



# ANGLICAN PARISH OF BALLINA

*“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 17 SEPTEMBER 2023 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Heavenly Father, let the love you give to us motivate us to do good to all whom we cross paths with, to give care to all who need it and to experience joy in our day and peace in our hearts as we work. Amen.

**Parish Prayer**

### PARISH PRAYER POINTS

**We pray for those who have asked for healing prayer:** Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Gerri White's granddaughter, Phil and Felicity Ross, Ramin Nairyzi, Mavis McDonald, Betty Missingham, Damien Bourke, Josh Stanley and Margaret Saul.

**Birthday:** Elias Rantissi.

**‘My Favourite Bible Verse’: A Parish Project:** Choose your favourite Bible verse(s), and tell us why, send it in to the Parish Office, or to Rev Cathy directly, and we will turn your contributions into a book which will be available to purchase for Christmas. *Don't forget to include your name, or if you prefer to be anonymous, let us know.* It's all about sharing our faith, and the importance of the Bible in our faith journeys.

**You are invited to** Lunch at Lennox, the next social activity for the Ballina Parish. Come to Club Lennox Sports, 10 Stewart St Lennox Head on Wednesday 20 September at 12.00pm to eat, laugh enjoy and hear Rev Cathy's "My Life in Ruins" talk. Sign up sheets are in the foyers, or you can contact Kerry on 0407 257 129 for more information.



**Psalms in Contemplative Practice and Worship:** Psalms have been sung in temples, synagogues and Christian churches for almost 3000 years. Rising from the heart and soul of the people of ancient Israel, these sacred poems tell their stories of the people of Israel and their God. We look at some of the traditional ways of Psalmody and we discover chanting as a way of our own prayer and contemplative practice. The workshop concludes on Tuesday afternoon 2.00-3.00pm at St Mary's.

Registration to [music@anglicanballina.com.au](mailto:music@anglicanballina.com.au)

**COVIDSafe Update:** Some months ago we reintroduced some COVIDSafe practices to protect you all through the winter. This included the requirement that our welcomers, hospitality people and clergy should wear masks. In line with the practices in our wider community we no longer require this of our volunteers or clergy. You may still choose to wear a mask at your own discretion.

**Isaiah 61 Project Update: Sleepbus.** Sleepbus® provides safe, temporary overnight accommodation, getting people off the street. Each sleepbus® has secure, climate controlled, individual sleep pods with a lockable door and toilet. Everyone is looked after by overnight volunteer caretakers and CCTV surveillance. Sleepbuses are now in many cities and towns in the eastern states, and one is coming to Ballina 3 nights per week. This is great news, given the increasing issue we have with homelessness. Parish Council has given in-principal approval for the Sleepbus to be parked overnight in St Mary's car park, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights. It will arrive at 7.30pm and leave by 8.00am the next morning. The start date is to be confirmed. We will keep you updated as more news comes in!

## FROM SEPTEMBER 2023 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### **REPORTS: The Incumbent: The Reverend Cathy Ridd**

**Annual Leave:** For much of this reporting period I've been on annual leave. It was a time of refreshment, joy and delight with my grandchildren (and my daughter and her husband too!). My grateful thanks to everyone who took on extra responsibilities while I was away, especially Mandy and Richard.

**Ministry School:** It wasn't long after my return from annual leave that we had Ministry School, from 4 - 6 September in Coffs Harbour. We had top-notch presenters. The 'keynote' presenter was the Rev'd Dr Stephen Lake, who held four sessions on Appreciative Inquiry. Our morning Bible studies were led by the Rev'd Dr. Ruth Mathieson, Principal of St Francis Theological College, as we dived into Matthew 18. We also had sessions on Prayer Spaces and on Artificial Intelligence.

**Renewal of Authority To Officiate:** The Bishop is currently renewing the licences of those retired priests who have an Authority To Officiate (ATO). For our parish those priests are the Rev'd Richard Brown and the Rev'd Margaret Davis. Richard will be renewing his licence, and I am delighted he will continue to offer his gifts of ministry among us. Margaret has decided that she will retire fully from ministry, and so she is not renewing her licence. I am thankful for Margaret's priestly ministry among us here in this parish and beyond. I am especially grateful for Margaret's encouragement and support of me in my ministry.

