



## 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 8 OCTOBER 2023 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Loving Father, thank you for the gift of prayer. We know we may come to you with anything, and you will hear us. Help us as we pray, not as a duty, or as a quick plea for help, but let us realise deep in our spirit that it is life giving to each day. As we journey into the future give us a new passion, personally and corporately, to believe that through our prayers you will move more powerfully in our lives and the life of our parish. May we, through our prayer, renew the calling you place on our lives, giving us a renewed desire to share your love, to walk with each other into a deeper intimacy with you. 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:** Bev Larkin.

**Spam email! If you have received an email from Rev Cathy that says 'Do you have a minute?'**, please ignore it. It is a spam email. Please be cautious, especially if you receive an email or message asking you to buy vouchers.

#### **Rev'd Mandy's ordination - Saturday 28 October, 11am Grafton Cathedral**

Rev Mandy will be ordained to the priesthood on 28 October in the Cathedral. We want to be there as her Ballina church family to support Mandy on this joyous occasion. If you would like to attend, put your name on the sign-up sheet at the entrance to the church. Please indicate whether you need a lift, or alternatively if you are able to provide transport for others.

**Rev'd Cathy will be on clergy retreat** from 9-12 October.

**Rev'd Mandy will be on Study Leave** 10 - 16 October.



**Are you looking for social connection or looking to give back to the community?** The Ballina Anglican Op-shop is looking for volunteers who can give 4 hours each week to working in the op-shop. Working times can be flexible to meet your needs. No retail experience needed as training provided. For more information about joining our supportive team, please phone 66860868 or come into the shop and connect with one of our shift supervisors.

Please pray for our hard working and committed volunteers and pray that God will call others to volunteer at the op-shop.

**Safe Ministry Awareness Refresher Course-Ballina**

**Date:** 14 October 2023- 9am to 1pm;

**Venue:** St Mary's Function Room Ballina;

**Registration:** Phone Maree- Bishop's Registry, Grafton: 02 6642 4122.

For those who completed the full course three years ago.

**Stamps!** If you receive letters with a stamp on it, please save them and bring them in to the Parish office. Bush Church Aid Society loves to receive our used stamps. Just leave 1cm of envelope on each side. Thank you.

**BCEC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner 2023**

Yes it's on again! We look forward to seeing you at our Thanksgiving Dinner 21 October 2023 from 5.30 pm till 8.30 pm at Seacoast Church 52 De-Haviland Crescent Ballina. Gather a group together or come alone and make new friends. Children and families are welcome! Come and enjoy great food, entertainment, games, competitions and our famous silent auction. Entry is by donation. See you there!

**Silent Auction** items welcomed. (Cooking, craft, quality goods, jams, services e.g. mowing, tutoring, gardening,) Let your church representative know or phone Jan on 0409472851. **RSVP:** 14 October.

**FROM OCTOBER 2023 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**REPORTS:**                   **THE INCUMBENT:** The Reverend Cathy Ridd

This month brought some unexpected absence as I travelled to Melbourne to support my friend who was approaching death. I am grateful to Rev Richard, Rev Mandy and so many others for ensuring ministry here continued seamlessly in my absence. I am also grateful for the many people who have been holding me in prayer. In the midst of grief there was joy, as I conducted the wedding of my friend's daughter.

I was delighted to be the guest speaker for the social gathering at Club Lennox on 20 September. I spoke about my time working on an archaeological dig in Israel. It's a while since I spoke about the dig and shared the various finds I brought home, and it reminded me of what a life-changing experience it was.

This month I have been working hard on editing 'My Favourite Bible Verse' this month. We have had contributions from 55 people, covering 26 books of the Bible. The first draft is almost complete and ready for proof-reading.

Following Synod in June I was appointed to facilitate a working group across the Diocese on the use of inclusive language in liturgy. Our first task is to define what we mean by inclusive language. This month we have been discussing, debating and exploring this interesting and sometimes tricky topic!

## **THE ASSISTANT CURATE:** The Reverend Mandy Larkin

**Nursing home services:** Services continued as normal in September. Mark Stuckey assisted with the services at St Andrews and RSL Lifecare this month. We are continuing to see good numbers in regular attendance and also residents attending for the first time.

