



# The Living Spirit

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

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay

St. Kevin's, Bangalow

**The Holy Spirit is in all of us.**

8<sup>th</sup> June, 2025

**Pentecost Sunday, Year C**



Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the events of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered. They were alone, waiting and wondering. Jesus had ascended into heaven. Now, at Pentecost, there was the coming of the Advocate, the Paraclete, as promised by Jesus at the Last Supper before his death.

The Feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

On this day the Church came into being and, gifted with and inspired by the Holy Spirit, it now began its mission to proclaim *"the marvels of God"* (Acts 2:11) to the whole world.

The Book of Acts speaks in dramatic terms of the actual event of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. There was a mighty wind and tongues of fire and, much to everyone's astonishment, suddenly the disciples *"were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech"* (Acts 2:4).

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## Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

***"Lord, send out your Spirit and  
renew the face of the earth."***

## Gospel Acclamation.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your  
faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

TODAY'S READINGS - Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; John 14:15-16, 23-26

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

### Parish Office

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### Office Hours

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### WEEKDAY MASSES

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2025**

9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

*Feast Day: St Anthony of Padua*

### WEEKEND MASSES

**BYRON BAY**

**Saturday 6pm**

**BANGALOW**

**Sunday 9.30am**

St Finbarr's Church

50 Tennyson St

Byron Bay

St Kevin's Church

Deacon St

Bangalow

## 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)

BSB: 082 489

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**2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION:** (Parish)

BSB: 082 489

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*Thank you for your continued  
Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey PP*

**15<sup>th</sup> June  
2025**  
The Most Holy  
Trinity

**St Finbarr's  
Byron Bay**  
**6pm**  
Saturday 14/06/25

**St Kevin's  
Bangalow**  
**9.30am**  
Sunday 15/06/25

LECTOR/S

Ian  
Leggo

Margaret  
Reid

MINISTER OF  
COMMUNION

Geoff  
Gill

### NEXT WEEK

(Trinity Sunday, Year C):

Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5;  
John 16:12-15



## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our candidates  
who have recently received the Sacrament  
of Confirmation. We pray for them, along with their  
parents and sponsors.

*Thank You*

*Additionally, we congratulate and thank all of those  
who helped with the formation of these candidates.*

## Welcome to the Christian Community

Dahlis Blue Barnett

Duke Jett Barnett



## CUPPA AFTER MASS - PLEASE JOIN US



- at St Finbarr's Church for a "**Cuppa**"  
after 6pm Mass **TONIGHT**. **All Invited!**

## CUPPA AFTER MASS - PLEASE JOIN US AT ST KEVIN'S



- for a "**Cuppa**" **TODAY** after 9.30am Mass.  
**All Invited!**



## ROSARY

Friday 8.50am  
St Finbarr's Church  
Byron Bay



## ST. JOHN'S PARISH BRUNSWICK VALLEY WEEKLY MASSES

**OLOL Brunswick Heads**  
5.30pm Thursday

**St John's Mullumbimby**  
8am Sunday

## Please pray for the Recently Deceased:

Fr. Peter Karam, Fr. Kevin Ehlefeldt MSC,  
Carole Drury, **Pope Francis**, Peter Lemon, Eddie  
Phillips, Jeanne Sjoberg, Joan Baker, Bill  
Mitchell, Ann Cash-Huish, Barbara & Mark  
Smith, Trevor Kendrick, Margaret Lynn,  
Malcolm Larkin, Fr. John Kelly, *Cugino* Joe  
Inzitari, Colin Meanwell.

## Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

James Collins, Harvey & Dawn Passfield,  
Margaret O'Meara, Genny Weir, Bill Noonan,  
Fred Higgins, Tristan Ware, John Dynan, Lloyd  
Gilbey, Margaret Gill, Cheryl Meanwell, Tresina  
Calabrese, Kevin McGettigan, Barry Gilbey,  
Monica Brooke, Rita Payne, Stephanie Lemon,  
Domenico & Olympia Rose Stambe, Fr Charles  
Kakumanu & Fr Stephen O'Donnell Tooti Dunn,  
John Zentveld, Carmello Farrugia, Adrian  
Hodson, Eric McGettigan, Deirdre Cox, John  
White, Helen Holland, Agnes Finlay

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

Gordon Elder, Louise Banno, Carmel Mitchell,  
Mary Phelps, Kath Lourey, Matthew O'Sullivan,  
Carmel Kenway, 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



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## This Week at St Finbarr's

