



The Living Spirit

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

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay

St. Kevin's, Bangalow

We all have a shared mission.

6th July, 2025
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, C.



Do we think of ourselves as missionaries? Probably not, though occasionally we may hear it said that we all have a vocation, a calling that is not only for priests and other religious. Whatever hesitation we may have, however, at the end of Mass we are asked to spread the word. That is the peace of Christ: it is our mission.

In the gospel Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples in pairs with a message of peace, a message of God's openness and acceptance, which for us all. The harvest is ready but, as with any harvest, the work is to be done now, even if the 'labourers are few.'

Jesus offers the disciples instructions for the dangerous journey ahead: they are to trust in God's love and not be pre-occupied by the little things. Also, they are not to be distracted by chit-chat, but to stay open to God's presence, and to receive the hospitality that's offered to them, and be with the sick, curing them.

Even those who turn away are to be reminded that the kingdom of God is very close. By trusting in what Jesus has to say, God's kingdom of peace and mercy will become a reality, both now and in the future.

Like the disciples, we're to meet people where they are, not simply have them meet us where we are. Unlike a door knocker or street preacher, we are to listen to people and walk with them. In this way, we will come to understand the words of Mother Teresa, "We've forgotten that we belong to one another".

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Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

*"Let all the earth cry out
to God with joy."*

Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

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TODAY'S READINGS - Isaiah 66:10-14; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Friday 11th July, 2025

9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

Feast Day: St Benedict.

WEEKEND MASSES

BYRON BAY **BANGALOW**
Saturday 6pm **Sunday 9.30am**

St Finbarr's Church St Kevin's Church
50 Tennyson St Deacon St
Byron Bay Bangalow

Holy Spirit Parish



Father Tony Hennessy will be looking after the Parish in Father David's absence.

Please 'Welcome' Father Tony this weekend.

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:

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

Fr David Gilbey PP

CUPPA AFTER MASS - PLEASE JOIN US AT ST FINBARR'S



- For a "Cuppa" after 6pm Mass
TONIGHT, 5th July, 2025.
All Invited!

VOCATIONS MINISTRY

Thank you to all who have volunteered as Vocations Prayer Champions.

At 9 am we have 77 people at prayer and at 6pm we have 39 people. You can sign up to be a Vocations Prayer Champion at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au
Pray one glory be, one hail Mary and one Our Father for an increase in priestly vocations.

This month ask someone if they have considered a vocation as a priest, deacon or religious. Ask them to contact Vocations Ministry Lismore via the email above or phone 02 6681 1048.

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

13th July, 2025
15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

St Finbarr's Byron Bay
6pm
Saturday 12/07/25

St Kevin's Bangalow
9.30am
Sunday 13/07/25

LECTOR/S

Ian Leggo

June Zentveld

MINISTER OF COMMUNION

Mary Dynan

NEXT WEEK: (15th Sunday, Year C)
Deut 30:10-14; Psalm 68; Colossians 1:15-20;
Luke 10:25-37

Please pray for the Recently Deceased:

Fr Michael Brady, Gordon Elder, Gloria Kennedy, Kathleen Lourey, Fr. Peter Karam, Fr. Kevin Ehlefeldt MSC, Carole Drury, *Valma Burke, 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

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Roy Putt, Ron Phelps, Colin Meanwell, 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:

Patricia Higgins, Louise Banno, Carmel Mitchell, Mary Phelps, 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.)



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MEET FR. TONY – OR VISITING PRIEST AND PASTORAL SUPPORT.

We *warmly welcome Fr Tony*, a classmate of Fr David and a priest of the Bathurst Diocese, ordained in 1987.

Fr Tony is currently serving as a part-time prison chaplain and relief priest. He is generously assisting our parish with home visits for sick calls, pastoral care, or simply for a friendly chat and a cuppa. He can be contacted directly on 0431 122 361.



We are grateful to have him guiding our parish community over the next month.



This Week at St Finbarr's

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

Last Wednesday, our Finnie's Kindergarten students hosted a beautiful 'Prayers & Teddy Bears' liturgy and picnic that brought together families, faith, and a whole lot of teddy bears.

The celebration began in the classrooms, where students led a thoughtful liturgy focused on the theme of family. It was a truly special moment as our youngest learners shared prayer and reflection with their loved ones.



