



The Living Spirit

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

St. Finbarr's, Byron Bay



St. Kevin's, Bangalow

No anger, just love.

4th October, 2026
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



A reading from the holy Gospel according to *Matthew 21:33-43*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

TODAY'S READINGS – Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

Today's Liturgy - Psalm Response.

*The vineyard of the Lord is the
House of Israel.*

Gospel Acclamation.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

No anger, just love.

In this week's gospel, Jesus chastises the Chosen People's religious leaders of his day, putting a very sobering message before them.

In the parable, he tells of a landowner who leases his vineyard into the care of tenants. When the harvest had come, he sent his servants to the tenants to claim his due as the landowner. To the landowner's dismay, the murderous tenants kill the servants. The landlord then sends more servants only to have the tenants kill them too.

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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)

BSB: 082 489

A/C: 172 178 008

2nd COLLECTION: (Parish)

BSB: 082 489

A/C: 172 177 961



*Thank you for your continued
Parish financial support.*

Fr David Gilbey PP

**11 October
2026**

**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A**

LECTOR/S

**MINISTER OF
COMMUNION**

**St Finbarr's
Byron Bay**

6.00pm

Saturday
10/10/2026

Michael
Hawton

Tony
McCabe

**St Kevin's
Bangalow**

9.30am

Sunday
11/10/2026

June
Zentveld

NEXT WEEK: (28th Sunday Year A)

25:6-10; Psalm 22; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20;
Matthew 22:1-14

Please Pray for the Recently Deceased.

Patricia Higgins, Brian McGettigan, Shirley Boyle, Carmel Kenway, Frank Hannigan, Ben Callahan, John Weir, Pedro Guterres, Simon Ulyatt, Ella Varcoe, Peter Iverson, Robert McCabe, Louise Banno, George Cox, Narelle King, Sr Berenice Kerr, Sr Frances Kuhn, Ann Steengaard (Gilbey), Yvonne Myskew,

Those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Bill Woolcott, Hazel Hollands, Vlad Sezemsky, Carmelo Farrugia, Hazel O'Meara, Vince Boyle, Stephen Buckley, Carmel McLean, Teresa Pezzutti, May Higgins, Ron Maher, James Collins, Ron Phelps, Harvey & Dawn Passfield, Bill Noonan, Fred Higgins, Margaret O'Meara, Lloyd Gilbey, John Dynan

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

The Conroy family, Angeles and Karla Zapala, Rhonda Noonan, Mary Phelps, Matthew O'Sullivan,
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

Saturday Vigil Mass:

St Finbarr's, Byron Bay 5.15pm - 5.45pm

Sunday:

St Kevin's, Bangalow 10.20am - 10.45am

ST FINBARR'S CHURCH BYRON BAY



LEGION OF MARY

Monday - 10.00am



HOLY SPIRIT PARISH BANGALOW/BYRON BAY WEEKLY MASSES

St Finbarr's, Byron Bay

9.30am Friday
6.00pm Saturday

St Kevin's, Bangalow

9.30am Sunday



ST. JOHN'S PARISH BRUNSWICK VALLEY WEEKLY MASSES

**St John's
Mullumbimby**
8.00am Sunday

**OLOL
Brunswick Heads**
5.30pm Thursday

HOLY SPIRIT PARISH - Father David Gilbey – Parish Priest

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CUPPA AFTER MASS AT BYRON BAY - PLEASE JOIN US

At St Finbarr's Church for a "**Cuppa**" after 6pm Mass **TONIGHT**.

All Invited!



2026 - PUBLIC ROSARY

JOIN US FOR A NATION-WIDE ROSARY CHAIN.

**Saturday 10th October at 11am
BEACHFRONT PARK OPPOSITE
HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH,
LENNOX HEAD. ALL WELCOME**

Shared Lunch will follow the Rosary Crusade. (Shared "treat" plate appreciated.) Bring your Rosaries and bring a fold-up chair if needed, umbrella for sun or rain.

Enquiries: Marie 0409 887 677



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS

2am SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER



catholic mission



Free call: 1800 257 298
catholicmission.org.au/united

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity.

Today, that mission continues in places like Malawi, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children.