*Loving like Jesus. Growing together as friends. Learning for life.*

I had the pleasure of being invited to an award ceremony for the Catholic Schools Maitland- Newcastle Diocese last weekend. It was inspiring to be present at such an auspicious occasion where excellence in education was celebrated and acknowledged. The leadership team of the Catholic Education Office spoke of the commitment of its staff across 58 schools. Common themes such as passion, drive, dedication, inspiration, and the expression 'over and above' were heard throughout the award ceremony. Bishop Michael Kennedy addressed the gathering as did highly respected priests and nuns. The Sisters of St Joseph's Lochinvar also presented an award as recognition of outstanding work in the Diocese. Other awards were presented to teachers who had served over 25 years in the Diocese, outstanding teachers in their first five years of teaching, students who received exemplary results in last years HSC and excellence in leadership, School Support and work in the Catholic School Community. It was interesting to note that in various speeches the famous quote from Mary MacKillop was a motivation for many educators; "Never see a need without doing something about it." It was inspiring to know that outside our own Lismore Diocese we all have the same mission, that of serving others and bringing our students to a richer relationship with Jesus Christ. As educators in Catholic Schools we have the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of our students encouraging a life of gratitude, love and reaching out to those in need.

**Tim Bleakley**

Principal

*Loving, Growing, Learning for Life.*

**THANK YOU** to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving Program. Thank you also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese (1<sup>st</sup> collection). **Sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.** *Fr David Gilbey PP*

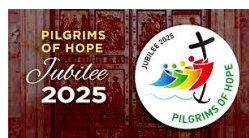
## MID-NORTH COAST FLOOD APPEAL 2025

Severe flooding has once again devastated parts of our Diocese; this time across the Mid North Coast. In response, Bishop Greg has launched an appeal to support those affected by the flooding. Like the 2022 flood appeal, every cent raised will be distributed to those in need.

**How to donate: Individuals can make donations online through the Diocesan website by selecting 'Mid North Coast Flood Appeal' under 'Fund to support': [lismorediocese.org/donations](https://lismorediocese.org/donations).**

All donations over \$2 are tax-deductible.

*Thank you for promoting this appeal and all you do to assist those in our communities suffering from this extraordinary weather event.*



## JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE.

A Jubilee Year, or Holy Year, is traditionally proclaimed every 25 years as a time of grace, forgiveness, and spiritual renewal. It invites the faithful to embark on pilgrimages, seek repentance, forgive others, and deepen their relationship with God.

Rooted in the Hebrew tradition, Jubilees were celebrated every 50 years, marking the freeing of slaves and forgiveness of debts, as described in Leviticus. The first Christian Jubilee was proclaimed by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300, and since then, each Jubilee has been an opportunity for the faithful to experience God's mercy and receive a plenary indulgence.

The 2025 Jubilee, themed "Pilgrims of Hope," begins on 24 December 2024 with the Opening of the Holy Door of Saint Peter's Basilica and officially concludes in Rome on 6 January 2026, the feast of the Epiphany. The faithful are encouraged to embrace this Holy Year by participating in pilgrimages, prayer, eucharistic Adoration, and acts of repentance and charity, drawing closer to the limitless mercy of God.

## DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

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St Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, then reminds us that, as followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit has made a home and dwells in each of us. St Paul describes how this indwelling radically transforms our very identity. It means that we are not just followers of Christ but beloved children of God and, as children, we are heirs! We are heirs with Christ, sharing the blessings of his resurrection.

St Paul urges us to live by the Spirit, for *“everyone who is moved by the Spirit is a son of God”* (Rom 8:14). It is the Spirit in us who teaches us to pray, *“Abba! Father!”*

Today’s readings culminate with a text from John’s Gospel reminding us of the role of the Holy Spirit in our personal daily lives and in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is an advocate who will guide us and remind us of all that Jesus taught. Jesus promises that *“the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you”* (Jn: 14:26).

But John’s Gospel tells us something even more profound when Jesus promises that *“if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him”* (Jn 14:23).

This is grace: it is God, the Trinity of three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, making their home in us, abiding in us, and, little by little, transforming us and conforming us ever more closely into God’s image. Little by little we more clearly see the world and everything in it as God sees it. And the fruit of this grace in our lives is good works ... works for the coming of the Kingdom, works of compassion, hospitality and love.

*Anne Hunt @ Majellan Media 2025*

### **The NSW Child Safe Scheme.**



From 2012 to 2017 the Australian Government held a special inquiry called the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The inquiry looked at cases of child abuse in various institutions across Australia. It found that thousands of organisations had failed to protect children from abuse – or to report it properly when children or others raised concerns or abuse was identified.

The NSW Government responded to the Royal Commission by introducing new laws in February 2022. This was called the NSW Child Safe Scheme. The Scheme aims to make sure that organisations in NSW are doing everything they can to keep children safe from all kinds of abuse, including child sexual abuse – and to know what to do if it does happen.

Under these laws, it is now a mandatory requirement for religious bodies to comply with the Child Safe Scheme if they provide services to children, or if adults have contact with children in their Organisation.

While the Royal Commission looked at historical events, we are aware that child abuse still occurs in organisations, including some faith-based organisations. For this reason, organisations need to remain vigilant and ensure they have systems and strategies in place to prevent, detect and respond effectively to child abuse. This starts with organisations understanding 10 Child Safe Standards and practically applying them in their own settings.

### **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**