

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

28th October 2018

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

Grief is a fundamental life skill. Do we ever get better at grief? Or do we get better at not getting better? From time to time it is good to pause and acknowledge the different "griefs" we carry that are still transforming us. Today's services allow a safe opportunity for us to listen to what sorrow may be offering us.

*It's possible I am pushing through solid rock
in flintlike layers, as the ore lies, alone;
I am such a long way in I see no way through,
and no space: everything is close to my face,
and every thing close to my face is stone.
I don't have much knowledge yet in grief
so this massive darkness makes me small.
You be the master: make yourself fierce, break in:
then your great transforming will happen to me,
and my great grief cry will happen to you.*

Rainer Maria Rilke
(Translated by Robert Bly)

**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

⁴⁶ They came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷ When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸ Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹ Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰ So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹ Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵² Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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.

Families@4pm

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

Bible Readings

28th Oct Mark 10:46-52

4th Nov Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9, Revelation 21:4b-8, John 11:32-44

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 continue Tuesday 30th October 6.00pm in the Ministry Centre: "Life of Jesus" study.

Contemplative Church—Thursdays@6pm

A meditative service that energises and refreshes you for life.
This week Eucharist.

Fete Meeting

2019 Fete: Planning meeting to be held on Tuesday 30 October commencing at 4.30pm in the front meeting room of the Ministry Centre.

Sunday@6pm—28th October

Asking questions, seeking answers. Join us Sunday@6 pm. Come for a cuppa and fellowship at 5.30pm. Everyone welcome!

Messy Church

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



**We welcome today
all visitors to our
Memorial Service.**

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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	29th Oct	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	30th Oct	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		4.30pm	Fete Meeting
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree
Wednesday	31st Oct	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		2.30pm	Sacristan Meeting
Thursday	1st Nov	9.30am	Play Place
		3.30pm	Op Shop Meeting
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
Friday	2nd Nov	10:00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir, St Bart's
Saturday	3rd Nov	6.30pm	Auction of Promises
Sunday	4th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts

Rosters—Sunday 4th November

Thank you to all volunteers assisting with Worship (1st Sunday team).

Person in Charge: Barry Campey **Worship Leader:** Mark Stuckey

Music: Carol Vidal **Cleaning:** John & Lyn Watt **Sound:** Geoff Vidal

Flowers: Gladys Charter, Carol Vidal, Helen Dobbie