



BALLINA & LENNOX HEAD ANGLICANS

An inclusive Christ-centred community, growing in our
relationship with God and the wider community

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bundjalung nation,
and pay respects to their elders past and present.

ALL SAINTS 1 NOVEMBER 2020

Pastoral message from the Rector

There is a hymn in our hymn book which starts, “For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who to the world their Lord by faith confessed.” I love the imagery of this hymn as it portrays for me those who have been faithful in their service of God, and who have put God first above all else, including themselves, and now enjoy eternal rest in God’s presence. I love to sing this hymn, especially on All Saints Day, as it has such an uplifting tune and ends each verse with a rousing ‘Alleluia’. It is a real hymn of celebration.

In the Anglican tradition, we don’t canonise people as saints, but we do acknowledge and celebrate those who have been elevated to this high calling. We often name our church buildings and schools after them and we sometimes even give our children their names. In my family there is a Timothy, a Matthew, and an Andrew, all who are prominent saints in the Bible. Perhaps my parents were drawn to these names after reading about them in the scriptures. Whatever the reason for choosing them for three of their children, I am certainly proud to share the name of a saint, although I acknowledge he is one I can only try and emulate.

All Saints Day is a day when we can acknowledge and celebrate all holy men and women throughout the ages. Many of these people were never canonised as saints but lived holy and faithful lives. Each in their own way has left a legacy for us to follow. I am also greatly encouraged by the fact that many of these holy men and women, including the saints, also made mistakes. If we read about them, we can discover that they were totally human and therefore fallible. However, our merciful God was very forgiving and enabled them to do great things.

In our prayer of the day today we ask God to grant that we may serve God faithfully on earth, and in heaven, rejoice with all God’s saints. How are you serving God? I think this is a good question to ponder as we celebrate all those who have served faithfully before us.

Every blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew', with a stylized flourish above the name.

Matthew

Birthdays: Stephen McQueen, Geoff Finlay, Colin Dagg, Felicity Schulz, Paloma Di Dia, and Matthew Jones.

Anniversaries: John Phillips & Anne Marie Troutman, and Gordon & Marie Jarrett.

Bishop Murray Visit 1 November Bishop Murray will be visiting for his pastoral visit on Sunday 1 November 2020, celebrating the Feast of All Saints. There will be one service only in the parish on that day at 9.00am at St Mary's, Ballina. There will be no service on that day at St John the Baptist at Lennox Head. We can accommodate 100 people at St Mary's so hopefully we can have a large congregation to celebrate with our Bishop.

Faithfulness In Service Workshops: Thursday 5 November: 10am to 12 noon; Friday 6 November: 1-3pm; Saturday 7 November: 1-3pm. The workshops will be held in the Admin/hall with a maximum attendance at each workshop of 16. Registration: Phone Parish Office 02 6686 2094 by COB Tues 3 November. John Bryen

Ballina Christian Education Committee (BCEC) and Ritchies IGA If you want to support BCEC here is one very simple way to do it. Ritchies IGA has recently launched its new IGA Card to celebrate 150 years of service to the community. Now is the time to sign up with their online app. and nominate BCEC (formerly BSREA) as the Beneficiary. They give 0.5% of sales to nominated community groups. Every little bit helps - Consider making BCEC your choice!

Coffee & Chat will meet again Thursday 5 November 10.30am at The Gallery Café, 46 Cherry St. To ensure a seat is booked for you, please let Kerry Johnston know that you are coming on 0407 257 129 by 2pm Wednesday.

Do you have photos of some of the things that have been different about this year? We are hoping to have a vision of the strange year that was for this year's Annual Report, so if you have anything that reflects Parish life since January can you please send it to Cathie at office@anglicanballina.com.au, or if you bring it in she can scan it and return it to you?

Angel Tree- A Prison Fellowship Ministry Due to COVID-19 restrictions, Parish Council has made the decision to support Angel Tree in a different way this year. Angel Tree Ministry provides people with the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parent is in prison. In previous years, our parishioners have supported this very generously, often providing more than 70 gifts per year. To ensure we can keep our parishioners as safe as possible, but also in the hope that we can still provide generously for these children, Parish Council is asking parishioners not to shop for presents this year but rather to consider making a donation to Prison Fellowship during the month of October. This will allow that agency to buy the gifts and deliver them to the relevant families in time for Christmas. The recommended value of a gift is \$30. Donations are also most welcome to assist with postage costs.