**Labyrinth- painting of mural on the back of St Mary's curved sign:** Many thanks to Mr Mitch Raguse and four Year 10 students from Emmanuel Anglican College for designing and painting the mural on the back of the curved sign.

### **The Assistant Curate: The Reverend Mandy Larkin**

August was a very full month! With Rev'd Cathy away on her long-anticipated leave with family, I want to say a big thank you to Rev'd Richard Brown for his support and leading us in worship at both St John's and St Mary's. Also, a thank you for the prayers and words of encouragement from so many of you during her absence.

**Nursing home services:** Services continued as normal the last month. We are seeing some residents attending services for the first time which is encouraging. This remains an important spiritual ministry to the residents.

**Home Communion:** Home communion visits continue to be a special part of my day. It is a joy to share communion and fellowship each month with these faithful believers.

**Palm Lake Resort:** We had our second service on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August at Palm Lake. It was well attended again, and we followed the service with lunch and fellowship.

**Isaiah 61 Outreach:** Monday outreach is now seeing steady numbers of around 60 people per week receiving vouchers. There has also been an increase in requests for Op Shop vouchers. I am hearing more stories of many in our community who are facing hardship especially around stable housing.

**Op Shop:** My volunteer shift at the Op shop continues on Tuesday afternoons. It's great to connect with other volunteers who put so much hard work and effort into making this ministry outreach a success.

**Pastoral Care:** There has been the opportunity this past month to make some pastoral care visits and get to know several parishioners a little better.

**Mothers Union Service:** We hosted Mothers Union for Mary Sumner Day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> August as part of our regular service. Rev Camellia Flanagan lead the service and we had a good number of visitors join us on the day.

**Ministers Association Meeting:** I attended the Ballina ministers meeting during August. Planning is well underway for the Christmas Carol service which is planned for December.

**EAC Visit:** On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August exchange students from St Margaret's Rikkyo Elementary School in Tokyo with their Principal Kodama joined us for worship at St Mary's. These students had been hosted by EAC families during their time in Ballina and were heading home that evening. We were blessed to have them sing us an acapella version of "When the Saints" at the end of the service which nearly brought the house down.

**Music Estuary Organ Duet:** Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August we were also treated by Hamsa Arnold and Marius Mulder to an organ recital on St Mary's Pipe Organ. The program was over an hour of music including some duets which kept the audience entertained watching hands and feet!

**Healing Service:** I am continuing preparation for our healing service. There was a great response from people willing to volunteers in various roles as part of the prayer team. I am planning the training and hope to have dates set in the coming weeks.

**Ministry School:** Rev Cathy and I spent Monday to Wednesday last week in Coffs Harbour at Diocesan training. The sessions were on AI – both the Artificial Intelligence and the Appreciative Inquiry variety. These were informative and thought provoking.

#### **TREASURER:**

A verbal report was given as implementation issues with the MYOB upgrade are still being resolved. The Finance Committee considered a draft P and L performance against budget indicating we are tracking positively against the budget.

A donation was received to cover the purchase of the keyboard for St John the Baptist Church. Received with appreciation.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:**

**Use of Facilities:** Approved second Children's Book Launch on Saturday 4 November in St Mary's Church. **Anglicare NC Financial Counselling** recommended on 16 August for the second and fourth Tuesdays a month. Monday night choir in St Mary's Church concluded at the end of July.

**COVID-19 Procedures:** Wearing a mask is now optional. Sanitising will continue for services and catering. Tongs to be used for serving.

**Information Storage and Retrieval:** OneDrive being set up for use by Parish Council to store documents and retrieve Parish Council information.

### **Social Activities until the end of the Year:**

- Wednesday 20 September: Lunch at Club Lennox - guest speaker Reverend Cathy.
- Wednesday 9 October: Visit to Ballina Museum Pimlico.
- Friday 10 November: Dean Doyle at the RSL Club.
- Tuesday 5 December: River cruise.

