

**THIS WEEK: 12 – 18 August**

Monday	12 August	9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Tuesday	13 August	<i>Jeremy Taylor, bishop &amp; writer (d. 1667)</i>	
		6:00pm	Commissioning of Rev'd Tim Waghorn, South Grafton
Wednesday	14 August	<i>Maximilian Kolbe, 20th Century Martyrs</i>	
		10:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow
		2:00pm	Senior Clergy, Grafton
Thursday	15 August	<i>Mary, Mother of our Lord</i>	
		9:30am	Bishop-in-Council, Grafton
Friday	16 August	9:00am	Morning Prayer
		5:00pm	Evening Prayer
Sunday	18 August	9:00am	Eucharist, Bangalow



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**The Ninth Sunday After Pentecost — 11 August 2019**

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

God of salvation,  
we joyfully await the fulfilment  
of your Kingdom.

May we be always vigilant about the work  
of building the Kingdom of God and never tire  
of the work you have given us to do.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Via Negativa**

Why no! I never thought other than  
That God is that great absence  
In our lives, the empty silence  
Within, the place where we go  
Seeking, not in hope to  
Arrive or find.  
He keeps the interstices  
In our knowledge, the darkness  
Between stars. His are the echoes  
We follow, the footprints he has just  
Left. We put our hands in  
His side hoping to find  
It warm. We look at people  
And places as though he had looked  
At them, too; but miss the reflection.

R. S. Thomas (1913-2000)



**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



Bangalow Anglican Church

**THIS SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2019 – PENTECOST 9**

*Genesis 15:1-6; Psalm 33:13-21; Hebrew 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40.*

**NEXT SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2019 – MARY**

*Isaiah 61:10-62:3; Song of Mary; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:1-7.*



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## God in Company

A well-functioning Christian community is going to be one in which everyone is working steadily to release the gift of others. And this is not for the sake of some abstract self-fulfilment: the Christian community is not a place where everyone is crying out, 'Get out of my way so that I can exercise *my* gift' (though the phenomenon is not unknown...). In the context of the 'Body,' the gift of each is inseparable from the need of each. The giver has to understand both how the gift is to be given into the common life, and has to be aware of what the common life and the obstinate reality of others must give for one's own life to be real and solid. What you could call the 'destiny' of relationships in the Church has to do with the *attention* that everyone is called to, attention to yourself, to each other and to the whole complex in which God is at work. Once we have grasped that the gift of each is unique, we have to learn equally that the need of each is unique, and is just as much to do with God.

C. S. Lewis once famously described a 'charitable' person in these terms: 'She lived for others; you could tell the others by their hunted look.' We can think about our gifts as though they licensed us to impose what we had to give; we can think about our gifts as though we had nothing to receive; and we can think about our needs in dependent and immature ways. But the solid reality of a really functioning Christian community is like that of a good marriage, in which mutual attention, giving and receiving, enjoyment and sacrifice are tightly woven together, as both realise that there is nothing good for one that is not good for both, nothing bad for one that is not bad for both, that fullness of life is necessarily a collaborative thing.

Of course, the Bible suggests that this is the wrong way round – we get our sense of what makes a good marriage from our understanding of the Body of Christ. But concretely and practically, we all have some idea of how good marriages work and it may not be such a bad place to start. If we talk in the abstract about gifts and sacrifices in the life of the Church, there is always the suspicion that somebody else is defining for you what you have to sacrifice and not listening when you want to think about your gifts. Yet somehow in the specific context of a good marriage it becomes more intelligible. If I really have no interest that is *just* mine in a marriage, there may be circumstances where I have to question what I think I want, where I must hold back and think again about my aims. Equally, what matters to the other partner is that I am *I*, not some bloodless fantasy that suits them, so that what makes for my life and health matters to the other. What we believe about the Church is that this sort of close interweaving is the lifeblood of an entire community, extended without limit in time and space.

I've said that this is the wellspring of St Paul's idea of morality. The good life is not simply one in which certain rules are kept – this is always at best a shorthand for the results of life together in the Body. The good life is one in which we have learned how to be for each other, and in so being to live fully as ourselves. If lying, killing, adultery, greed and so on are sinful, it is because we couldn't imagine a community, such as the Body of Christ is meant to be, in which things like this went unchallenged.

Williams, Rowan. *Tokens of Trust: An introduction to Christian belief* (Norwich: Canterbury Press, 2007), pp. 108-110.

## PARISH NOTICES

- ★ Bishop Murray is pleased to announce that The Rev'd Dway Goon Chew has accepted his invitation to be the next Priest at Tweed Heads. Rev'd Dway is currently the Rector of All Saints Anglican Church, Ayr, in the Diocese of North Queensland. He will commence at Tweed Heads in November with details to be provided in due course. *Laus Deo*
- ★ Choral Evensong celebrating Mary, Mother of Our Lord, is on Sunday 18 August at St Mary's Anglican Church, Corner Norton & Burnet Streets, Ballina, at 5:00pm. Be sure to come 10 minutes early to hear arrangements of evening hymns played by the St Mary's Handbell Choir. Music by Noble, Ferial, H. Walford Davies; Preacher The Rev'd Canon Matthew Smedley.
- ★ ABM Day in Grafton is Saturday 21 September beginning with a service in the Cathedral at 10:00am followed by a luncheon in the Parish Centre. The Guest Speaker is the Rev'd John Deane, Executive Director of ABM. To reserve a place for the luncheon please phone Jackie Draffan on 6582 5040.
- ★ Please continue to pray for parishes seeking new incumbents: Casino, Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Heads, and The Bellinger. The Parishes of Mullumbimby and Mid-Richmond are in transition.

Fr Matthew

An attitude of unconditional hospitality is always a religious experience, because it puts us in a position to transcend our limits and share in the creative caring of God. People are always limited, so this encounter is also a painful revelation of our limitations. We come up against frontiers, and not only language barriers but also irreconcilable incompatibilities.

Pierre-François de Béthune OSB

### Prayers

You come to us, O Lord, at an unexpected hour.

**We will be dressed and ready for your coming.**

Anglican Communion — The United Church of South India: The Most Rev'd Thomas Kanjirappally Oommen, Moderator of CSI & Bishop of Madhya Kerala

Australia — Diocese of Gippsland: Bishop Richard Treloar, Clergy and Laity

Diocese — Media Liaison Officer Rev'd Vivian Hoskins, North Coast Anglican Editor Louise Mackay; Parish of Kingscliff: Rev'd Greg March, LLMs Jennifer Priest, Kim Johnstone, Christine Parsons

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

Anniversaries of Death — Benjamin George Hull, William Cunningham Gray, Gordon Smith, Alfred Keevers, Prior Sarah Millward, Mary Elizabeth Turvey, Dorothy Amelia Jarrett, Linda Rosina New, Dulcie Emily Rankin, Anthony Jordan, Florence Iris Windley, Edward Lawrence Godkin, Mary Powell, Rosina White, William Gray, Anthony Lycenko, James McNeil, Henry Edwin Hanlen, Mary Eliza Ellen Wedd, Victoria (Queenie) Fletcher, Neil James Wright, Patricia Alice Steele