



# *The Living Spirit*

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

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay



St. Kevin's, Bangalow

*God's fire purifies our hearts.*

17<sup>th</sup> August, 2025  
20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, C.



Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ, What do we expect Jesus to bring into our lives? While we may list many things, we surely hope that our Saviour will bring peace and blessings to every one of us as His disciples and to the world.

We believe that our God is Emmanuel, God with us, and that He is almighty and His love everlasting. We believe that He creates us according to His image and likeness; and that He calls each to grow as a person of faith and into the fullness of our humanity.

Alas, what we see happening in our world today are wars, suffering, ongoing violence, increased injustice, inhumane conditions, and destruction of the environment.

In this week's gospel Jesus' teaching seems not to meet our expectations of peace and joy. Indeed, Jesus' words are rather startling. We hear Jesus say, *"I have come to bring fire to the earth. . . Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division!"* It sounds harsh and it unsettles us. Certainly, we know that Jesus himself experienced antagonism, rejection and a violent death.

The fire that Jesus sets on the earth is a purifying fire. It may indeed cause pain and suffering, as it did for Jesus.

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## Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

*"Lord, come to my aid!"*

## Gospel Acclamation.

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
I know them, and they follow me.

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

TODAY'S READINGS - Jeremiah 38: 4-6, 8-10; Psalm 39; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

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

### Parish Office

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## WEEKDAY MASSES

### ANointing MASS

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2025**

9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

## 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.**
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*Thank you for your continued  
Parish financial support.*

*Fr David Gilbey PP*

## THANK YOU

*Sincere gratitude to all who give to the  
Parish and clergy.      Fr David Gilbey PP*

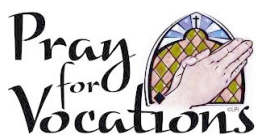


*Please pray for the children of  
Holy Spirit Parish preparing to receive  
their Sacraments;  
that Jesus may continue to be a loving  
presence in their lives.*

## VOCATION MINISTRY:

Our diocese has two young men attending a discernment weekend August 8 -10, for those discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood.

*Please keep them in your prayers.*



If you are wondering if God is calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life please contact the Director of Vocations (02) 66811048 or [vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## 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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**24<sup>th</sup> August,  
2025**  
21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time.

**St Finbarr's  
Byron Bay**  
**6pm**  
Saturday 23/08//25

**St Kevin's  
Bangalow**  
**9.30am**  
Sunday 24/08/25

LECTOR/S

Ann  
McCabe

June  
Zentveld

MINISTER OF  
COMMUNION

Tony  
McCabe

## NEXT WEEK:

(21<sup>st</sup> Sunday, Year C)

Isaiah 66:18-21; Psalm 116; Hebrews 12:5-7,  
11-13; Luke 13:22-30

## Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Patricia Tiernan, Terry Bible, Margaret Hargraves (nee McGettigan), Eris Hackett, Paul Campton, Richard De Leede, 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

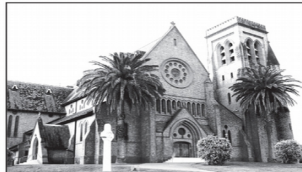
## Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Fr Vince Doyle, Fr John Fitzwalter, Hazel O'Meara, Vince Boyle, Stephen Buckley, Carmel McLean, Teresa Pezzutti, May Higgins, Ron Maher, 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

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

Rhonda Noonan, 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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**ST FINBARR'S**  
Catholic Primary School

## This Week at St Finbarr's

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

Recently we welcomed Jenny Triglone, Ryan O'Connor and Naomi Loader to our school. The team from the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Office headed a review of the Catholic Mission of our school. They spoke to students, staff, parents and our Parish Priest, Fr David and the panel were able to provide positive feedback and suggestions for continuing the important work of promoting our Mission work at St Finbarr's. It was a positive affirmation of the commitment of staff to promote our Catholic Faith and identity within the school.

The second aspect of our school review took place last week. We welcomed a team of experienced educators who spent three days at school looking at Teaching and Learning, Community Partnerships, School Resources, Data Use and our overall plan for continual school improvement. These four yearly school reviews serve as a powerful reflection tool and assists the school in setting goals for future planning.

**Tim Bleakley**

Principal

*Loving, Growing, Learning for Life.*

## 2025 HOLY SPIRIT PARISH

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - TERM 3

#### First Holy Communion: Term 3 Year 4

#### Masses:

Saturday / Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> / 17<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday / Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> August

Saturday / Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> / 31<sup>st</sup> August

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Enrolment Ceremony.

Poster Presentation.

Candles around Altar.

Blessing + Practice after Mass in St Finbarr's Catholic Church, Byron Bay.

**Sacrament of First Holy Communion – 6pm at St Finbarr's Catholic Church, Byron Bay.**



*Please pray for the children of Holy Spirit Parish preparing to receive their First Holy Communion, that Jesus may continue to be a loving presence in their lives.*

**MISSIONARIES OF  
HOPE**

*among all peoples*



On behalf of the Church in Zambia we would like to again thank you for your generosity.

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We are called to live our faith in Jesus Christ, allowing His life to penetrate ours as we continue to witness the gospel, despite whatever difficulties confront us. But Jesus would have us clearly realise that our commitment as His followers will sometimes meet with tension, disagreement, antagonism and even violence. We are to persevere nonetheless, and to hold true and firm to our faith in Jesus and the defence of His teachings.

Jesus continues, *“There is a baptism I must receive and great is my distress till it is over.”* Jesus, having become one like us in all things but sin, knows our human condition very deeply. For love of us and for our salvation, Jesus bore the cross on His shoulders and carried it to His crucifixion, so that we may receive and celebrate new life through His resurrection.

The peace that Jesus wants to share with us is the peace of love coming from God, not like the peace the world offers. It is a peace the world cannot give.

The fire the Lord has brought into the world is the fire that cleanses and purifies us, enabling us to move forward courageously and without fear to share God’s love and peace, despite whatever opposition we may encounter.

Jesus brings the Good News that God is always with us. Saint Paul encourages us, *“Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith.”* So, stay firm in our faith and remain united with the Lord, because hope in the Lord never disappoints us. God bless you all. Amen.

*Redempt Jawa @ Majellan Media 2025*

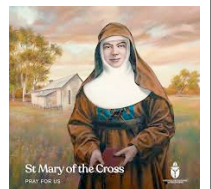
**BEING PILGRIMS OF HOPE IN THE WORLD.**



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop used to say: *‘We are but travellers here.’* For the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis invites us to reflect on what it means to be pilgrims of hope: a people who are not only travellers here but walking in joyful anticipation of *‘the heavenly goal to which we have been called’* (SNC §25).

Pope Francis believes that, in today’s world, hope suffers; that too many people have been robbed by cynicism and despair. During Jubilee 2025, he wants everyone to have *‘an intense experience of the love of God that awakens in hearts the sure hope of salvation in Christ’* (SNC §6).

Only this hope—born from knowing that nothing can separate us from God’s love (Rom 8:35-39)—can breathe life back into weary souls. This hope is not optimism. It is not a forced positivity in the face of hardship and evil. It is a grace from God, a trust in the Lord’s promises: that he is good, that he is merciful, and that we are journeying towards the one who says, *‘Look, I am making everything new’* (Rev 21:5).



**The Jubilee Prayer**

Father in heaven,

may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,

when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Jubilee 2025  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE



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