**Sleepbus:** Information to be placed in the bulletin regarding St Mary's Church grounds to park the Sleepbus overnight, providing a place to sleep for homeless people.

**Paid Staff Leave:** Paid staff and Churchwardens have received training in using the new online Diocesan leave approval process.

**Buzzsprout Subscription:** Approved annual subscription to allow up to 3 hours a week recording for online information e.g podcasts.

**Loan-Grand Piano for St Mary's Church:** Agreed to accept the offer of a loan of a grand piano for St Mary's Church. This includes the cost of transport, purchase a frame with roller to allow ease of movement and tuning. (Approx. \$3000.) Minimum loan period of at least three years.

**Concert Bookings:** Approved the use of trybooking.com for concert bookings. The platform takes a small percentage of the online sales.

**Anglican Function Hospitality (AFH):** Due to the limited response to the request in the bulletin over three weeks for volunteers for AFH, catering will continue for parish functions only. Use of the kitchen facilities for non-parish activities will only be considered if a member of AFH or member of Parish Council is available to co-ordinate and ensure the correct use of facilities such as using the dishwasher/sanitiser.

Special acknowledgement and appreciation to everyone who has assisted with catering, especially funerals. We look forward to continued support with catering for parish functions and activities including weekly morning tea after services. Many thanks.

### **EMMANUEL ANGLICAN COLLEGE:**

**Year 12 Graduation:** A Valedictory Service will be held in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 20 September at 6.30pm with the Graduation Assembly held on Thursday 21 September at 11am at the Lindsay Walker Centre. Members of the parish are invited to attend the Graduation assembly ceremony.

**Interim Part-time Chaplain until the end of 2023:** The Reverend Richard Browning commenced on Tuesday 5 September, working 3 days a week until the end of the year. Reverend Richard is a very experienced chaplain having recently supported chaplains in schools in the Diocese of Southern Queensland. Previously he was for many years Chaplain at Radford College in Canberra.

### **OP SHOP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

**Mobile phone:** Has been purchased for the Op Shop

**Ipad/Square Training:** Point of sale training occurring during the first two weeks for Supervisors and volunteers using the register.

**Summer Dress Sale:** Will continue at \$3 with some priced at \$1.

**New Vinyl Floor Covering:** Vinyl floor covering in the sorting room, hallway and kitchen completed on a Saturday to minimise disruption.

**Sales Report:** Sales for August indicated Gross Sales at \$29,392.85. Sales remained steady at about \$1400 daily. Card purchases were 60% of sales but only 40% of customers used card. 32 clothing vouchers were redeemed during August.

**Clothing Vouchers:** time limit extended to one week.

**Swimmers - Washing Procedure:** Consistent approach put in place.

**Wipes:** For book/shoe use available in the shed.

**Transition to Summer:** Lighter weight coats and jackets remain with winter coats and jackets moved to the shed.

**Gloves for Outside Sorters:** For safety reasons heavier duty gloves are being trialled to give better protection when sorting clothing and other items.

**Thank you luncheon for Op Shop Volunteers:** decision to be made by Parish Council.

### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

**St Marys Lighting – Sanctuary & Function Room:** This job was satisfactorily completed by Peter Gow Electrical P/L on Friday 25 August.

**St Mary's Laser Projector:** The projector was fixed by Amber Technology in Sydney and returned on Wednesday 30 August. The laser and power units were replaced for \$861.00 (excl GST). John Southon, with the assistance of Hamsa, installed and fine-tuned the unit on Friday 1 September; cost \$180 (excl GST).

**Pest Control:** The annual pest control visit by Coastal Pest Control took place on Wednesday 23 August. The Op Shop, 28 Burnet St., Admin Centre, St Mary's and St John the Baptist were inspected and treated. No major issues were found.

