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Mission Statement:

To love God and to love our neighbours and become an increasingly relevant presence in our community.

**During Covid-19, our Eucharist is in individual serves only -
"This is the Lord's table – all who seek God's mercy are welcome"**

We invite visitors to sign our Visitors' Book,
Unfortunately, we are not yet able to share a cuppa after our services.

SUNDAY NOV 15, 2020 – *"Ever living God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, You are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve Your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."*

LOCUM PRIEST: Rev'd MANDY WHEATLEY – WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY
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ST PAUL'S, NAROOMA: Sundays: 9am – Eucharist.

1st Wednesdays of Month: 9am - Healing Eucharist

Other Wednesdays: 9am – Eucharist, with Music Reflection

Musicians: Mary, Denise, David, Steve, Mick,

ALL SAINTS, BODALLA: Sundays: 11.15am – Eucharist

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 4pm – Evening Prayer

Musicians: Len Mulley & Alma Stearn

Aged & Pastoral Care Deacon: Ven Jane Simmonds,

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Direct Deposits: Bodalla Parochial Council, BSB 082-744 a/c: 509821522 - Ref: Reg. Giving.

NOVEMBER 15, 2020 – 24th SUNDAY after PENTECOST:

Ps 123

1 Thess 5: 12-28

Matt 25:14-30

Jenny; Jock M

Dale W; Janie

ABM Pew Sheet Reflection 2020: *"Today's parable the last in a series of how to be prepared for the coming of the Messiah. The first, a parable contrasting the attitude and behaviour of two household overseers, waiting for the return of the owner of the house - one faithful and one greedy and power hungry. The second about ten young women waiting for the bridegroom - five prepared and five not. This parable is about the use of money (talents) while waiting for the returning Jesus. **Our lives as Christians are supposed to be for the benefit of society around us. Sitting quietly in a holy huddle is not an option.**"*

- **Give us grace** to view each day in the light of Christ.
- **Give thanks** for the work and witness of the Episcopal Church in the Philippines
- Pray Healing for:** Pam & Chris; Bob B; Marion; Karly; Wendy B; Sylvia; Stephen L; Lindy C; Kerrie Anne; Greg; Stephen G; **Pray Comfort** for all who grieve.
- **Pray** for our Link Missionaries, the Tingle Family, in Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- **Pray protection & recovery** for our virus, drought, fire, & flood affected nation.
- **Prayer for selection of a new incumbent:** (APBA p.212) *"Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak Your word & minister Your sacraments; an encourager who'll equip Your people for ministry & enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment & patience, & to us give warm & generous hearts, for Jesus' sake. Amen."*
- **Please continue to pray for revival,** & "pray the Lord of the harvest for workers for our field."
- **"Let all peoples use His name in blessing; all nations call Him blessed."** Ps 72:19 (APBA)

Please continue to Pray for our Refugee Family, Selva & Juliat, Lawrence & Marya. They expect visa appeal news in December; & are very grateful for our support. **"May the Lord bless & protect each of you, be gracious to you, show you His favour, give you His peace"**

To MAKE OR CHANGE A RESERVATION for the 9am worship at St Paul's on Sundays &/or Wednesdays, please advise Rhonda: rhonda.both@me.com PH: 0457 477 485.
A basket for your GIVING & DONATIONS is at the rear of the church near the door.



TODAY, SUN NOV 15, 2-3pm, **'MENTAL HEALTH Workshop Summary** in St Paul's Hall,
 The initial Workshop addressed mental health issues pastorally, & practically.
 This summary will hopefully also include issues of recognizing/ protection from burn-out & etc

NOV 29, 10am: COMBINED Service at St Paul's, to be followed by an extra-ordinary
Electoral Meeting to elect a Warden & Parish Councillor for St Paul's, & a Synod Rep.
 Nomination Forms for these positions are now available.

FRI DEC 18, 7pm at All Saints: – Nine Lessons & Carols,
DEC 24, 5pm at St Paul's – NATIVITY. NOTE: No All Saints 11pm Service due to Covid19
DEC 25, 9am: Christmas Day Service at St Paul's.

