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# St Martin's Ulladulla

27th March 2022

## Welcome

## 8.30am Morning Prayer (p18)

Preparing for Easter: "Restoration possible"

Dave Saunders Psalm 34:1-10, Josh 5:2-12; 2 Cor 5:14-21; Luke 15:11-32

Parish Council Duty: Helen McFarland

## 10.30am Church

"Preparing for Easter: "Extravagant loving"

Bart Vanden Hengel

Josh 5:2-12; John 12:1-8

Parish Council Duty: Rowena Barton

## 5.30pm Church

"Preparing for Easter: "Extravagant loving"

Bart Vanden Hengel

Josh 5:2-12; John 12:1-8

Parish Council Dutv: Peter Kerma

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\* serve Christ faithfully and

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## St Peter & St Paul's Milton

## 27th March 2022

## Welcome...

**11am Morning Prayer** (*p18*)

Preparing for Easter: "Restoration possible"

Dave Saunders Psalm 34:1-10. Josh 5:2-12: Luke 15:11-32

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## **Trevor's Column**

Dear sisters and brothers,

Our current preaching series and bulletin columns have been deliberately designed to facilitate our personal and corporate reflective and penitential journey through Lent to the joyous celebration of all that God has done for us in the death and resurrection of Jesus. The journey began with an encouragement to revisit spiritual disciplines to grow more like Christ by employing the practices of daily prayer and Bible reading supplemented by fasting and doing intentional acts of charity. The journey continued with a reflection on the nature of repentance which we were reminded needed to be immediate, fair dinkum and heartfelt, even if the demand of Jesus in the face of human tragedy seemed stark and uncompromising to some ears. In that regard I encouraged you to experiment with prayers of lament from the Psalms in the past week, suggesting that this Lent needs to be marked by honest praying, bold asking and deep trust in God's faithful sovereign purposes for our ultimate good notwithstanding the pain and hurt we are witnessing in our world.

Over the past two weeks Dave has focused on the superb story Jesus told in Luke 15. I don't want to detract from his sermon and the points he will legitimately make to challenge us in this week of our cycle. However, during the next week I want you all to reflect and meditate on the picture of the joyful, pardoning and restoring love of God the Father to children who essentially rejected or despised his provision, or self-righteously acted in condemning judgementalism on his choice to be generous. Many years ago I read a sermon by the German preacher Helmut Thielicke, in which he labelled this part of the story the parable of the Waiting Father. This is so true to life for many Christian parents grieving over the poor choices of some or even all of their progeny, and praying and waiting patiently for a change of heart. It is a reminder of how God never gives up loving, and is ready to forgive and forget. In his compassion the father has obviously kept watch for the prodigal and even though it is culturally undignified and the incorrect protocol he runs to embrace him with love and forgiveness. He even interrupts the prepared prayer of confession and accepts him unreservedly as his son even though the young man does not deserve it. In great joy he can scarcely contain himself, organising a feast for the community to celebrate. Then he goes to the aggrieved, angry and grumbling brother, not to scold or rebuke him, but to plead with him to essentially understand grace. He addresses him affectionately, reassuring him of his love but pointing out that a joyful celebration is needed whenever the lost are found irrespective of where or how they got lost. This is a great lesson for all of us.

Prayerfully yours,

Trevor Edwards

## In our Prayers this week:

#### Please give thanks for:

\* The grace and mercy of God to all who repent and believe in Jesus;

\* The certainty that God rules in all situations, and that his perfect plan will prevail;

\* The faithful teaching and leadership of Trevor and Dave;

#### Please pray for:

\* Grace and strength for Laurel McDonald (5.30 church) and her family as they mourn the passing of her Dad; strength and mobility for Walter McLeod (10.30) recovering in hospital after pneumonia and mild heart attack;

\* comfort all those in our Church Family who are grieving, dealing with health issues or caring for a loved-one;

\* Wisdom for Trevor and Dave as they prepare for Easter Services;

\* An end to the conflict in Ukraine, comfort and strength for those affected by the brutal and destructive acts of war, and wise and firm responses from all world leaders;

\* Mark and Judy Russell as they prepare to relocate, and begin a new phase of life in Vic;

\* The UCEF Book Sale - for willing helpers and effective fund-raising.