**Edger:** The Honda Edger has failed and needs replacement. A quote of \$600 was received from John's Bikes and Mowers for a like replacement. Other cheaper options are being searched out for consideration.

**Op Shop Flooring:** New vinyl flooring was satisfactorily laid in the sorting room, kitchen and rear corridor area on Saturday 19 August.

### **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:**

On Friday 25 August 2023 a group of fourteen parishioners from St Mary's attended a picnic at Teveton and heard about the life of a Bobby in England in the 1960s. The picnic and talk was part of the Parish's social activities program.

In circle time everyone introduced themselves and talked briefly about their experience of living in this area and finding St Mary's Church in Ballina. Picnic lunch and a "Teveton Treat" were enjoyed while we sat under the shade of the trees at the Centre. At one stage Max the Wonder Horse graced us with his presence and said hello.

Following lunch the group gathered in the "Butterfly Room" for coffee and tea and listen to Ron Kerr and his reminiscences of his life as a Bobby. His talk was preceded by a recording of The Bill's theme music.

The happy event concluded with people offering words to describe the afternoon and choose a piece of rosemary to take home to remember this day. Some of the words offered were lovely, interesting, peaceful, entertaining, historical, pleasurable, different, relaxing.

The next activity on the calendar is lunch at the Bowling club at Lennox Head with a talk by Rev Cathy on Wednesday 20 September 2023.

Kerry Johnston is organising a luncheon for members of Parish Council at *Teveton* for October/November to get to know one another better. This will be held on a Sunday after church.

Members of Parish Council are encouraged to attend the social activities to build connections between Parish Council and parishioners.

## **OTHER DECISIONS and INFORMATION:**

**Ballina/Alstonville Network Report.** A Wellbeing Ministry will be formed in which the two parishes will support Emmanuel Anglican College in its pastoral care of students, families, staff and the community.

**Budget Preparation for 2024.** Determining main expenditure items to guide the Finance Committee in preparing a draft budget for 2024.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council requests the Finance Committee to develop a mission focused budget for 2024 with the implication that it will result in a deficit budget.

**Resolution:** That the Reverend Cathy Ridd be re-imbursed for the portable BlueAnt speaker and microphone for use at parish events and activities. (\$198)

**Resolution:** That, following the decision of the Reverend Margaret Davis not to request the renewal of her general licence to officiate, Parish Council expresses its grateful appreciation to Reverend Margaret for the many years of faithful support to our clergy team in leading church and nursing home services, taking funerals, home communions, pastoral care, hospital visiting and prayer ministry. Parish Council thanks Reverend Margaret for her ministry and looks forward to her continued involvement in the life of the Parish.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council expresses its appreciation to The Reverend Richard Brown for his willingness to provide relief for our Clergy Team when on leave. We are grateful for his generosity, the gift of his time and service in the Parish.

**Resolution:** That Certificate of Appreciation be sent to the four Year 10 Visual Arts students and their teacher Mr Raguse from Emmanuel Anglican College for the mural designed and painted on the inside of the St Mary's wall sign as part of the labyrinth to enhance this special prayer and reflection space.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council gives approval for the Christmas Community Lunch to be held in St Mary's Function Room on Christmas Day between 11am and 2pm with the same arrangements as for 2022. The Reverend Cathy Ridd to be the liaison contact person.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council confirms its support for the sleepbus to be located at the St Mary's Church carpark Ballina.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council authorises the Op Shop Management Committee to organise an appreciation luncheon for the Op Shop volunteers with the same budget and conditions as for the function held in January 2023.

**Concert - Sunday, 24 September, 3.00pm.** 'Horizons' is a musical journey presented by two young musicians that showcase the possibilities of their instruments. The combination of Classical Guitar and Flute offers a special blend of sounds and colours in a wide spectrum of imagination and range of expressions. A unique Duet that we haven't heard before at St Mary's with Anna Rabinowicz on Flute (Melbourne) & Jeremy Stafford on Guitar (Brisbane).



Tickets: \$20 / \$15 Concession. Booking online: [www.trybooking.com/CLMWI](http://www.trybooking.com/CLMWI), or at the door.

