



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.

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 18 OCTOBER 2020

Pastoral message from the Rector

Have you ever been engaged in a conversation with someone who seemed to be saying things in a sincere way, but something didn't quite feel right, and you suspected they may have had an ulterior motive? Well, this is what happened in today's Gospel reading.

The Pharisees approached Jesus and made all the right sorts of platitudes about him when they said, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality." However, Jesus knew that they were only paying him lip service and that they were not genuine in their accolades. Jesus knew that they were trying to entrap him, and he responded by calling them hypocrites. Jesus knew their true motives.

Unlike Jesus, I often do not know the true motives of some of the people I engage with and I find it very disturbing when I get that feeling of distrust. I am not really sure where it comes from, perhaps some type of discernment from God, but when it happens, I find it very disturbing. However, I think we should always recognise the true reactions of our physical, spiritual and emotional selves in every situation and explore why we are feeling what we are feeling.

I think children and animals are particularly good at this. Children will run to someone they feel really safe with and will hold back from people they are unsure about. Animals will follow a familiar person but shy away from strangers. The story of the good shepherd is a great example of this where the sheep follow the familiar shepherd but will not follow the stranger.

Next time you get a feeling of unease in a situation can I encourage you to dig a bit deeper. It may be that your sense of discernment is kicking in and I believe it serves us well not to ignore it. There are many people in our world pretending to be sincere and genuine, when in fact they are actually trying to scam people. Many people get caught in these scams and the results are usually very distressing. If all people acted honestly and with integrity, then we would not have to be alert, but sadly that is not how some people behave. May today's Gospel be a reminder that some people's words and motives are not always what they seem and may we allow our God given senses to guide us.

Every blessing

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew', written in a cursive style.

Matthew

Birthdays: Robert Gaiter

Anniversaries: Ray & Grace Black.

Coffee & Chat will meet again Thursday 22 October 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?

Prayer for the Ordination to the Diaconate of Kassimiro Yanga 18 October, and David Brown and Aaron Coates 20 October.

Lord Jesus Christ,
though you are rich, for our sake you became poor.
Taking the form of a servant, you humbled yourself,
and gave your life a ransom for many.
Send your blessing on those called to be deacons,
that they may have grace and power
to serve as your ambassadors,
to stand beside the poor and raise up the needy,
and so proclaim your gospel of salvation in word and deed.
May they be patient and loving, strong and steadfast,
running to the end the race set before them,
to receive your promised crown of glory. **Amen.**

Ordination Service for David Brown and Aaron Coates Tuesday 20 October 6pm St Mary's Ballina

Everyone is invited to attend David and Aaron's ordination service. We are limited to 100 in the building and as this is a Diocesan event, we will have people attending from other parts of the Diocese. It is essential that people book in to secure a seat for this service so please register with Cathie in the Parish Office asap by email to office@anglicanballina.com.au or by phoning 6686 2094. Please keep David and Aaron in your prayers as they prepare for their ordination as a Deacon.

BCA Boxes that were handed in for March counting are available for collection from the foyer of St Mary's if you are attending Church or from the Parish Office. If you did not hand your box in and would like it counted now please bring it to church on Sunday or hand it in at the office. Boxes will be returned more promptly this time.

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.

Little Brothers Jams have been dropped off and are available for purchase through the Parish Office during the week.

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.

Wearing of Face Masks As expected, the advice from the NSW Chief Health Officer Dr Kerry Chant (dated Sunday 2 August) is now specifically recommending the wearing of face masks in NSW during attendance at Places of Worship. Wearing a mask in this setting is not mandatory but it is highly recommended. Given that it is highly recommended Bishop Murray has suggested that face masks should be worn by all those attending a place of worship for the purpose of worship or other group activities. This applies to ministers, worshippers, staff, volunteers, contractors or visitors, where there may be other people present; remembering that they are mainly intended to protect other people, not the wearer, from COVID-19 and that they are not a replacement for physical distancing and regular hand washing. Our recent Synod recommended that we continue to encourage the use of face masks at worship.

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 Holy Lord, we give glory to you knowing you created the amazing world in which we live. You are a just and fair Lord. You promise to go ahead of us through life when we place our trust in you because you want us to be our best selves. Bring us through the troubles we face and help us to honour you by being good stewards of all you have provided. Amen.

ABM Pew Reflection This Gospel reading contains the last of the challenges to Jesus by Jewish leaders. Firstly the Pharisees - educators of the common people in the Law. secondly the Herodians supporters of the royal family of Herod and close allies of the Romans and thirdly the Sadducees - keepers of the temple and powerful collaborators with the Romans; all approach Jesus to trip him up and all fail. This section ends with astonishment of the crowd. Jesus shows himself again as the authoritative interpreter of Scripture.