\* Humble and honest reflection by all of us during this season of Lent;

\* Trevor and Dave as they lead us, and especially as they prepare for Easter services;

\* Miriam Bradshaw (CMS Link Missionary in Spain), and Yosef & Danica, (serving with YWAM in Mexico) - for safety, good health and opportunities to share the true message of Jesus in their communities;

## Daily Bible Readings

	Monday	Gen 4:1-7		Friday	Matt 3:1-12	
	Tuesday	Psalm 32:1-11		Saturday	Matt 4:12-17	
	Wednesday	Psalm 51:1-19	S	Sunday	Luke 13:1-9	
	Thursday	Amos 4:1-13				

#### Thought for the week

" unless you repent......" Luke 13:5

#### **Combined Churches Milton Courthouse Ministry**

Now that Covid restrictions have eased, the **Combined Churches Milton Courthouse Morning Tea Ministry** is recommencing. Volunteers attend on two Thursday mornings per month, 8.45am-11.30am, to serve tea, coffee and biscuits to those attending court. Only two volunteers are required each time. The group have their own table, urn and all supplies, which are stored at the Courthouse ready to set up each day. Those attending court are always grateful for a warm drink and a caring, listening ear. If you would like to volunteer to help once or twice per term with this ministry please ring, text or email Ministry Coordinator Helen Wilford on 0417 699 303 or <u>wilfordbh@hotmail.com</u>

#### John 12:1-8

(Text for 10.30am & 5.30pm)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

<sup>4</sup> But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages." <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

<sup>7</sup> "Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

## A prayer for a new Senior Minister

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen** 

### Welcome

Thank you for joining us today, and a **special welcome** if you are visiting.

#### **UCEF MONSTER Book Sale**

The UCEF Book Sale is returning!

The first UCEF Book Sale in two years will be held **9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> April** at the **Catholic Church Hall** Green St Ulladulla.

Donations of good, saleable books are welcome and can be delivered to the **Catholic Church Hall** on **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** from 9.00am. (*Please do <u>not</u> bring books to St Martin's*)

Help with setting up, operating and packing away would be very welcome If you can help with the Book Sale in any way, or have any enquiries about the sale, please contact our UCEF representative **Glenda Lee**, **4455 6991** 

## Mark & Judy Russell

Today is **Mark Russell's** last Sunday with us before he and Judy begin a new stage of their life together in Victoria. Mark and Judy have been faithful members and servants of our Church Family at St Peter and St Paul's for many years, and we thank them both for their fellowship in the faith and their many contributions to our mission and ministry.

We especially thank Mark for the many years of service he gave as a Church Warden, Treasurer and member of Parish Council.

There will be a **morning tea** after the 11am service at Milton to mark the occasion, and all are welcome

#### Please pray for Mark and Judy as they enter this new phase of life.

## **Daylight Saving**

Daylight saving ends NEXT weekend. Remember to turn your clocks BACK one hour on **Saturday** night **2nd April**.

#### Luke 15:11-32 (Text for 8.30am & 11am)

<sup>11</sup> Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup> "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living.<sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.'<sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup> "The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup> "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup> "The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup> "'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"

#### It's BCA 'box-opening' time.

For those who use BCA money boxes to raise funds to assist mission and ministry in struggling rural communities – it is time to return your box so that money can be counted and forwarded to BCA (Bush Church Aid). **Please return your box** to Church Wardens or directly to the Church Office by **31 March**.

#### **EASTER SERVICES 2022**

**Good Friday** (15<sup>th</sup> April)

Ulladulla9amService of ReflectionMilton11amService of Reflection

Easter Day (Sun 17<sup>th</sup> April)

Ulladulla	8am	Holy Communion
Milton	8am	Holy Communion
Ulladulla	9.30an	n Family Service (with communion)

Regional Bishop, Peter Hayward, will preach at both Good Friday services and at Ulladulla Easter Day services

#### **Devonshire Teas at Easter**

After a two year 'Covid recess' the Hospitality Team is again serving Devonshire Teas on the St Martin's Church patio on the Saturday and Sunday over Easter. This is part of our engagement with our community, and a fundraising effort by the Hospitality team.

Delicious Devonshire Teas will be served:

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> April - from 10.30am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April - from 10.30 am

**Extra Helpers** are required on the **Sunday** for waiting on and clearing tables. Shifts are 10.30 to 12.30, and 12.30 to 2.30.

In addition, some able people are needed for setting up at 9am on Saturday, and packing away at 2.30 on Sunday. If you are able to assist, please put your name on list at back of St Martin's or contact Judy Hoye on 0407 345 787 or Helen McFarland on 0406 079429.

#### Fresh flowers at St Martin's for Easter

We like to decorate St Martin's Church with fresh flowers for Easter Day. We have much to celebrate. If you have fresh flowers or beautiful greenery in your garden that could be cut and brought to St Martin's on **Saturday morning 16<sup>th</sup> April**, our team of flower arrangers would be delighted to receive them at 8.30am. Should you have a problem getting them to church please contact Helen McFarland who will be happy to come to your place and pick them up. Her number is 0406 079 429.

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