**Home Communion:** Home communion visits continue to be a special part of my day. Most of our regulars were visited in September with a few being postponed to October due to ill health.

**Palm Lake Resort:** The service was held on Wednesday 13 September. It was well attended by residents, with one visitor and a few apologies from regulars. I had the opportunity to enjoy lunch in Palm Lake restaurant and enjoy some fellowship.

**Isaiah 61 Outreach:** Monday outreach is continuing to see an increased demand for vouchers each week. We are regularly giving away the majority of the vouchers in the first half hour which keeps our dedicated volunteers very busy. Many are still facing living pressures and finding it difficult to make ends meet.

**Op Shop:** I joined the op shop afternoon shift once in September, due to ministry school and Cathy being on leave. The volunteers were pleased to have me back and put me straight to work sorting donations. It's a privilege to be hands on assisting in this important ministry.

**Music Estuary Duet:** On Sunday 24 September we were treated to a chamber music duet from Anna Rabinowicz on flute and Jeremy Stafford on classical guitar. They played a variety of pieces which kept those in attendance transfixed and entertained for well over an hour. Another wonderful event hosting world class musicians.

**Wesley Lifeforce Suicide Prevention Course:** I attended a free workshop on Thursday 21 September on Suicide Prevention lead by Wesley Lifeforce. The course presented the statistics around suicide in Australia which were quite alarming. We also covered commonly held beliefs and barriers to suicide intervention as well as risk and protective factors and warning signs of suicide. We were able to practise the intervention strategy skills we learnt in small groups at the end of the course.

**Healing Service:** I am continuing preparation for our healing service. The team have begun meeting weekly for prayer in preparation for the launch of the ministry. The training program is being finalised with a training date still to be set.

## **TREASURER:**

**Resolution:** That, on the recommendation of the Treasurer, in consultation with the Incumbent, Parish Council endorses the decision to change the bookkeeper role from Michael Wareing to the Parish Office Administrator.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council acknowledges the contribution of Michael Wareing to financial management as bookkeeper in changing the Parish and Op Shop accounts to a new MYOB framework and thanks him for accepting the role of bookkeeper during this transition period.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council thanks Office Administrator Cathie Guest for taking on the role of bookkeeper for the Op Shop and Parish accounts, supporting the Parish Treasurer.

**Resolution:** That the Parish Office will be open five days a week from 9am to 1pm. The Office Administrator will be employed 25 hours a week; 20 hours on parish administration, 5 hours as bookkeeper.

Consideration of Profit and Loss Reports for September 2023 and Year to date January to September 2023 as presented. **Summary:** Deficit is less than budgeted; Expenses below budget with higher income than in the budget.

## **WORSHIP AND FAITH FORMATION:**

### **Worship:**

29/10 - Combined service - Rev Mandy's first celebration of the Eucharist

12/11 - Services will include special prayers and liturgy for Remembrance Day

19/11 - Sermon will focus on supporting our mission and ministry in the parish financially

31/12 - Combined service (fifth Sunday)

11/2/24 - Pet blessing

- rescheduled from September

- Lennox Head - blessing will be held at/near the markets instead of Sunday service

- Ballina - blessing will be held in St Mary's

### **Christmas Services:**

Nine Lessons and Carols (Ballina) - date tbc

Blue Christmas (Ballina) - 22/12? tbc

Christmas service (Lennox Head) - 24/12 8 am

Family Christmas Eve service (Ballina) - 24/12 6 pm

Christmas service (Ballina) - 25/12 9 am

### **Healing Service:**

Training manual almost complete

The team is meeting weekly for prayer

Training session(s) to be booked

Service will probably commence early 2024

### **Faith Formation:**

31/10 - 26/11 - Bible study 'What's in my Bible and how did it get there?'

- ♦ Tuesdays 2 -3.30 pm in Ballina; Sundays 4-5.30 pm in Lennox Head

28/11 - 19/12 - Advent Music Reflection

- ♦ each Tuesday in Advent, time tbc

9/12 - Quiet morning at Teveton

World Day of Prayer - according to the historic roster we are due to host this in March 2024. We do not discern that this is a prayer ministry we should be part of any longer. Rev. Cathy will advise the Roman Catholic Church, who hosted it this year.

