

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

21st October 2018

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

We acknowledge and pay respects to the traditional custodians of the land, on which we worship, work and meet, the Bundjalung people. I recognize the significant role the past and future Elders play in the life of the region. I am mindful that within and without the beautiful sandstone church, the Land always was and always will be Aboriginal Land.



This illustration is from Peter Woods who explains René Girard, Stanford University professor of sociology theory on scapegoating. "Picture two young children playing happily, a pile of toys beside them. The older child pulls a G.I. Joe from the pile and immediately, his younger brother cries out, "No, my toy," and grabs it. The older child, who was not very interested in the toy when he picked it up, now conceives a passionate need for it and attempts to get it back. Soon a full fight

ensues, with the toy forgotten and the two boys busy pummeling each other. As the fight intensifies, the overweight child next door wanders into their yard, looking for someone to play with. At that point, one of the two rivals looks up and says, "Oh, there's old fat butt!" "Yeah," says his brother. "Big fat butt!" The two, having forgotten the toy, now forget their fight and chase the other child back home. Harmony has been restored between the two brothers, though the neighbour is back indoors crying." There are two dynamics significant to this story. The first is how imitative desire causes conflict. GI Joe increases in value because the other brother also wants it. The second point is that finding a scapegoat helps reduce the conflict between the brothers.

**Please note a hearing loop is installed on the right hand side of St Barts.
Please turn off your mobile phone during worship. Toilets are located in the front of the Hall.
First Aid Kits are located in the Church & the Hall.**

Today's Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶ And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹ They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

An Introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola

The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of prayers and meditations developed by Ignatius to help people to become spiritually free. Input will offer a brief introduction into who Ignatius is, an overview of the exercises along with the opportunity to explore how the journey might work for you in your daily life. Led by Robin Fitzgerald

St Bartholomew's Church, Wednesday 7th, 13th November 5pm–7pm.

Diocesan Ultreya

November 10th 2018 at Grafton Cathedral 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Please BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

Bible Readings

21st October **Mark 10:35-45**

28th October **Mark 10:46-52**

Families@4pm

Families@4 is a new Sunday service aimed at young families and those exploring faith for the first time. Everybody welcome.

Auction of Promises



Put the date in your diary, Saturday 3rd November 2018, 6.30pm, in the Ministry Hall. Tickets are \$15/person. Tickets available from the parish office. Dig out your promises,.

Life Group

Rev Desiree's Life Group will recommence Tuesday 23rd October 6.00pm with dinner at Alstonville Plateau Bowls and Sports Club. We will then commence on Tuesday 30th with "Life of Jesus" study.

Mother's Union Celebration Day

Grafton Cathedral, 25 October 2018, 9.30am If you would like a day out or happen to be in Grafton you would be most welcome to join us.

Please take a flyer and give it to your neighbour or a friend!



To a Memorial Service on Sunday 28 October at 8am or 6pm

The service is open to the community.

We come together to remember and honour friends and family who have died.

We are saving a seat for you at Alstonville Anglican Church

Messy Church

Our next Messy Church celebration is Sunday 28th Oct, 4.00pm.



Thanks

Helen Nicholson and family would like to thank everyone for the love and support given to her family after Stuart's passing. The service was beautiful and a great celebration.

Rosters—Sunday 28th October

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (4th Sunday team).

Person in Charge: Carol Vidal **Worship Leader:** Helen Nicholson

Music: Ros Sharp **Cleaning:** D. Fenwick & L Stuckey **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Leone Frogley, Christina Woodhead, Ruth Campbell

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We give thanks to God for those who contribute to sharing the good life through this church electronically. **ESB: 705 077 / Acc: 40130**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday	22nd Oct	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Help ful
		6.00pm	Meditation Course
Tuesday	23rd Oct	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group dinner with Rev Desiree
Wednesday	24th Oct	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		10.00am	Maranoa Service
		11.00am	Maranoa Service
		4.30pm	Executive Meeting
Thursday	25th Oct	9.30am	Play Place
		6:00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
Friday	26th Oct	10:00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir, St Bart's
Sunday	28th Oct	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		10.00am	Tregeagle Service
		4.30pm	Messy Church
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts



How might this picture enlarge our conception of greatness?

Where have you seen unconventional greatness?

What's the link between greatness and service?