



# The Living Spirit

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

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay

St. Kevin's, Bangalow

**A kingdom of justice, love and peace .**

24<sup>th</sup> November, 2024

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year B**



What is the Kingdom of God? Gerald Darring, a retired high school and college teacher of theology, explains it this way:

*“The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy.*

*The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith.*

*The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).*

*The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace.”* **(Continued on back page)**

## Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

***“The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.”***

## Gospel Acclamation.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

TODAY'S READINGS - Daniel 7:13-14; Apocalypse 1:5-8; John 18:33-37

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

### Parish Office

50 Tennyson St, (PO Box 1816)  
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### Office Hours

9.30am – 2pm  
Tuesday and Wednesday

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### Churches

St Finbarr's 50 Tennyson St, Byron Bay  
St Kevin's Deacon Street, Bangalow

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**Parish Website: <https://byronbayparish.org.au>**

### WEEKDAY MASS

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2024**  
9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

### 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 Mass</b>
6.00pm	9.30 am

**Reconciliation available before  
Sat. Vigil Mass – 5.30pm – 5.50pm and  
before Sunday Mass 9am – 9.20am.**

# 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)  
BSB: 082 489                      BSB: 082 489  
A/C: 172 178 008                 A/C: 172 177 961

*Thank you for your continued  
Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey PP*

**1<sup>st</sup> December  
2024**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in  
Advent  
Year C

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

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

LECTOR/S

Suzanne  
Wallington

June  
Zentveld

MINISTER OF  
COMMUNION

Ann  
McCabe

**NEXT WEEK (1st Sunday of Advent, Year C)**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24;  
1 Thessolonians 3:12 – 4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

## Caritas Australia's Global Gifts are Christmas Cards with purpose!

Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty.



By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card.

View the range of Global Gifts:  
[www.globalgifts.org.au](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)



## Please pray for the Recently Deceased:

Trevor Kendrick, Margaret Lynn, 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

## Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Warren Meanwell, Faith Denholm, Carmel Apps, Joan Hurley, Terry Potts, Hazel Hollands, Bill Woolcott, Vlad Sezemsky, *HM* Queen Elizabeth II, Fr. Vince Doyle, Fr. John Fitzwalter, Vince Boyle, Hazel O'Meara, May Higgins, Stephen Buckley, Carmel McLean, Teresa Pezzutti, Stuart Butler, Ron Maher, Ron Phelps, James Collins, Harvey & Dawn Passfield, Pat, Frances & Stephen Buckley, Max & Clare Moylan, Dianne Holley, Margaret Gill, Fred Higgins, Bill Noonan, Margaret O'Meara

## As a faith community, we pray with our brothers and sisters in their time of need:

Patricia Higgins, Val Meanwell, 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

## CUPPA AFTER MASS - PLEASE JOIN US



- at St Finbarr's Church for a "**Cuppa**"  
after 6pm Mass  
**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2024.**

*Please bring a plate of goodies to share.*  
**All Invited!**

## THE LIGHT.

This beautiful 88-page book of **daily reflections** is designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of 'Advent' (1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2024) through to the 'Baptism of the Lord' (12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invite you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God's presence in the world.



**These booklets are \$5.00 and can be ordered online or through the Parish office. 02 6685 6260.**



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## This Week at St Finbarr's

Last week saw our first Staff v Students soccer clash at St Finbarr's. This was a fundraiser for Socktober raising money for Catholic Missions. It was a day of fun with three teams of students selected to compete against the staff. Thanks to Byron Bay Football Club who donated the shirts for the games. Students from all classes cheered from the sidelines with the teachers running out winners 5-4 with a goal in extra time. Highlights included a star-studded performance from Mr Bermingham and a celebratory front flip from Miss O'Brien. Over \$700 was raised from the game with three soccer balls being raffled. Parents on the sidelines were overjoyed with the spirit and fun of the occasion and it looks like being an annual activity on the school calendar.

Classes are now focusing their attention on preparing for our Christmas Concert on Wednesday 11th December.

**Tim Bleakley**

Principal

*Loving, Growing, Learning for Life.*

## CHRISTMAS LITURGY TIMES

*HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH BYRON BAY / BANGALOW*

### Christmas Eve

St Kevin's 5.30pm  
Bangalow

St Finbarr's 8pm  
Byron Bay



### Christmas Day

St Finbarr's 7.30am  
Byron Bay

St Kevin's 9.30am  
Bangalow



## ADVENT 2024 with The Catholic Guy Bruce Downes Jesus is Coming – Time to Get Ready



Experience the life-changing love of Christ and be strengthened in your faith journey this Advent alongside many people from around the world with The Catholic Guy, Bruce Downes.

- \*Inspiring and transforming talks
- \*Opportunities to pray and reflect
- \*Practical strategies for impactful living
- \*Life-changing encounter with Christ

To help you go deeper in your prayer life and spiritual journey, you are invited to attend the **Advent Mission Event Retreat online**

from 7-9<sup>th</sup> December with unlimited streaming until the end of Advent.

To find out more and register, go to: <https://TheCatholicGuy.com/missionevent>

Register now on the website or for more information, email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

## **Tribunal of the Catholic Church**

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.



For further information please phone the Lismore Office of the Tribunal on **6622 7288** or email [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org)



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The Kingdom of God, God’s Reign in the world, is Jesus’ central and urgent message. In proclaiming the Kingdom, Jesus announces that a new age has come and that the Reign of God is near – underway, but not yet complete. Jesus’ proclamation of the Kingdom was so counter-cultural to those who heard him and witnessed his works that he was put to death on a cross.

Jesus’ Kingship is a reversal of the Kingship of empire building. Instead of striving for power, prestige and privilege, Jesus seeks out ‘*excluded*’ or ‘*forgotten*’ people – for example, the leper, the adulteress, the sinner, the blind, the lame, and the Samaritan; people who were oppressed, put down, voiceless and seen to be worthless in the dominant culture of power, control and position. Jesus turns the lives of these ‘*little ones*’ around, loves them into life, and sets them on new paths of living, loving and relating.

In our time, who are the ‘*excluded*’ and ‘*forgotten*’, the demonised and condemned, the oppressed and abandoned, whom we are called to love into life? Called to love into life with love that affirms their dignity, love that breaks down the barriers of discrimination, love that heals and comforts, and love that is practical and hands on.

This week’s Mass Preface describes Christ’s Kingdom as one of “*truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace.*” Such a Kingdom is not some ‘pie in the sky’ ideal or utopian dream. The Kingdom is a reality which may have small beginnings but has the potential to change the world and the way we live. And each of us has a role to play to bring about this reality wherever and with whom we find ourselves.

*David J Hore CSsR @ Majellan Media 2024*

**NOVEMBER MASSES:**

It is traditional to pray during November for our loved ones and for all who have died.

You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes and place them on the plate.

*Please print names clearly so they can be easily read.*

*All Masses in November will be offered for those on the list.*



During the month of November, remember, support and pray for Christians who suffer persecution for their faith.

**CATENIANS  
MEETING AND DINNER**



**CATENIANS**

Wednesday 4th December

First Wednesday of each month

**Fellowship 6.15pm** – St Joseph’s Staffroom, Alstonville

**Meeting 6:30pm** – St Joseph’s Staffroom, Alstonville

**Dinner 7:00pm** – The Federal Hotel, Alstonville

A network of Catholic men who catch up regularly for dinner and friendship.

For more information or to RSVP - call or email Kurt Challinor

[kurt.challinor@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kurt.challinor@lism.catholic.edu.au) 0417661057



**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.

**Phone (02) 6621 9444**

**email:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au**



**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.



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