paul** was born to a French peasant family in 1580. He was a highly intelligent youth and was educated by the Franciscans for several years, before being ordained at the age of 20. In 1605 he was captured by Turkish pirates who sold him into slavery, but won his freedom after he converted one of his masters to Christianity. After returning to France, he served as a parish priest near Paris and began to establish charitable organisations that helped the poor, nursed the sick and found work for the unemployed. St Vincent founded the Congregation of the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac, and instituted the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, also known as the Lazarists. Today the Society of St Vincent de Paul provides relief to people in need across the world. *Feast Day 27 - September*



## WORLD MISSION MONTH.



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

**The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.**

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to *"Invite others to the banquet"*, and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/mongolia](http://catholicmission.org.au/mongolia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

**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.**

Freecall: 1800 257 296

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Jesus is charting a very unusual and very new path to what it means to be great in the eyes of God, one that cuts against the culture of his day. In his eyes, serving God means loving and serving the lowliest and those most in need.

When Jesus instructs his disciples to welcome children, he is taking the side of the most neglected, least powerful, and least respected members of society.

For Jesus, greatness is not in career achievement, status, power, attention or appreciation in the world. Instead, Jesus calls us to set aside our desires and ambitions to get ahead. As Jesus says elsewhere in the gospels, it is those who are willing to lose their lives who will find life. It is those who put their own egos last and lowest who will be first and greatest in the eyes of God.

St James reflects on this mystery in the second reading. He describes the disciples' self-interest and ambition as told in today's gospel as destined to result in *"disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done"*.

But look at the benefits that come from discarding this self-centred way of living and thinking. James describes the wisdom that Jesus brings as bringing *"peace"*. It makes us *"kindly and considerate"*, *"full of compassion"*, and *"shows itself by doing good"*.

There in that way of living is true freedom and true greatness.

*Joseph Doyle @ Majellan Media 2024*

### WHY IS THE PUBLIC ROSARY IMPORTANT?

The Public Rosary rallies are an international campaign to pray the Rosary together. Our rallies are organised by Australia Needs Fatima with the following intentions in mind:

- to give a Public Witness of our Faith.
- to make our Public Reparation.
- to pray that Mary's urgent message at Fatima will spread and be heeded throughout Australian and the world.
- to ask for God's merciful blessing to be poured out on our country for conversion of families to turn back to God and for peace in the world.

**A warm welcome is offered by the St Francis Xavier Parish to come and Pray together:  
Public Rosary 11am, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October at Our Lady of Fatima Church, Lennox Head.**

### The Child Safe Standards complement the National Principles.



Office of the Children's Guardian

The National Office for Child Safety has released the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations. These are derived from the Child Safe Standards recommended by the Royal Commission which relate specifically to child sexual abuse. This guide addresses other forms of abuse (psychological, emotional and physical) as well as neglect. Both the NSW Child Safe Standards and the National Principles describe the necessary elements for child safe practices.



The OCG considers organisations in NSW that are implementing the National Principles will be simultaneously implementing the Child Safe Standards.

### 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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