



The Living Spirit

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

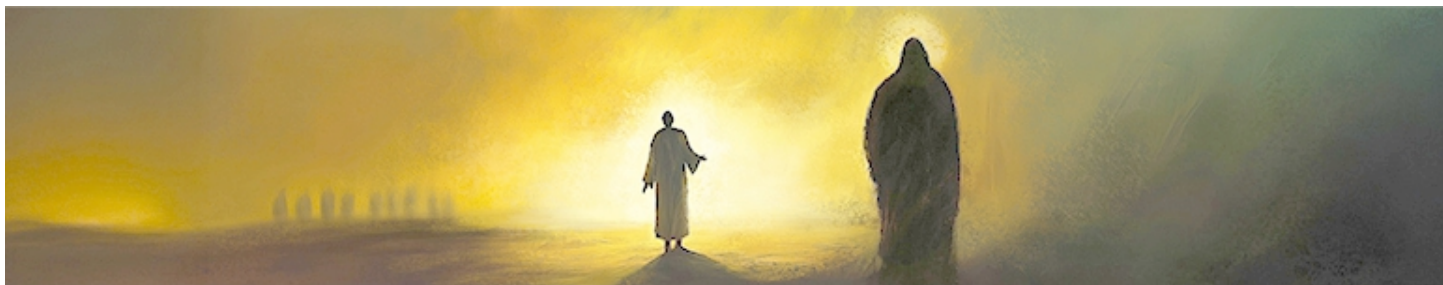
St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay



St. Kevin's, Bangalow

It is a question of manners.

12th October, 2025
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C



How often have you encouraged your young children to say ‘*thank you*’ after they are given something? Saying ‘*thank you*’ is a common courtesy that is used almost without thinking. Yet it’s much more than a courtesy.

When you give your children food or a gift, or do something for them, you do so without question because you love and care for them. Your giving is an expression of your relationship with them.

So too for saying ‘*thank you*’. It is the relationship that is most important. Saying thanks is a personal acknowledgment of what you have done for them, sometimes with considerable effort on your part. Saying ‘*thank you*’ implies that I am not taking for granted what you have done for me. It can be very annoying if we feel others are taking for granted what we do for them.

Even Jesus may have been annoyed with the nine lepers who did not return to say thank you for being cured. The word translated as ‘*lepers*’ does not refer to the disease that is known today as leprosy. It did not exist at that time in Palestine. But the disfiguring skin disease suffered by these 10 people meant they were isolated from their families and communities and could not even approach Jesus. How distressing this must have been for all concerned.

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Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

*“The Lord has revealed to
the nations his saving power.”*

Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia!

TODAY'S READINGS – 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

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Father David Gilbey – Parish Priest

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Friday 17th October, 2025

9.30am St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

Feast Day: St Ignatius of Antioch

WEEKEND MASSES

BYRON BAY

Saturday 6pm

St Finbarr's Church

50 Tennyson St

Byron Bay

BANGALOW

Sunday 9.30am

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:**

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*Thank you for your continued
Parish financial support.
Fr David Gilbey PP*

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



- For a "Cuppa" after 9.30am Mass
TODAY, 12th October, 2025
All Invited!

Welcome to the Christian Community

Naia Sol McAuley-Maya
Ivy Rose McAuley-Maya



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ROSARY

Friday
8.50am
St Finbarr's Church, Byron Bay.



ST. JOHN'S PARISH BRUNSWICK VALLEY

WEEKLY MASSES

LOLO Brunswick Heads **St John's Mullumbimby**
5.30pm Thursday 8am Sunday

**19th October
2025**
29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time.

**St Finbarr's
Byron Bay**
6pm
Saturday 18/10/25

**St Kevin's
Bangalow**
9.30am
Sunday 19/10/25

LECTOR/S

Ann
McCabe

Margaret
Reid

MINISTER OF
COMMUNION

Michael
Harris

NEXT WEEK:

(29th Sunday Ord Time)

Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2;
Luke 18:1-8

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Fr Frank Mulcahy, Peter Grant, 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

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Vlad Sezemsky, Hazel Holland, Josephine
Farrugia, Fr Vince Doyle, 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

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

Angeles and Karla Zalapa, Rhonda Noonan,
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

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 4!

Loving God,
thank You for bringing us safely to Term 4.
Bless our teachers, friends, and families.
Help us to learn well, be kind, and share Your love every day,
as we keep *'loving, growing, and learning for life'*.
Amen.



OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary, a special time to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and reflect on the life of Jesus Christ through prayer. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7 commemorated the Christian victory at the Battle of Lepanto (1571), attributed to Mary's intercession.

All are encouraged to pray the Rosary this month — a powerful prayer for peace and a beautiful way to grow closer to Christ through Mary.

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



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 (1st collection). **Sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.**

Fr David Gilbey PP

PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS 2026

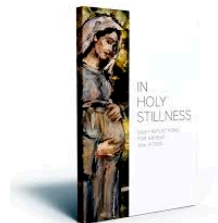
A new prayer resource for Advent 2026 - "IN HOLY STILLNESS"

This year's Advent resource, In Holy Stillness, invites us to pause amid the busy rhythms of our lives and to enter a holy stillness that opens our hearts to God-with-us.

In Holy Stillness is an inspiring Advent resource that will help round out the final weeks of the Jubilee year, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", finishing on 6 January 2026.

PLEASE NOTE - The Parish Office will be placing an order for booklets, the price is \$5.00 each. If you would like to reserve a copy, please write your name on an envelope, place the payment inside, and either put it on the plate or drop it at the office. Payment is required by 20 October.

Otherwise, you can conveniently order booklets online at: evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/.



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Jesus sent all 10 lepers to the Jewish priests, because only after the priests had formally verified they were cured would they be able to return to their homes and families. Soon after setting off to see the priests, they realise they've been cured, but it is only the Samaritan who returns to thank Jesus. This Samaritan must have been doubly isolated, suffering from this disease – being ritually unclean – and belonging to a heretical religion and tribe. Jews were not supposed to have any contact with Samaritans because they had separated from the Jewish people and established their own temple worship.

How excited and overcome with emotion was this Samaritan, *'praising God at the top of his voice'* and throwing himself at the feet of Jesus. The other nine disappeared, but the Samaritan enters into an intense personal relationship with Jesus. Being cured is really a springboard into a deeper relationship.

St Luke is telling us something significant. It is the most excluded and marginalised of the group who responds to Jesus, while the other nine, Jesus' own co-religionists, have taken the gift but ignored the giver.

By thanking God and falling to the ground before Jesus, the Samaritan is relating with God on an entirely new level. He is not only cured but, as Jesus remarks, it is his faith that has saved him.

For us too, saying thanks to God for all the gifts of life and love around us will surely enrich our relationship with God.

Bruce Duncan CSsR @ Majellan Media 2025

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SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING AT ST JOHN'S CHURCH, MULLUMBIMBY.

St John's Parish will be hosting Safeguarding Awareness Training.

Presented by: Lismore Diocese Safeguarding Office

Date: 5 November 2025

Time: 10:00am – 12:00pm



WHY: Bishop encourages all parishioners and volunteers to attend Safeguarding Awareness Training. While it is required for those with a WWCC, all others are warmly encouraged to take part — *because safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.*

We truly appreciate the ongoing support of our parish volunteers, as safeguarding remains a core value in our Diocese. Together, we help ensure a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Safeguarding Office.

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

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