ANGLICAN PARISH OF BALLINA
St Mary's Ballina
St John the Baptist Lennox Head

"An inclusive Christ-centred community, growing in our relationship with God and the wider community"



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Bundjalung nation, and pay respects to their elders past and present.



SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
we pray for the Anglican Parish of Ballina and for all who live and worship here.
We thank you for your faithfulness throughout the life of the Parish.
We pray that where hope is lost, you strengthen us to live by faith.
We pray that when we stumble, you help us to keep our eyes on you.
Where doubt consumes, we pray for faith.
Where fear reigns, we pray for calm.
Above all Lord, we pray for unity.
Be our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Parish Prayer.

ABM Reflection

Today in his discourse on prayer, Jesus tells us that the Father will give us not only gifts that we ask for but also the gift of the Holy Spirit. We have a generous and loving Father who always gives us those things that are good for us to have. One of those gifts is the Real Presence of Jesus himself in the Eucharist.

- Jesus Christ, truly present in the Eucharist, help me to see all the gifts showered upon me by the Father and help me to fill my heart with appreciation and gratitude.
- Give thanks for the Church of South India, remembering especially today their ministry in a predominantly non-Christian context.

Robert McLean

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A Prayer for our Parish

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.

From the Associate Priest

The blessing of unanswered prayers

This week Jesus tells his friends, 'Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.' Like so many of Jesus' teachings, this is both comforting and challenging. Our prayers are not always answered in the ways we expect or want.

There's a character in a book who wails: 'Just once I would like a blessing that's not in disguise!'* Can you relate to that? I certainly can. But the reality is that blessings often come in disguise - and even in prayers that seem to be unanswered.

I asked for health that I might do great things;
I was given infirmity that I might do better things.
I asked for riches that I might be happy;
I was given poverty that I might be wise.
I asked for power that I might have the praise of people;
I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God.
I asked for all things that I might enjoy life;
I was given life that I might enjoy all things.
I got nothing that I asked for, but everything I hoped for.
Despite myself my unspoken prayers were answered.
I am, among all people, most richly blessed.

Anonymous

I pray that you will know God's rich blessing,
Cathy

* How I Got To Be Perfect, Jean Kerr, 1996

Sunday 31 July, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9, 43 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21

PARISH PRAYER POINTS



We pray for *those who have asked for healing prayer: Joy Swinbourne, Malcolm Streher, Josh Stanley, Lynda Garde, Alton and Ros Rowe, Rose Fox, Alex Arrighi, Gerri White's granddaughter, Phil and Felicity Ross, Milton Colburt, Geof Barnes, Ramin Nairyzi, Susan Schuster, Mavis McDonald and Deborah, Vic Faulkner, Betty Missingham, Albert Clayton, Betty Ford and Damien Bourke.*

Birthday: Mavis McDonald, Nancie Garlick, Kerry Johnston, and Margaret Shaw.

Don't forget your name badge! Please wear your name badge to church, to help our locums in the coming months. If you don't have a name badge, you can order one by completing a name badge order form and dropping it in the communication box.

FROM THE JULY 2022 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Reports:

ASSOCIATE PRIEST

Pre-Synod and Synod: We hosted the pre-Synod meeting for the northern parishes of the Diocese on 11 June at Lennox Head. My thanks to Amkela Malaba and Jan Fryer for their support on the day.

It was good to gather as a whole Diocese again for Synod, after having no Synod last year due to COVID-19. Jan Fryer and Amkela Malaba have written a separate summary for Parish Council. It was particularly special to join all my clergy colleagues for the opening Eucharist. It's a long time since we have been able to do this.

Aged care services: We are gradually returning to offering monthly services in the various aged care facilities in Ballina. This has been extremely patchy for the last 12 months, due to frequent COVID lockdowns. Our Crowley and St Andrew's Village services are now back, with BUPA to be added next month. I have conducted these services this month, but the plan is that the locums will take the aged care services in future.

East Ballina Lions Club BBQ Breakfast: Kerry Johnston and I met with the East Ballina Lions Club to explore whether they might be able to hold their monthly market on St Mary's grounds, as their previous venue is no longer available. We then learned that a council DA is required: this is too expensive for the Lions Club, and could take up to 2 years to process.

The Lions Club have now come back with another suggestion: holding a monthly BBQ breakfast/brunch to coincide with the end of our Sunday service.

