

## **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 24 SEPTEMBER 2023 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Gracious and generous God, we give you thanks for the blessing of your grace and forgiveness, especially when we are envious of what others have. Your generosity exceeds all we deserve. Help us to model the example of your forgiveness so that we are free to model your love in the service of others in our daily lives. We give thanks for the generosity of volunteers who serve in our parish especially at the Op Shop and through Isaiah 61 activities. 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: Rodney Guest and John Phillips.

'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.

<u>COVIDSafe Update:</u> 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.



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.

Bible Verse

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.

## THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER

Monday - Friday	9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday	9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Monday	Public Holiday	Op Shop-CLOSED

Sunday Seventeenth	24 September	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist Holy Communion-St Mary's
Sunday after Pentecost		3.00pm	Horizons Concert-St Mary's
Monday	25 September	2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
Tuesday	26 September	9.30am 4.00pm	Craft Group-Admin Building BCEC Prayer Group- Ballina Baptist Church
Wednesday	27 September	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	28 September	10.00am	Coffee & Conversation-Rise Café Lennox Head
		10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
Sunday	1 October	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
St Francis of Assisi		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Tuesday	3 October	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
Wednesday	4 October	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	5 October	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
Sunday Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	8 October	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist Holy Communion-St Mary's

**Isaiah 61 Project Update: Sleepbus.** Sleepbus® provides safe, temporary overnight accomodation, 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!

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