ABM LARAPINTA CHALLENGE #2, from 28 June - 04 July 2021 – This 2nd ABM Larapinta
 Challenge to again be part of helping to empower ABM's partner communities.
Early bird savings: Sign up before 25 November 2020 and pay \$150 less to register.
 To find out more, see: <https://inspiredadventures.com.au/events/abm-larapinta-2021-dep2/>

TINGLE NEWS: "Dear friends Join us in thanking God for his faithfulness in every season.
In the news: Many of you may have seen Thailand feature lately in the news with large protest
 gatherings, particularly in Bangkok. There have been other gatherings, including Chiang Mai.
We... are safe, please join us in praying for good peaceful solutions to be reached.
Our news: - We are grateful that the girls have been able to go back to face to face schooling
 again this term (with some social distancing restrictions), that God has provided for many of the
 'stuck' teachers to return to teach at their school, & that Matt really enjoyed the opportunity to
 help out by teaching Year 6. He has now gone back to teaching at the Centre.
 We are doing face to face teaching again at the Centre, thankfully, and a few weeks ago we
 had the first social night since Covid started, which was well attended. There are still some
 challenges in moving forward with minimal staff (and not knowing when any new staff could
 come as volunteer visa holders can't come into Thailand yet)... We are trusting God to show
 the way ahead, and grateful that we have a visa and can stay in the country and continue with
 the work God has called us to.

We are grateful for all of you & your continued prayers and support. Our pledged
 support has dropped about \$800 a month this year while education & other expenses have
 increased. We have seen God continue to provide for our needs at this time through the
 generosity of His people & ask that you continue to pray that the gap will be fully covered.
Please be in touch and let us know how we can be praying for you. - Blessings, the Tingles.

"How can you really get to know someone if you don't spend time with them?"
 Prayer is an opportunity to spend time with God, to really understand His heart
 and the path He is setting before you." – Jason Cronshaw, Christian Fellowship Tours

"LOVE CASTS OUT FEAR - the ultimate meaning of Matthew 25.14-30 -

The Gospel story is pretty simple. A wealthy man leaves his goods for each of three servants
 to care for while he is gone. He doesn't give them instructions, at least none that we are told of.
 When he returns, he sees that two of the three servants have invested the money and got back
 twice the amount. He is delighted.

So at this point the moral of the story would be: "Make the most of what you have."
 God gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and says to us, 'Dive in.'

But we miss the most interesting part of all if we look just at the successful servants. We
 miss the fascinating and puzzling story of the third servant. This poor soul who did not invest
 the money at all. He buried it. Quite simply, he was afraid of investing it and losing it.
 He was right to be afraid, given the owner's attitude. He listened to the fearful servant's story
 and then had the man thrown into "the darkness outside," where there would be "wailing and
 grinding of teeth." Quite an overreaction, it seems. The poor guy just wanted to keep the
 owner's money safe!

Maybe the proprietor was simply a "demanding person," as the parable says. Dark spirited.
 But there is much more to it. The monetary unit "talent" in Jesus' time was not a small amount.
 Even one talent could be worth more than a labourer would earn in a lifetime. And the owner
 entrusted a lot more than just money to the servants—he left them all his possessions,
 everything he had. He took a great risk and he wanted them to do the same, not leave the
 investment mouldering around somewhere.

Ok, now make the switch. Assume that the parable is about God. Maybe God entrusts an
 even greater amount to you and me! Life, abilities, the gift of love, the living breathing human
 beings around us, and every so often, real and open acts of unselfish love. God gives all this
 free of charge, gives to us our own lives with all their rewards and catastrophes, and he says to
 us, 'Dive in. Have your life. Make whatever you will with it because you are my own beloved.'

It is wonderful. But then an awful question arises. Does God curse those who are afraid and
 who bury what they are given? Jesus at least seems to say so.
 "To everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not,
 even what he has will be taken away." (Gospel) Ouch. That hurts.
 Except that, in the realm of spirituality, there is one thing I know of that will go away if it is
 buried, but which gets greater if you use it. Love.

If fear closes the door tightly against love, guess where the loveless one will be. In the darkness outside the door, wailing and gnashing those teeth. Without love.

Get this: **We are all frightened, and God always has compassion upon us. God waits for ages to see if we will not accept just a bit of the love he offers, and if we will even find just enough courage to invest some of it in other people. God is often disappointed in this risk he takes, and I'm sure he says, "*oh no, not again*" when we fail.**

But this is the disappointment of someone who loves us very well.

Let love in. Love casts out fear."

from John Foley, SJ https://liturgy.slu.edu/33OrdA111520/reflections_foley.html