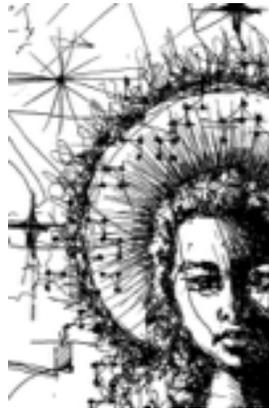


THIS WEEK: 18 – 25 March

Monday	18 March	<i>Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop & teacher (d. 386)</i> Family Violence Working Conference, Sydney
Tuesday	19 March	Family Violence Working Conference, Sydney
Wednesday	20 March	<i>Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Eucharist 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	21 March	<i>Thomas Cranmer, archbishop of Canterbury, martyr & liturgist (d. 1556)</i> 9:00am Morning Prayer 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Friday	22 March	<i>Thomas Ken, bishop of Bath & Wells, teacher (d. 1711)</i> 9:00am Morning Prayer
Sunday	24 March	7:30am Lent Study, Bangalow 9:00am Eucharist, Bangalow

*Christ our true mother,
you have carried us within you,
laboured with us,
and brought us forth to bliss.
Enclose us in your care,
that in stumbling we may not fall,
nor be overcome by evil,
but know that all shall be well, Amen.*



Janet Morley



Bangalow Anglican Church

SERVICE TIMES

Bangalow		
Sunday	9.00am	Eucharist
Wednesday	10.00am	Eucharist
Eureka	1 st Sunday	11.00am

PARISH GOALS

- to pursue a social justice agenda
- to offer hospitality
- to support the spread of the Gospel in schools
- to maintain environmental care

THIS SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2019 – LENT 2

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:7-4:1; Luke 13:31-35.

NEXT SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019 – LENT 3

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-9; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Luke 13:1-9.



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Second Sunday in Lent – 17 March 2019

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge the **Bundjalung Nation**, traditional custodians of this land.

'Justus quidem tu es, Domine, si disputem tecum; verumtamen justa loquar ad te: Quare via impiorum prosperatur?' Etc.

Thou art indeed just, Lord, if I contend
With thee; but, sir, so what I plead is just.
Why do sinners' ways prosper? and why must
Disappointment all I endeavour end?

Wert thou my enemy, O thou my friend,
How wouldst thou worse, I wonder, than thou dost
Defeat, thwart me? Oh, the sots and thralls of lust
Do in spare hours more thrive than I that spend,
Sir, life upon thy cause. See, banks and brakes
Now, leaved how thick! laced they are again
With fretty chervil, look, and fresh wind shakes
Them; birds build – but not I build; no, but strain,
Time's eunuch, and not breed one work that wakes.
Mine, O thou lord of life, send my roots rain.

Gerard Manley Hopkins



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Our true mother

We know that our mothers only bring us into the world to suffer and die, but our true mother, Jesus, he who is all love, bears us into joy and eternal life; blessed may he be! So he sustains us within himself in love and was in labour for the full time until he suffered the sharpest pangs and the most grievous sufferings that ever were or shall be, and at the last he died. And when it was finished and he had born us to bliss, even this could not fully satisfy his marvellous love; and that he showed in these high surpassing words of love, "If I could suffer more, I would suffer more."

He could not die any more, but he would not stop working. So next he had to feed us, for a mother's dear love has made him our debtor. The mother can give her child her milk to suck, but our dear mother Jesus can feed us with himself, and he does so most generously and most tenderly with the holy sacrament which is the precious food of life itself. And with all the sweet sacraments he sustains us most mercifully and most graciously. And this is what he meant in those blessed words when he said, "It is I that Holy Church preaches and teaches to you," that is to say, "All the health and life of the sacraments, all the power and grace of my word, all the goodness which is ordained in Holy Church for you, it is I."

The mother can lay the child tenderly to her breast, but our tender mother Jesus, he can familiarly lead us into his blessed breast through his sweet open side, and show within part of the Godhead and the joys of heaven, with spiritual certainty of endless bliss; and that was shown in the tenth revelation, giving the same understanding in the sweet words where he says, "Look how I love you," looking into his side and rejoicing. This fair, lovely word "mother," it is so sweet and so tender in itself that it cannot truly be said of any but of him, and of her who is the true mother of him and of everyone. To the nature of motherhood belong tender love, wisdom and knowledge, and it is good, for although the birth of our body is only low, humble and modest compared with the birth of our soul, yet it is he who does it in the beings by whom it is done. The kind, loving mother who knows and recognises the need of her child, she watches over it most tenderly, as the nature and condition of motherhood demands. And as it grows in age her actions change, although her love does not. And as it grows older still, she allows it to be beaten to break down vices so that the child may gain in virtue and grace. These actions, with all that is fair and good, our Lord performs them through the work of grace in the lower part, for love of the higher part. And he wants us to know it; for he wants all our love to be bound to him. And in this I saw that all the debt we owe, at God's bidding, for his fatherhood and motherhood, is fulfilled by loving God truly; a blessed love which Christ arouses in us. And this was shown in everything, and especially in the great, generous words where he says, "It is I that you love."

From Chapter 60 of *Revelations of Divine Love* (Long Text) by Mother Julian of Norwich in Elizabeth Spearing, ed., *Medieval Writings on Female Spirituality* (London: Penguin Books, 2002), p. 202-203.

READ ✦ REFLECT ✦ RESPOND IN PRAYER ✦ REMAIN
IN SILENCE ✦ RETURN PRAYERFULLY TO DAILY LIFE

PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Lent Studies will be held in The Rectory 7:30-8:30am on Sunday mornings and we consider the film 'The Greatest Showman' with Rev'd Canon Dr Rachel Mann's book "From Now On: A Lent Course on Hope and Redemption in The Greatest Showman."
- ★ During the season of Lent when we think about our almsgiving, prayer life (including confessing/forgiving sins), fasting and wealth, if you would like to make your Confession please contact me to arrange a suitable time.
- ★ BCA Boxes are due in March – please give your boxes to Joan Davies or Jeanie Daley.
- ★ Please continue to pray for The Little Brothers of St Francis: Brother Wayne, Brother Howard, Brother Geoffrey; following the Tabulam fires and whose entire property was burnt though the buildings, goats and sheep were saved. They now have two concerns, fodder for the livestock and renewing the fences (10-12km). If you wish to help, donations can be made directly to:
Little Brothers of Francis Fire Appeal, BSB 012-567, ACC 5002-30013.
Please pray also for their neighbours who have lost their homes.
- ★ Safe Ministry training (required for LLMs, Churchwardens, Treasurers, Parish Councillors, SRE Teachers) will be held:
Saturday 6 April 9:30am-4:00pm at St John's, Coffs Harbour
Saturday 27 April 9:30am-4:00pm at St Andrew's, Lismore
Please let me know which training you wish to attend so I can register you.
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Casino, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, South Grafton, The Bellinger and Tweed Heads. The Parish of Mullumbimby is in transition.

**Your companion, Fr Matthew,
walking with you and Jesus Christ to the cross.**

Prayers

Lord of compassion,

in your mercy hear us.

Anglican Communion — The Church of England: The Most Rev'd & Rt Hon Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Australia — Diocese of Perth: Archbishop Kay Goldsworthy, Bishop Jeremy James, Bishop Kate Wilmot, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — Parish of Mid-Richmond: Rev'd Cathy Ridd

Please pray for those who are sick, lonely, homeless, refugees and asylum seekers

Anniversaries of Death — Annie Alice James, Ann Eloya Wilson, Gloria Platt, Irene Elsie (Rene) Cochrane, Samuel Shipman, Olga Merryweather