Following the liturgy, families gathered for a relaxed and joyful afternoon tea, enjoying time together and strengthening the sense of community that is so central to our school.

We extend our sincere thanks to our dedicated Kindergarten teachers and the many families who joined us and helped make this event such a success. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our Catholic faith and the importance of family in a warm and welcoming environment.

Tim Bleakley

Principal

Loving, Growing, Learning for Life.

EMBRACING ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER PEOPLE IN THE LIFE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH A ROADMAP TO WALK TOGETHER.



"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? ...' And the King will reply,

'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:37-40

Lord, we acknowledge our responsibility to care for and bring healing to Country and our nation.

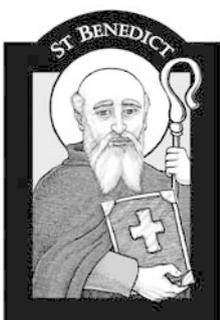
Forgive us for the times when we have failed to do so.

Increase our capacity this NAIDOC Week to humble ourselves and listen afresh to truly hear the voices of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

In Jesus' name we pray,

Amen.

Saint of the Week



Saint Benedict, Abbot

Benedict was born at Nursia in c.480, the brother of St Scholastica. Most of what is known of his life comes from St Gregory the Great's writings. He left his studies in Rome to become a hermit in the mountains near Subiaco, and many followers joined him. It is believed that some monks tried to poison him, possibly out of jealousy or due to his strict discipline. He moved to Monte Cassino, where he completed his Rule; a written guide for those living a monastic life, with a strong emphasis on obedience, moderation and community life. Although Benedict never became a priest or ever intended to found a religious order, his Rule became the fundamental monastic code in Europe into the early middle ages. (Feast Day 11 July)



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As we begin to live like this, we will come to know what Pope Francis called the joy of the gospel. We can be missionaries, he said, if we “*feel happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness*”. This is a challenge for us but, as followers of Jesus, it is what we are called to do.

When the disciples come back overjoyed at what has happened. They are amazed to report that, in his name, the destructive forces have been overcome. They hear Jesus say that even Satan, our accuser, has been overcome, and in the presence of God ‘*nothing will ever hurt you*’. Let us rejoice then, as we begin to open ourselves to God, and realise God is with us.

This joy is at the heart of the First Reading, where the prophet Isaiah says that, on their return from exile, God will comfort his people and give them peace. Then, in the Second Reading, Paul speaks of the peace and mercy that are the fruits of our becoming a ‘*new creature*’ in Christ.

Becoming a ‘*new creature*’ in Christ is a new way of being with one another and with God, so that we might share in the peace of God’s kingdom both now and forever.

Damian Coleridge @ Majellan Media 2025



Office of the Children’s Guardian

Standard 5: People working with children are suitable and supported.

Aim - Organisations attract, recruit, supervise and support staff to keep children safe.

Human resource management including screening, recruitment and performance reviews – plays a vital role in protecting children from harm. Child safe organisations make sure child safety is prioritised when they are selecting and managing staff. They recognise that a verified Working With Children Check (WWCC) is an important step, but that other screening practices must also be used.



Why is this Standard important?

The WWCC is only one tool of many to support organisations in screening potential staff. Screening processes help prevent unsuitable people from being recruited and can discourage them from applying. Ongoing supervision encourages people to follow policies that can reduce the risk of harm to children. Robust human resource management practices ensure that all staff receive ongoing training to effectively perform their role.

What would we expect children to say?

- I feel safe with the adults here.
- Adults show concern for me.
- I’m asked about what kind of staff the organisation should have in it.
- I trust adults here and can talk to them about things that upset me.
- All the adults tell us the same things about how we should behave and how they should behave.



Indicators of success: -

- Staff recruitment and supervision practices prioritise child safety.
- Children are safe around staff.
- Staff have, or are working towards having, suitable skills and experience to work with children.
- Staff attitudes and behaviours create and maintain a child safe culture.
- Staff values align with the organisation’s commitment to child safety.



Safeguarding Office.

The Safeguarding Office is available: to listen to your concerns respectfully, offer support, and provide guidance in embedding Safeguarding Standards.

Phone (02) 6621 9444 email:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



“BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD”
PSALM 46:10

STAND WITH SEMINARIANS IN AREAS OF UNREST