There are several ways to give:

1. Place your donation in the Sunday offertory, either in the mission side of the envelope or in a separate envelope labelled Angel Tree.
2. Drop it in to the Parish Office.
3. Make a direct transfer to the Parish Account using "Angel Tree" as a reference. BSB 705077 Account 00040134 Ballina Anglican Parish.

Wearing of Face Masks Bishop Murray has advised of an update from NSW Health, who now only recommend masks where social distancing is not possible (e.g. public transport). The Minister and his medical advisor have both agreed that if congregational members are physically spaced at 1.5m, with no singing of course, then the risk of infection is so minimal, that the wearing of masks need no longer apply. Of course, some may wish to continue to wear masks to exercise caution and to show love to others. We should not discourage them, The Archbishop of Sydney continues to liaise on our behalf with Ministers and senior Health Department Advisers.

Financial Giving to the Parish

Whilst the Op Shop with successful trading during the COVID pandemic has been able to catch up on its budgeted transfers to the Parish funds there is still a shortfall in offertory giving, a major source of funds required to run the Parish.

You are encouraged to support the Parish through regular giving in one of the following ways:

Direct deposits through AfGD (Anglican funds Grafton Diocese) known as Parish Provider: Application Form is available from the Parish Administration Office. Complete and post it to: PO Box 4, Grafton NSW 2460; alternatively scan or photo the completed form and send it as an attachment to AfGD email address: office@afgd.com.au ; or

Direct deposit to the Parish of Ballina Working Account: this method enables you to use your bank to electronically direct transfer funds into the following account.

Account: Parish of Ballina Working Account: *BSB:* 705-077 *Account Number:* 00040134.

Use Reference: Offering; or

At Sunday Services: there is a box set aside for giving at St Mary's and St John the Baptist if you are attending Sunday worship and wish to give this way; or

At the Admin Office: giving by cash or EFTPOS can also be processed at the Admin Office during the week from 9.00am to 3:00pm.

Thank you.

Hugh McIntosh - Parish Treasurer

Special COVID-19 Appeal To help maintain Parish ministry and the jobs of paid churchworkers through this crisis, the Diocese has opened a special appeal. Contributions to this fund will go first to maintaining paid roles of churchworkers across the Diocese, whether located in Parishes, the Registry or special ministries such as chaplaincies. Click here to find out more and learn about ways to donate: [The Anglican Diocese of Grafton COVID-19 Support Fund](#)

PACT Prayer Loving God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life. Thank you for your unfailing love for us, your blessings and faithfulness, which guide us, and see us through times of uncertainty and sadness. We pray for the young people still undergoing HSC examinations in the coming weeks that they will trust that your loving hand will hold them and lead them into a bright future. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflection

In Matthew's Gospel significant events in Jesus' life occur on mountains, his temptation, the feeding of the 4 000, the Transfiguration, his arrest, and his final commissioning of his followers. Today we remember the countless unrecognised saints who lived out the life of faith in Jesus and many of whom gave their lives for him.

We give thanks for the unbroken chain of Christian saints through the ages without whose witness we would not experience the grace of Christ.

- May God help us to examine our lives and be inspired by the saints in more closely following our Lord. Amen.
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Church of the Province of Myanmar.

The Very Rev Phillip Saunders, Dean of Canberra and Goulburn
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Thought for the Week from Mothers Union Australia

International issues

He's got the whole world in his hands. This notion of theological genius is expounded in the Hebrew scriptures and was confirmed by the inclusive ministry of Jesus Christ. His hands reached out to heal and embrace any who came to him. His voice called out to the dispossessed, the outcasts from his own society and culture. May we also have a **wide** vision of our Christian responsibility.

He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. Isaiah 2:4

The central opening of *Families Worldwide* has a map of the world flagging 4 million members around the world. The majority of countries once belonged to the British Empire. Out of God's great mercy the colonial past has been (in part) reborn under the tender care and encouragement of Mothers' Union and its foundation in prayer.

EAC Prayer Points

It's Week Four already...and our students are fully in the swing of the final term for 2020. We pray for:

- our year 7 - 10 students who are in the midst of their assessment period;
- our First Lego League team competing this weekend;
- Primary and Secondary Chapel, and our preparations for NAIDOC week;
- our HSC students, this week thinking especially of those doing the following exams: Business Studies, History Extensions, Industrial Technology, Physics, Hospitality.



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“COUCH CHURCH”: WORSHIPPING GOD AT HOME

1 NOVEMBER 2020

ALL SAINTS

Don't forget to click on the link in your email to watch this service online.