- Give us grace to study the Scriptures that Jesus loved. Help us to recognise your wisdom in their pages. .
- Give thanks for the work and witness of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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

Deprivation

Hope must surely be the ultimate deprivation: no hope for the future, no assurance of love, friendship, or fulfilling relationships and no resurrection hope. Life in these circumstances breeds mindless shopping at best and destruction of others' lives at worst. St Paul wrote that 'by hope

were we saved', and so, if saved, let us bring to mind's eye and heart's care all those deprived of hope. May we rise to any opportunity to provide help and hope.

Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to do it. Do not say to your neighbour, "Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give it", when you have it with you. Proverbs 3: 27-28

Female prisoners in Durham were lacking direction and hope. The local Mothers' Union were approached by the prison warden and members set up a MU branch there. With backing from the prison chaplain, they meet monthly and have gathered 15 new members. Their unconditional love and concern have given the women hope for the future.

EAC Prayer Points

Week Two of our final term for 2020 already and it is straight into action. We pray for all that is happening at the College:

- Primary Intensive Swimming lessons;
- Yr 11 hospitality students on their placements;
- Yr 11 parent-teacher interviews and HSC information evening
- the Southern Cross University Education students doing their placement with us; and
- HSC exams this week - English, Ancient History, Japanese, Economics.

Ordination of Deacons
Diocese of Grafton

18 October 6.00pm, St John's Coffs Harbour: Kassimiro Yanga
To book phone 0266514700 or email stjohnscoffs@bigpond.com

20 October 6.00pm, St Mary's Ballina: Aaron Coates and David Brown
To book phone 0266862094 or email office@anglicanballina.com.au

and on a date to be announced due to COVID-19 Border Restrictions
Grafton Cathedral: Grant Sparks

Due to COVID-19 restrictions please book with the venue before attending

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“COUCH CHURCH”: WORSHIPPING GOD AT HOME

18 OCTOBER 2020

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord, and praise him,
proclaim his glory to all the world,
for the Lord is great and highly to be praised.
Sing to the Lord, sing a new song to the Lord.
Amen.

Hymn: As a Chalice Cast of Gold

As a chalice cast of gold,
burnished bright and brimmed with wine,
make me, Lord, as fit to hold
grace and truth and love divine.
Let my praise and worship start
with the cleansing of my heart.

Save me from the soothing sin
of the empty cultic deed
and the pious, babbling din
of the claimed but un-lived creed.
Let my actions, Lord, express
what my tongue and lips profess.

When I bend upon my knees,
clasp my hands or bow my head,
let my spoken, public pleas
be directly, simply said,
free of tangled words that mask
what my soul would plainly ask.

When I dance or chant your praise,
when I sing a psalm or hymn,
when I preach your loving ways,
let my heart add its amen.
Let each cherished, outward rite
thus reflect your inward light.

Thomas Henry Troeger (1945 -)
TiS 476

Gathering Prayer:

May the grace of God be among us,
and the peace of God be on our hearts.
Amen.

Confession:

We confess before you, O God, that we are not always a good example of what it is to be a Christian.
We do not feel worthy that others should follow us. And yet, Lord, you encourage us to share your

love and reveal your truth and lead others to you. We confess that we fail, and we are sorry. We confess our inadequacies and carelessness in standing up for what is right against what is wrong. Forgive us, Lord, and guide us in the ways of truth and justice. We want to be a good example, a shining example of what it means to be a Christian, a follower of Jesus.

Amen.

Absolution

Sentence:

Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.

Matthew 22.21

Prayer of the Day:

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations:
grant that your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith
in proclaiming the cross to be the way that leads to eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Readings:

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight.' Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Psalm 99

Response: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory over all the earth be found.

The Lord is king, let the nations tremble:

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake.

The Lord is great in Zion:

he is high above all nations.

Let them praise your great and terrible name:

for holy is the Lord.

Response:

The Mighty One is king and loves justice:
you have established equity,
you have dealt righteousness and justice in Jacob.
O exalt the Lord our God:
and bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Response:

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name:
they called to the Lord and he answered.
He spoke to them from the pillar of cloud:
they kept to his teachings
and the law that he gave them.
You answered them, O Lord our God:
you were a forgiving God to them
and pardoned their wrong doing.