Offering your gifts, skills and talents: This month we have begun encouraging parishioners to offer their gifts, skills and talents. We put together a comprehensive list of all the volunteering opportunities in the parish. People are beginning to respond, and I'm encouraged and excited at the sometimes unexpected talents and gifts people have offered. I look forward to more people responding to God's call to build the kingdom here.

The Isaiah 61 Project: Our Monday afternoon outreach continues to grow and change, and we have a few new volunteers on the food voucher team. Most weeks there is a heavy demand on the Orange Sky laundry van, so we have extended the shift by an hour. It is now operating from 1-4 each Monday.

This month we have offered some individualised support to a man who suddenly found himself homeless and living in his van. I am so grateful to the members of this parish who reached out to him with kindness, compassion and practical help. This is Isaiah 61 in action!

Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy: I was deployed to Evans Head to support people attending a Grants Assistance Centre. These are flood-affected people who still haven't received all the financial assistance for which they are eligible. Many of them are frustrated, overwhelmed and angry, which is why we chaplains were needed at the Centre.

Threshold Choir: The Threshold Choir participated in a Death and Dying Expo in Ocean Shores. We invited people to come and receive our gift of loving song. Initially people were uncertain, but once they heard us and saw what we do, we had a non-stop queue. We have subsequently received enquiries and referrals from people who attended the expo.

TREASURER

Op Shop

As in May, June Shop Sales continued to recover well by a favourable $6,091 or 24% compared to the June budget. June to-date sales are $6,900 ahead of budget.

Isaiah Project 61 welfare support through voucher handouts of $10,875 to-date is $1,125 greater than the budget. Weekly handouts in the month averaged 28, exceeding the weekly number of 25 budgeted for in the Op Shop accounts.

The number/value of Monday Isaiah Project clothing vouchers redeemed at the Op Shop was 40 with a value of $533.

Parish

Offertory giving in the six months ending June is $2,900 (4.0%) less than budget. Giving in June was $400 (3%) less than the budget.

The Isaiah 61 Project has a favourable variance of $7,442 more than the budget to-date. This variance includes the $6,300 donation from Anglican Relief & Development Fund Australia ("ARDFA") and parish donations to-date of $1,142 greater than budget. These funds will be applied to cover the handouts that exceed the Op Shop welfare voucher budget.

Out of budget spending at the Rectory is occurring following the resignation of Matthew Jones. Funds required for major renovation of the Rectory before a new Rector commences will be sourced from funds held by the Corporate Trustees.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Use of Facilities: Approved Concert for BCEC- 28 August, 2pm; Emmanuel Anglican College Year 12 Valedictory Service- 21 September, afternoon and evening

Music Co-ordinator Hours: Involvement in Couch Church was 10 hours a week. With Couch Church now in recess, the Executive Committee considered two proposals: St Mary's Choir- additional choral involvement; nurturing individual spirituality through music study, a total of 8 hours per week. Recommendation that Parish Council accepts the proposal. From 1 July 2022 the Music Co-ordinator's hours per week- 28

Guidelines for Recognition of Parishioners/Volunteers for Service: adopted a more consistent parish wide process for recognition of service.

Office Administrator: The Reverend Cathy Ridd appointed line manager for the Office Administrator on behalf of the Churchwardens.

Working Bee- St Mary's Church: Planned for August. A list is being prepared of work to be done, including storage, decision- chair requirements.

St Mary's Sacristan: Charles Mensah has commenced training for Sunday worship. Instruction manual- reviewed. Thanks to Graeme Forrest-Brown for training in the role for Wednesday service.

Presentation Board: The first meeting of the Board was held on 6 July. Board membership: Bishop Murray Harvey, Archdeacon Tiffany Sparks, The Reverend Anne Goode, The Reverend Canon Naomi Cook, Hugh McIntosh, John Phillips and John Bryen. The Parish Profile and Parish Consultation Reports on the Diocesan webpage under *Vacancies*.

Labyrinth - St Mary's Grounds: to be located between the eastern end of the church building and the St Mary's brick sign. Details being finalised.

Parish Webpage: two people have offered to assist with maintaining an up-to-date and accurate webpage. Training will be provided.