**Mission of the Month of September: Ballina Christian Education Committee (BCEC):**

BCEC fund raising supports Christian Education classes in our state primary schools through provision of lesson teaching materials and a part-time co-ordinator as well as funding a chaplain at Ballina Coast High School. Your generous support will enable this important outreach ministry to the young people in our community. Donations can be made through the mission side of your weekly envelope, placing your donation in an envelope marked BCEC or direct deposit to our bank account - Ballina Anglican Parish BSB - 705 077 Account number - 00040134. Reference - BCEC.



**A house blessing** gives thanks for each part of your home, and invites God's Spirit to be part of your daily living. Some people have their home blessed when they move, or after a major change or disruption, e.g. flooding. You can have your house blessed for any reason, or for no particular reason! Please contact Rev Cathy to book in a house blessing.

I'M TELLING YOU, BEING ON FACEBIBLE MAKES FOLLOWING (JESUS EASY. I CAN'T IMAGINE

EVERY TIME SOMEONE DOES SOMETHING WRONG, TO ME, I CLICK ON THIS "FORGIVE" BUTTON NEXT TO THEIR PROFILE PICTURE.

IF I CLICK IT MORE THAN 77 TIMES\* FOR ANYONE, FACEBIBLE AUTOMATICALLY REMOVES THEM FROM MY "FRIENDS LIST" I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO THINK ABOUT IT! LORD HAVE MERCY.

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**THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER**

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| <b>Monday - Friday</b>        |              | 9.00am - 3.30pm | Op Shop-OPEN   |
| <b>Saturday</b>               |              | 9.00am - 1.00pm | Op Shop-OPEN   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | 17 September | 8.00am          | Holy Communion-St John the Baptist                   |
| <b>Sixteenth</b>              |              | 10.00am         | Holy Communion-St Mary's                             |
| <b>Sunday after Pentecost</b> |              |                 |  |
| <b>Monday</b>                 | 18 September | 12.00pm         | Taizé-St Francis Xavier Catholic Church              |
|                               |              | 2.00pm          | Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                | 19 September | 9.30am          | Craft Group-Admin Building                           |
|                               |              | 10.00am         | Holy Communion-St Andrews Village                    |
|                               |              | 2.00pm          | Psalms Workshop-St Mary's                            |
| <b>Wednesday</b>              | 20 September | 10.00am         | Holy Communion-St Mary's                             |
|                               |              | 12.00pm         | Lunch at Lennox-Club Lennox Sports                   |
| <b>Thursday</b>               | 21 September | 10.30am         | Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café,<br>Cherry St Ballina   |
|                               |              | 11.00am         | EAC Year 12 Graduation-Lindsay Walker<br>Centre, EAC |
|                               |              | 2.00pm          | Singing Group-St Mary's                              |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | 24 September | 8.00am          | Holy Communion-St John the Baptist                   |
| <b>Seventeenth</b>            |              | 10.00am         | Holy Communion-St Mary's                             |
| <b>Sunday after Pentecost</b> |              | 3.00pm          | Chamber Music Concert-St Mary's                      |
| <b>Monday</b>                 | 25 September | 2.00pm          | Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>                | 26 September | 9.30am          | Craft Group-Admin Building                           |
|                               |              | 4.00pm          | BCEC Prayer Group-Ballina Baptist Church             |
| <b>Wednesday</b>              | 27 September | 10.00am         | Holy Communion-St Mary's                             |
| <b>Thursday</b>               | 28 September | 10.00am         | Coffee & Conversation-Rise Café<br>Lennox Head       |
|                               |              | 10.30am         | Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café,<br>Cherry St Ballina   |
| <b>Sunday</b>                 | 1 October    | 8.00am          | Holy Communion-St John the Baptist                   |
| <b>St Francis of Assisi</b>   |              | 10.00am         | Holy Communion-St Mary's                             |

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| Incumbent   | The Rev'd Cathy Ridd   | <b>Parish Office Administrator</b> | Cathie Guest   |
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