Call to Worship

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
into one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son.
Give us grace to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come to those unspeakable joys
which you have prepared for those who unfeignedly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer for the 1549 Book of Common Prayer;
based on Ephesians 4.11-13

Hymn: For All the Saints

For all the saints who showed your love;
in how they lived and where they moved,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and saw your kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

J. Bell

Gathering Prayer:

Jesus, remembered on the mountainside,
teaching the people near you as you looked beyond to a world of need,
help us to hear your call today.
Turn us outwards, beyond ourselves,
help us to see as clearly as you do the needs that we could meet.
Stir in us a hunger and thirst for justice to be done,
and a readiness to live simply that others may simply live.
Grant us courage to face the bitterness, resentment and misunderstanding

that can come with following you.
Inspire us to be heralds of your kingdom
following the example of your blessed saints,
for the sake of the God who accepts us and grants us life in its fullness.
Amen.

Confession:

With a great cloud of witnesses around us,
we try to run the race that lies ahead.
Help us, God of truth, to lay aside every weight
and the sin that restricts our movement.
Forgive us for the times we have failed to clothe ourselves in love
and enable us to fix our eyes on Jesus,
in whom we have found our hope.
Amen.

Absolution

Sentence:

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:10

Prayer of the Day:

Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love:
grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven
rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Revelation 7:9-17

I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm 34:1-8

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

I will bless the Lord at all times,
with praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and was answered;
from my terrors God set me free.

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

Look towards the Lord and shine in light;
let your faces be not ashamed.
When the poor cry out the Lord hears them
and rescues them from all their distress.

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere God.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

***Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord;
taste and see the goodness of the Lord.***

Response: Christopher Willcock (1947 -)
TiS 22

1 John 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hymn: Sometimes a Healing Word is Comfort

Sometimes a healing word is comfort:
easing the grieved or anxious heart,
giving assurance of our caring,
treasuring each and every part.

***Refrain: Come, break the silence!
Let us tell
the Word that makes us
free and well.***

Sometimes a healing word remembers:
calling up days of joy or pain,
letting the past renew the present,
till hope can mend and move again.

***Refrain: Come, break the silence!
Let us tell
the Word that makes us
free and well.***

Sometimes a healing word is angry:
giving a name to discontent,
shining a light on sin and grievance,
calling a people to repent.

*Refrain: Come, break the silence!
Let us tell
the Word that makes us
free and well.*

Sometimes a healing word takes chances:
going where no one yet has been,
facing the dangers of the desert,
hoping for shelter at the inn.

*Refrain: Come, break the silence!
Let us tell
the Word that makes us
free and well.*

Sometimes a healing word will listen:
hearing the voiceless into speech,
letting the pattern of the story
move us to learn what it can teach.

*Refrain: Come, break the silence!
Let us tell
the Word that makes us
free and well.*

Patrick Michaels (1954 -)
TIS 692

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

TiS 51

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Matthew 5: 1-12 (NRSV)

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith:

We believe in one God,
who made and loves all that is.
We believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was born, lived, died and rose again
and is coming to call all to account.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,
and brings all things to their true end.
This is our faith, the faith of the Church:
We believe in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Intercessions:

Let us pray in communion with all the saints on earth and in heaven, with the martyrs and the faithful of all ages. Let us pray to our Lord Jesus Christ, who has conquered death.

Jesus, you bless the hungry.

May we hunger and thirst for justice as we serve you in this life;
and grant us a seat, with all your saints, at the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, you bless the persecuted.

We pray for all those who are persecuted for their faith.

We pray also for the ones who persecute and who curse your saints,
the ones who call themselves your enemies.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, you bless the poor in spirit.

Heal those who are suffering in spirit, mind or body.

Help us to be instruments of your healing.

We remember especially those who have asked for prayer for healing: Ria Mars, Joy Swinbourne, Malcolm Streher, Josh Stanley, Margaret Waller, , Lynda Garde, Rachael Hampton, Alton and Ros Rowe, Karen and Ben Shaw, Ron Roder, Rose Fox, Alex Arrighi, Gerri White's granddaughter, and Joan Knapp.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, you bless those who mourn.

Pour out your Spirit on those who see only darkness.

Give comfort to all who grieve the loss of a loved one.

Give peace to those who grieve the loss of work or financial security.

Give hope to those who grieve at the uncertainties of life.

Hear us, risen Lord, **our resurrection and our life.**

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn: Lord of Creation, To You Be All Praise

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!
most mighty your working, most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow (1882-1974)
TIS 626

Sending Out Prayer:

Almighty and everlasting God,
who enkindles the flame of your love in the hearts of the saints,
grant unto us the same faith and power of love;
that as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may profit by their examples.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

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