Response:

Response: USA United Methodist Liturgical Psalter (1989)
TiS 58

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

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

TiS 702

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. The same day some Sadducees came to him, saying there is no resurrection; and they asked him a question, saying, "Teacher, Moses said, 'If a man dies childless, his brother shall marry the widow, and raise up children for his brother.' Now there were seven brothers among us; the first married, and died childless, leaving the widow to his brother. The second did the same, so also the third, down to the seventh. Last of all, the woman herself died. In the resurrection, then, whose wife of the seven will she be? For all of them had married her." Jesus answered them, "You are wrong, because you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God. For in the resurrection they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the resurrection of the dead, have you not read what was said to you by God, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? He is God not of the dead, but of the living." And when the crowd heard it, they were astounded at his teaching.

Matthew 22: 15-23 (NRSV)

Sermon

Hymn: If We Have Died to Ourselves in Jesus

*Refrain: If we have died to ourselves in Jesus,
then we shall arise to new life in him.
Alleluia, alleluia!*

We are fire and water,
we are symbol and sign of grace,
we are the mystery,
we are the image of God's own face.

Refrain:

In the water we seek him,
in the well-spring of all that lives;
all who are thirsty,
come and be filled with the life he gives.

Refrain:

In the fire we seek him,
in the hungers and pains we bear,
hope for the hopeless,
gently revealed in the love we share.

Refrain:

In our dying and rising,
we shall follow where he has gone,
pilgrims and lover,
he is our story and he our song.

Refrain:

Flowing out of the desert,
rolling down from the mountainside,
up from within you,
water of newness and life eternal.

Refrain:

Raining down from the heavens,
springing up from the driest earth,
simple and holy,
water of love and life eternal.

Refrain:

Gift of love and of mercy,
given freely to all who thirst,
gentle and yielding,
water of grace and life eternal.

*Refrain: If we have died to ourselves in Jesus
then we shall arise to new life in him.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!*

Nicene Creed:

WE BELIEVE in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin
Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver
of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and
apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the
forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions:

Creator God, whose image is stamped in each of us, may we offer ourselves in your service, wherever and whenever you call. Hear the prayers we offer for your world and for your Church. We give you thanks that St. Francis answered your call to care for your world and to bring your love and forgiveness to the outcast and the poor. We pray for the hungry, the outcast and homeless. May we offer ourselves to care for your world and its people.

Creator God, **may we answer your call.**

We give you thanks that Mary Magdalene answered your call to tell the news that Jesus had risen. We seek your blessing upon the candidates who are preparing to be ordained deacons, taking your good news into the world. May we offer ourselves to live and share your good news in our community.

Creator God, **may we answer your call.**

We give thanks for all those who have answered your call to bring healing to those who are sick in body, mind and spirit. We give thanks for the faithfulness of our doctors and nurses as they care for the sick. We bring before you those of this parish who have asked for healing prayer. May we offer ourselves to be bringers of your healing love. We remember especially those who have asked to be listed in our bulletin: Ria Mars, Joy Swinbourne, Lucy van Eck, Norma Meehan, Malcolm Streher, Josh Stanley, Bonnie Kerkenezov, Margaret Leadbeatter, Margaret Waller, Maureen Colburt, Lynda Garde, Rachael Hampton, Alton and Ros Rowe, Karen and Ben Shaw, Pauline Suffolk, Ron Roder, Rose Fox, Maisie Stratton, and Alex Arrighi.

Creator God, **may we answer your call.**

We remember and give thanks for all in every generation who have offered themselves in your service. We give thanks especially for your good and faithful servant, Neil Maclean, who answered your call in this life, and has entered into everlasting life with you.

Creator God, **may we answer your call.**

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: O Lord of Every Shining Constellation

O Lord of every shining constellation,
that wheels in splendour through the midnight sky,
grant us your Spirit's true illumination
to read the secrets of your work on high.

You, Lord, have made the atom's hidden forces,
your laws its mighty energies fulfil;
teach us, to whom you give such rich resources,
in all we use, to serve your holy will.

O life, awaking life in cell and tissue,
from flower to bird, from beast to human brain,
O help us trace, from birth to final issue,
the sure unfolding of your ageless plan.

You, Lord, have stamped your image on your creatures
and, though they marred that image, love them still;
uplift our eyes to Christ, that in his features
we may discern the beauty of your will.

Great Lord of nature, shaping and renewing,
who made us more than nature's heirs to be,
help us to tread, with grace our souls enduing,
the road to life and immortality.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901 – 84)
TIS 157

Sending Out Prayer:

Into a world of confusion and disbelief,
into a world of welcome and rejection,
we take the grace of God that has been among us,
and the peace of God that has been on our hearts.
Amen.

Blessing

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