

THIS WEEK: 25 – 31 March

Monday	25 March	9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
		6:30pm	The Buttery Board Meeting
Wednesday	27 March	<i>The Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		10:00am	Eucharist
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Thursday	28 March	9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Friday	29 March	<i>John Keble, priest (d. 1866)</i>	
		9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	31 March	7:30am	Lent Study, Bangalow
		9:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow



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All Souls' Bangalow
St Aidan's Eureka

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Third Sunday in Lent — 24 March 2019

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

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All that matters is to be at one with the living God
to be a creature in the house of the God of Life.

Like a cat asleep on a chair
at peace, in peace
and at one with the master of the house, with the mistress,
at home, at home in the house of the living,
sleeping on the hearth, and yawning before the fire.

Sleeping on the hearth of the living world
yawning at home before the fire of life
feeling the presence of the living God
like a great reassurance
a deep calm in the heart
a presence
as of the master sitting at the board
in his own and greater being,
in the house of life.

D.H. Lawrence



**God of compassion and mercy,
no matter how far we wander from your love
you are always ready to welcome us home.
With your Holy Spirit,
as we continue this Lenten journey,
may we be brought ever closer to you.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**



PARISH GOALS

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

SERVICE TIMES

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

THIS SUNDAY 24 MARCH 2019 – LENT 3

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

NEXT SUNDAY 31 MARCH 2019 – LENT 4

Joshua 5:2-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:11-32.



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Faith and obedience

The place in the life of us mortal sinners in which our activity leads to an encounter with God because God is the Creator must really be an activation. In this relation we cannot be mere objects. We must be just as much self-conscious subjects as God himself is. As our existence in contradiction—we must constantly stress this—is not just something we suffer from but our own *act*, so our encounter with God must be not merely something that comes upon us like fate or a roaring hailstorm. If this encounter means question and answer, speaking and hearing, giving and receiving between us and God, then we must be actors in the relation. We must not be mere leaves growing on the divine tree or floating in the divine breeze, nor must we be drops in the divine ocean, nor stones rolled down by the divine avalanche, nor wheels driven round by the divine motor. On such views the relation is much too continuous, much too much on the same level. And standing before God is taken with far too little seriousness. If fellowship between God and us is to mean anything, then it must mean that we in our sphere turn no less to God than God turns to us in his sphere. Revelation is really present only in action...We must apply this on the subjective side too. There has to be a recognition, an acceptance, an acknowledgement, a respecting, a bowing down. This is why there has to be faith and obedience. This is why expressly there has to be knowledge and action, not just sinking and vanishing, not just stillness and passivity, not just a “feeling of absolute dependence.”

The relation between God and us in which, as Ps. 119:18 puts it, God opens our eyes so that we see wonderful things in his law, in which revelation becomes manifest to us, has to be something that is a free and not a natural event on both sides. It must not set up anything constant or given, any natural necessity. It must not involve the immutability of a mathematical relation. It must be fully flexible. It must be a revelation which, in order to remain true, must be renewed every moment both by God's work and word and in our knowing and doing. Is not this unavoidable if God's free good pleasure on the one side, and faith and obedience as our own free acts on the other, are really the deciding factors? The relation has to be a conversation, a drama, a struggle, in which there are dangers and turning points, surprises and discoveries, repulses and advances, victories and defeats, standings and fallings. It has to be a wrestling like that of Jacob in which we must risk being lamed so long as we insist that we will not let God go unless he blesses us {Gen. 32:24ff}. Each moment must be unique and non-repeatable, for our partner is God and he demands that we hazard our whole existence. How can things be any different if this relation is really the subjective possibility of revelation, our opening up to the light in the darkness of our being, to the triumph over the contradiction, to the end of our alienation?

Barth, Karl, *The Göttingen Dogmatics: Instruction in the Christian Religion*, vol. 1 (Grand Rapids, Mi: William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, 1991), p. 179-180.

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

PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Following the tragic events in Christchurch, New Zealand, Bishop Murray reminds us of our call as Christians to care for the vulnerable members of our society and do all we can to create communities where all can live in dignity and peace. He also asks us to reach out to the local Muslim community in our area in some appropriate way, at the very least to assure them of our prayers and support.
- ★ 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.
- ★ 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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui: The Most Rev'd Paul Kwong, Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

Australia — Diocese of Wangaratta: Bishop John Parkes AM, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — Clarence Valley Anglican School, Grafton: Principal Martin Oates, Acting Chair
Phillip Bonser; Parish of Sawtell/Bonville: Rev'd Keith McPherson, LLMs Geoff Stevens, Trevor Watson

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

Anniversaries of Death — David Francis Willows, Doris May Maguay, Beryl Viola Simpkins, Henrietta Selina Fowler, James Henry Johnston, Warren Raymond Giggins, Judy Margaret Oxland, George Watts, Joyce Lorraine Prentice, Jessie May Campbell, Doris Mary Jane Bate, William Thomas Beswick