

**THIS WEEK: 29 April – 5 May**

Monday	29 April	<i>Catherine of Siena, spiritual teacher (d. 1380)</i>	9:00am Morning Prayer 5:00pm Evening Prayer 6:30pm The Buttery Board Meeting
Wednesday	1 May	<i>Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs</i>	9:00am Morning Prayer 10:00am Eucharist, Bangalow 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Thursday	2 May	<i>Athanasius, bishop of Alexandria, teacher (d. 373)</i>	9:00am Morning Prayer 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Friday	3 May		9:00am Morning Prayer 5:00pm Evening Prayer
Saturday	4 May	Northern NSW Region of the –2:00pm Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis Gathering	
Sunday	5 May		9:00am Eucharist, Bangalow 11:00am Eucharist, Eureka



**THE ANGLICAN PARISH OF BANGALOW**

All Souls' Bangalow  
St Aidan's Eureka

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**Second Sunday of Easter — 28 April 2019**

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

**Living Presence,  
holding us to the embrace  
of the One who lures us by love,  
keep our eyes fixed on the goal of our journey,  
that we may never lose sight of your justice  
and step by step be fleet of foot and heart.  
We pray this in the Spirit of Jesus. Amen.**

i thank You God for most this amazing  
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes  
(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)  
how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any – lifted from the no  
of all nothing – human merely being  
doubt imaginable You?  
(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)



*E. E. Cummings*



Bangalow Anglican Church

**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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	11.00am

**THIS SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2019 – EASTER 2**

*Acts 5:27-32; Psalm 118:14-29; Revelation 1:4-8; John 20:19-31.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 5 MAY 2019 – EASTER 3**

*Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 30; Revelation 5:6-14; John 21:1-19.*



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## Religious Realism

One of the important functions classically fulfilled by language about 'the will of God' in Christian ethics (or the *dharma* in the Indian traditions, or even the historical dialectic in Marxism) is that it expresses in morality the need for detachment from the primacy of interest or appetite and for avoidance of an obsessive concern with the condition of my will. Choosing to obey or conform to or be faithful to a vision of the moral world may involve a choice to be a certain sort of person. But choosing to obey, etc., *for the sake* of being that sort of person is a good deal more ambiguous. I may commit myself to a particular vision, 'not knowing where it will lead'—meaning by that that I recognise the danger of undermining moral and spiritual life by picturing in advance what sort of person I should like it to make me. 'Religion *has* to give one wit, levity and command,' writes [Don] Cupitt. Why? If this is true, 'religion' has signally failed to function in the lives of rather a large number of allegedly religious persons, from Jesus in Gethsemane to a good many inhabitants of geriatric wards and mental hospitals. It is conceivable that exposure to a certain kind of moral vision might in practice be ruinous; certain forms of religious and moral life are capable of making different people both more intensely human and rather less than human (the problem of Judas has something to do with this). Yet this cannot provide a *moral* reason for refusing commitment.

Moral action is not a tool for the production of certain sorts of consciousness. 'Morality may call a man at any moment to surrender the most promising avenue to his own moral perfection' [J. L. Stocks, 1969]: the pressure of vision may lead us, 'divert' us, into compromising and unclear areas – politics, administration, the ordained ministry of the Church – because it illuminates needs and calls to which we can only respond by jeopardising in some measure both our own honesty and our freedom (as we presently see them). But if my moral concern is with the production of an 'autonomous' consciousness, a disinterested will, the already agonising choices involved here become still more complex. We should need to speak of being detached from our own detachment, disinterested in our own possible interestedness, and so on. In fact, by a circuitous route, we return to just that absorption with the fascinating twists and turns of the ego which Cupitt wishes to reject. He quotes with approval Goethe's (and Spinoza's) dictum, 'If I love you, is that your concern?' Yes, in the sense that love may persist independently of its *achieving* anything. But if there are finally no moral goals outside the self or the will, the definition of disinterestedness becomes very problematic. Cupitt's position sounds uncomfortably like saying that the meaning of any 'moral' action I perform is provided by its relevance to an ultimate normative state of will or consciousness. All ostensibly external ends (feeding a hungry person, attempting to change a government by some sort of political action, sexual fidelity, or what have you) are instrumental to the development of 'higher consciousness.'

If this is so, a good deal of confusion is introduced into the business of constructing orders of priority among possible courses of action, or, even reflecting on the choice between action and inaction.

Williams, Rowan. *Wrestling With Angels: Conversations in Modern Theology* (London: SCM Press, 2015), pp. 236-37.

## PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Bishop Murray is pleased to announce the appointment of The Rev'd Tiffany Sparks as Diocesan Archdeacon and Ministry Development Officer in the Diocese of Grafton. Together with the Bishop and other senior leaders, the Diocesan Archdeacon helps to shape and live out mission and ministry across the diverse ministry contexts of the North Coast. A commencement date has not yet been set, but is likely to be in June or July. *Laus Deo*
- ★ Come and celebrate Mothers on Mothers Day with an hour of reflection, words and music followed by afternoon tea on Sunday 12 May at 3pm at St Martin's Anglican Church, Stuart Street, Mullumbimby. Hosted by the Anglican Parishes of Mullumbimby and Bangalow. Enquiries to 6684 3552.
- ★ The Guild Street Stall will be held on Friday 24 May 8:00-11:00am in front of Bangalow Newsagency – please ask Judith or Joan how you may contribute.
- ★ The epray Daily App provides access free of charge to the Daily Offices from A Prayer Book of Australia using the Australian Lectionary. Download it to your mobile device to have the prayers and readings for the daily office without the need for books!
- ★ 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.

Fr Matthew

*God has shown me that as long as we think of him, he will think of us, for a soul that is truly untied to God is not conscious of itself. It neither sees nor loves itself, nor anyone else, but keeps its thoughts on God alone, not on any creature.*

Catherine of Siena (d. 1380)

### Prayers

Daughter of Jerusalem, sing and shout for joy,  
**for the Lord has risen. Alleluia!**

Anglican Communion — The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Communion in Japan): The Most Rev'd Nathaniel Makoto Uematsu, Primate of The Nippon Sei Ko Kai & Bishop of Hokkaido

Diocese — Audit Committee, Stipends Committee, Finance Committee, Other Sub Committees of Bishop-in-Council; Parish of Wauchope: Rev'd Angela Dutton, LLMs Gordon Burch, Robert Drysdale, Frankie Gatenby

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

Anniversaries of Death — Fredrick Lawrence Wilson, Linda Margaret Collins, Francis Roy Barton (Worley), Laura May Fitzhardinge, John Wayne Morris, Ada Mary Griffith, Elizabeth Arnett, Leslie Ernest Anstey, Olive Maria Partridge, Ethel May McDonald, Ruby Phyllis Ackers