Workshop: Kerry Johnston will be attending a two day workshop- 18-19 July: *Dadirri: Ancient Aboriginal Mindfulness Traditions.*

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Rectory: Quotes obtained for bathroom/toilet renovation, internal and external painting and new floor coverings. Work to be done in late October and November.

St Mary's Zip Hot Water System: installation completed.

St Mary's Lighting: Flood lighting changes completed.

Admin/hall: New vanity installed in the female toilet. Mould removed from hall ceiling.

Pest Control: Completed for properties.

DEVELOPMENT

Op Shop: Peter Turner, Draughtsman, hopes to be onto our Op Shop job by the last week of July. The 2 blocks of land adjoining the Op Shop are not for sale.

St Mary's Church Precinct: western boundary of Church block is only 1.33 m from the church wall.

The fire rating of this wall would need to be determined by Fire Engineer before any sale or development of Block 2.

If the boundary had to be moved due to the proximity of proposed development, it would need to move 1.77m towards the Admin Building ie. so there was 3m. of space

OP SHOP

Shopping baskets: available and sanitised after each use.

Vaccination status: volunteers are fully vaccinated with certificates of vaccinations formally sighted.

Shelving donation and shop items: received from Rockmans. Thank you to Graham Bayne for the use of his time and truck to collect shelving.

Sorting and storage: the results of the Op Shop needs survey, undertaken by John Phillips, were presented and an update given on proposed changes being considered. Grant St is now considered a commercial area. All vehicles must drive in and out of the site, no reversing onto the roadway is permitted.

Sales: were up again on the previous year and have already exceeded sales to date from last year.

Volunteers: more urgently required.

Saturday trading: as requested by Saturday morning staff, trading hours extended to 1pm as a trial during July.

Movement of stock bags: trialling the use of a trolley.

Shoe sales: half price on a Saturday in July.

Parish Council suggested that wipes be made available for each customer to clean basket before use.

EMMANUEL ANGLICAN COLLEGE

A Principal Appraisal involving all stakeholder was undertaken. College Council has re-appointed Principal Mr Rob Tobias for a further five years, commencing 2023. Mr Tobias is on 12 weeks enrichment and long service leave. Deputy Principal Mr Francis McGuigan is Acting Principal.

College Chaplain: The Reverend Sally Miller has resigned and accepted the position of Rector, Parish of Casino. Reverend Sally finishes at the end of Term 3.

College Musical: great excitement as auditions commence for the musical, Matilda with opening night planned for 28 October.

PRAYER MINISTRY

The Prayer Chain continues to receive prayer requests and the EAC Prayer team are praying hard for the Year 12 Students at EAC. Each prayer has now received a photo of their student.

Personal prayer during the Communion time at St Mary's will be re-introduced. It is being considered as part of St John the Baptist service.

The Prayer Team will commence praying for each member of the parish on a regular basis using the first names from the Parish Contact List. Each member of the Prayer Team signs a confidentiality agreement and is regularly reminded of the importance of maintaining confidentiality. Parish Groups and groups using our facilities will also be included for regular prayer.

DECISIONS

Email Motions: Decisions between Parish Council meetings.

That Office Administrator Cathie Guest be given authority to access the Parish of Ballina accounts with Anglican Funds South Australia to enable her to support Treasurer John Adlington from 1 July 2022.

That Hugh McIntosh be appointed as Assistant Treasurer from 1 July 2022 during the transition period to new Treasurer John Adlington with authority to have full access to the Parish of Ballina accounts with Anglican Funds South Australia. This authority to remain in place until revoked by Parish Council.

That the Email Resolutions be noted.

That the Parish of Ballina requests the Corporate Trustees to approve the following two trusts becoming one trust as follows: the St Mary's Glebe Retirement Sale Trust be closed and funds placed into the Parish Endowment Trust.

That, following a review of the Music Co-ordinators hours of employment as a result of the decision for Couch Church to go into recess, Parish Council accepts the recommendation of the Executive to include two additional responsibilities for the Music Co-ordinator relating to St Mary's Choir and special services and nurturing individual spirituality through music. This will commence from the 1 July 2022 with the Music Co-ordinator working twenty eight hours per week for the remainder of 2022.

Rectory Renovations: That the quote from Stoney's Building Creations for the Rectory bathroom and toilet renovations be accepted.

Admin/hall Painting: That the estimate from Elite Choice Painting Service for the painting of the Admin/hall toilets and the hall and foyer ceiling be accepted.