In the coming weeks, we will share how the Church is walking alongside these communities, and how you can be part of this living mission of love.

To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united

CURSILLO MOVEMENT INVITATION

DISCOVER CURSILLO

A WEEKEND OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

Are you looking to deepen your relationship with Christ and find a vibrant, supportive faith community?

The **Lismore Diocesan Cursillo Movement** warmly invites men and women across the Diocese to our upcoming 3-day live-in weekend.

When: Thursday evening, 15 October to Sunday evening, 18 October 2026

Where: Marian Valley Retreat Centre

This short, intensive course in Christian living offers a powerful space for personal spiritual renewal, prayer, and fellowship.

For more information, itinerary details, or to book your place, please contact **Joan (President)** on 0413 99 360 or email joanboyle0@gmail.com or **Maxine (Secretary)** on 0429 669 029 or email: mscole945@gmail.com

CUPPA AFTER MASS -

PLEASE JOIN US AT ST KEVIN'S - for a "**Cuppa**" after 9.30am Mass on 11 October, 2026.

All Welcome!



Interest Rate—4.15% (eff 1/8/2026)

For further information and our current interest rate,

please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516



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Finally, the landowner sends his son and heir, thinking that the tenants would surely respect his son, respond appropriately to him, and pay what is due to the son to bring back to the landowner. But the tenants kill the landlord's son, thinking that they would then claim for themselves the inheritance that would have gone to the son.

Jesus, the master teacher, then asks the leaders who are listening to him what they think the landowner will then do. They reply that, of course, the landowner would severely punish the tenants, take the vineyard from them and lease it to new tenants.

We may well be shocked that the father, knowing that many of his servants had already been killed by the tenants, would send his son. But, despite that violent history, he trusts that his son would be safe, and so the son goes without arms, defences or protection, only to be killed.

In Matthew's hand, the parable becomes a story of salvation history. It speaks to us about God's dealings with his Chosen People, Israel. The vineyard is Israel (a familiar image in the Old Testament) and the tenants are the religious leaders of Israel. The servants sent by the landowner are the prophets God sent to Israel, many of whom suffered greatly, some even death. Eventually God did send his only Son and Jesus is rejected and killed. God then extends the Kingdom to the whole world; Gentiles and Jews.

So, what does this parable, focussed as it is on the failures of Israel's religious leaders, mean for us today? It tells us that, no matter the failings or abuses of the leaders of God's people, God's Kingdom will prevail and will be fruitful. Also, that it embraces all humankind, not just a select few, but in fact all creation. It tells us that God's love will not be thwarted, no matter the misuse of privilege, authority and power.

And the cornerstone of the Kingdom is Jesus, the Son, the one who was rejected. Our task, our mission, is to be faithful to Jesus' teaching and fruitful in bringing about the Kingdom in our world, through works of justice, peace, and reconciliation, in love of neighbour, and in care and compassion for the poor, the lonely, and the marginalised. The letter to the Philippians assures us: Do not worry about anything. Keep on doing the things of the Kingdom ... and the God of peace will be with us.

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ASPIRE - YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Join Bishop Greg, OCD, for young adult spiritual formation.

Dates: Monday 12 October & Tuesday 24 November

Time: 5:30pm – 6:30pm

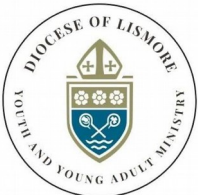
Venue: Darcy Room (at the back of St Carthages Cathedral)

Unable to attend in person? Join via Zoom.

Zoom ID: 260 411 8529

Password: ASPIRE

For more information, contact Sr Di, CM, on 0434 772 867 or email [dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au] (mailto:dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au).



Prayer for Priests

Lord, We pray that the Blessed Mother wrap her mantle around your priests and through her intercession strengthen them for their ministry.

We pray that Mary will guide your Priests to follow her own words, 'Do whatever He tells you' (Jn 2:5)

May your priests have the heart of St. Joseph, Mary's most chaste spouse.

May the Blessed Mother's own pierced heart inspire them to embrace all who suffer at the foot of the cross.

May your priests be holy, filled with the fire of your love seeking nothing but your greater glory and the salvation of souls. Amen.



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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