

Alstonville Anglicans

Sharing the Good Life

4th November 2018

Twenty-Fourth 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.



All Saints

As you know, there are four dimensions to understanding All Saints. First it developed as a way to remember all the unnamed martyrs who had died for the faith. Then All Saints was a way to celebrate the lives of those who had lived and died in the faith. Third All Saints was a way to recognize those who had been blessed in a special way. Finally we remember that all the baptized are saints.

Thomas Merton enlightens us when he explains that to be saint is to be yourself. He says: "For me to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self. Trees and animals have no problem. God makes them what they are without consulting them, and they are perfectly satisfied. With us it is different. God leaves us free to be whatever we like. We can be ourselves or not, as we please. We are at liberty to be real, or to be unreal. We may be true or false, the choice is ours. We may wear now one mask and now another, and never, if we so desire, appear with our own true face. But we cannot make these choices with impunity. Causes have effects, and if we lie to ourselves and to others, then we cannot expect to find truth and reality whenever we happen to want them. If we have chosen the way of falsity we must not be surprised that truth eludes us when we finally come to need it! Our vocation is not simply to be, but to work together with God in the creation of our own life, our own identity, our own destiny..."

(1961, Page 32 "New Seeds of Contemplation" Published by New Directions: New York).

**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: John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Diocesan Ultreya

November 10th 2018 at Grafton Cathedral 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Please BYO lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. For car pooling contact Barry Campey 66283089..

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

4th Nov Revelation 21:1-6a John 11:32-44



Remembrance Day Service

On Sunday 11th November we commemorate 100 years since Armistice Day. There will be a 10.00am Service in St Bartholomew's followed by a walk to Elizabeth Brown Park led by the Pipe Band where wreaths will be laid. Morning tea will be offered in the hall afterwards.

Sunday 11th November

The 8.00am service will be a short Eucharist service. Tregagle parishioners will join us at St Bartholomew's for our 10.00am Remembrance Day Service. Morning tea will be at 11.30am.

Auction of Promises

This event has been postponed until March 2019.

Worship & Spirituality Hub

Wednesday 7th November Worship & Spirituality members are invited to participate in the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola detailed below in place of the usual meeting. Please RSVP to the parish office if you will be attending.

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.

Sunday@6pm—4th November

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

Messy Church

Thank you to our Messy Church team for your efforts towards last Sunday's Messy Church celebration.

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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	5th Nov	10.00am	Life Group (in recess)
		1.00pm	Sew Helpful
Tuesday	6th Nov	1.30pm	Life Group at Carol Stone's home
		6.00pm	Life Group with Rev Desiree
Wednesday	7th Nov	9.00am	Meditation Group, St Bart's
		11.00am	Pastoral Care Meeting
		3.30pm	Property Committee Meeting
		5.00pm	St Ignatius Spiritual Exercises
Thursday	8th Nov	9.30am	Play Place
		12.00pm	Fellowship Lunch
		6.00pm	Contemplative Church, St Bart's
Friday	9th Nov	10.00am	Holy Communion, St Bart's
		2.00pm	Choir, St Bart's
Sunday	11th Nov	8.00am	Holy Communion, St Barts
		10.00am	Remembrance Day Centenary Celebration
		4.00pm	Families@4
		5.30pm	Cuppa then Sunday@6, St Barts

Rosters—Sunday 11th November

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

Person in Charge: Johnny Sernberg **Worship Leader:** Barbara Fewtrell

Music: Ros Sharp **Cleaning:** Barry & Barb Campey **Sound:** Shane McBurney

Flowers: Nancy West, Joyce Shepherd, Jane Cooke