That Parish Council expresses its appreciation to the Reverend Ian Chaplin and Bishop Sarah Macneil for their very generous gift of their time and experience as Locums, for their ministry and pastoral support and their affirmation of our parish mission focus. Be assured of our thoughts and prayers for a safe return to Canberra.

Letter: Bishop Murray Harvey - extension of licence as Associate Priest for the Reverend Cathy Ridd for a further three years.

GUIDELINES FOR RECOGNITION OF CONTINUOUS SERVICE BY PARISHIONERS/ VOLUNTEERS- included in next week's bulletin.

THIS WEEK TOGETHER

Monday - Friday	9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday	9.00am - 12.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN

Sunday	24 July	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost		9.30am	Holy Communion -St Mary's
Monday	25 July	2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
Tuesday	26 July	4.00pm	BCEC Prayer Group-Ballina Baptist Church Hall
		7.00pm	Threshold Choir-St Mary's
Wednesday	27 July	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	28 July	10.00am	Coffee & Conversation- Niche Café Lennox Head
		10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Marys
		2.00pm	Property Committee-Admin Building
Friday	29 July		
Saturday	30 July		
Sunday	31 July	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost		9.30am	Holy Communion -St Mary's

ST MARY'S SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE:CHANGE IN TIME from 9.30am to 10.00am. The following motion was agreed to by Parish Council:
That the 9.30am service time at St Mary's Church be changed to 10am, commencing on **Sunday 7 August 2022** with a review after three months. Parish Council accepted the strong recommendation from the Locums.

MISSION OF THE MONTH: ANGLICAN OVERSEAS AID

Seeds of Self-reliance in Sri Lanka. Introducing a self-help group system to support at-risk women by promoting self-reliance and economic resilience. A self-help group comprises 12-15 women living near to each other, to generate a savings fund to strengthen their financial activity. This system helps families break out of the cycle of poverty.

Change of day for singers practice St Mary's Singing Group: the time has now been changed to Thursdays at 2pm. All welcome, please speak to Hamsa for details.

MASK WEARING: STRONGLY RECOMMENDED With the increasing number of people contacting COVID-19, Parish Council is strongly recommending masks to be worn at services and for parish activities and groups.

BCEC Prayer Group - All welcome! Meets at 4pm on the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Ballina Baptist Church Hall. In July it will be 26 July.

Welcome to the Rev'd Mark Sibly and his wife Sarah. Mark joined us as locum on Wednesday 20 July for 3 months.

Glass Jars for Op-shop. Small to medium glass jars required for Mary who makes and donates jams and pickles for sale at the op-shop. They are very popular. Please bring jars to the op-shop or the church. Thank you, Ann Emery.

A Safe Ministry training refresher course will be held in Lismore as follows:
Location: St Andrew's Parish Hall, Lismore
Date: Saturday 30 July 2022
Time: 9am
Cost: $40
To be eligible for the refresher course, you must have completed a full course within the last 3 years. Please contact the Parish Office for registration beforehand. Tel: 6621 3200 Email: office@lismoreanglicans.com.

Movie Night, Sunday 7 August 6.30 pm 'The Hundred Foot Journey' at Ballina Cinema. You're invited to a feel-good, heart-warming movie night. This is a fundraiser for Dignity Freedom Network (DFN), an Anglican mission serving oppressed people in India, and especially tackling the trafficking of vulnerable girls. Supper is provided at 6.30, and the screening begins at 7 pm.

BCEC Annual Garage Sale - 6 August, Uniting Church 8am - 1pm. Do you have any Trash & Treasure items to donate to the Garage Sale? A special request has been made for vinyl records and CDs - a chance to minimise your collection. Drop them off at the Uniting Church after 4 pm on Friday 5 August, or contact Neville if you require collection on 0412448388.

Volunteering in the Parish: How is God calling you to offer your skills, gifts and time?
Forms are available in each of the centres on the entry table. Please return your completed form via the Communications Box (Ballina) or the basket (Lennox Head), or hand it directly to Rev. Cathy.

Any questions? Call Rev. Cathy on 0427 836988 or email revridd@gmail.com.



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Associate Priests	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd	**St John the Baptist Church**	Fern St., Lennox Head
	The Rev'd Richard Brown	**Parish Office**	24 Burnet Street, Ballina 2478
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