### **OP SHOP MANAGEMENT :**

**Volunteers:** Working with TURSA for possible volunteers. Ann Emery and The Reverend Cathy Ridd - interview with Paradise FM about the Parish and Op Shop. Paradise FM will run an advertisement for volunteers.

**Christmas Thank You Luncheon for Volunteers:** Sunday 10 December at the Cherry St Bowling Club. \$32 per person.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council authorises the Op Shop Co-ordinators to write to Ballina Shire Council requesting two parking permits, extending the parking limits for Op Shop volunteers while working in the shop.

### **PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:**

**Edger:** Further options are being considered.

**Admin Office:** To assist the Parish Administration Officer to relocate to the office beside the print room the desk has been altered to accommodate a monitor lifter.

**Grounds:** Minimal maintenance has been required in the period due to dry conditions. Five volunteers currently provide labour to maintain the lawns and surrounds of St Mary's and the Deacon's Residence at 28 Burnet Street. St John the Baptist is looked after by a Lennox Head volunteer.

### **OTHER DECISIONS and INFORMATION:**

**Resolution:** That the details for the Nup to the Cup event to be held at *Teveton* on Melbourne Cup day be promoted in the parish bulletin.

**Australian Charities Not-for-Profit Commission Self Evaluation: Governance Standard 5: – Duties of Responsible People.** Requirements being met.

**Isaiah 61 Project-** investigating as a stand alone entity with tax deductibility to attract donations from the wider community. Process involved:

- Apply for an ABN number
- Register with Australian Charities Not-for-Profit Commission
- Fall into one of the deductible categories
- Responsible Person to be in charge
- Set of rules and charter in place.
- This will take administration time to set-up.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council endorses the deductible gift status for Isaiah 61 project to be actioned in 2024.

**St Mary's Sign Board:** Upgrade the board that looks professional, includes the details for services, has flexibility for changes in services and additional items; metal which magnetic strips can be added; may be larger. Develop a design, the size, information on the sign and then gain a quote. Investigate installation of a similar sign to that at St John the Baptist. Property Maintenance Committee to action and prepare for Parish Council consideration.

**Nomination of Kerry Johnston as a Licensed Lay Minister** with a particular focus on aged care ministry. Refer:

- ◆ Kerry is a Liturgical Assistant at St Mary's Church.
- ◆ Kerry has enrolled in an introductory Pastoral Care course with the intention to upgrade and also undertake theological study.

**Resolution:** That Parish Council affirms Kerry Johnston's call to lay leadership and



**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.

**Mission of the Month: SparkLit** The Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge Australia.

We stimulate life-changing Christian writing so that lives, communities and cultures are transformed as people discover

Jesus in a way that is authentic and culturally meaningful.

SparkLit nurtures emerging publishers; SparkLit equips publishing professionals; SparkLit makes Christian books available Where the Gospel is preached, books are needed!

recommends her to the Bishop to be licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister.

**Nomination of Kerry Johnston to be a Licensed Lay Minister**

I am delighted to nominate Kerry Johnston to be a Licensed Lay Minister in this Parish. This nomination is endorsed by the Churchwardens and by Parish Council. Under the Diocesan Ordinance members of the Parish have 21 days to object to this nomination. Objections may only be based on the qualifications outlined in the Diocesan Ordinance for Licensed Lay Ministers, which are: The person must show evidence of Christian maturity, piety and loyalty; be a regular communicant member of the Anglican Church and have regularly attended the Parish over the previous 12 months; have demonstrated leadership qualities in the church; and have demonstrated the physical and mental capacity to minister.



Thanks to Jesse Caldwell (See Exodus 20:1-21) 02-07-2001

I DON'T KNOW ABOUT YOU, BUT I'VE ONLY  
FOUND A COUPLE THAT WORK FOR ME



Thanks to Miriam (See Exodus 20:1-21) 05-06-2003

IS THERE ANY CHANCE THAT WE CAN VOTE  
ON SOME OF THESE?



(See Exodus 34) 12-15-2014

THESE WILL NEED TO LAST A WHILE ...  
YOU SHOULD PROBABLY JOT THEM DOWN ON  
STONE

**THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER**

<b>Monday - Friday</b>	9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
<b>Saturday</b>	9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN

<b>Sunday</b>	8 October	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Nineteenth</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	9 October	2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 October	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
		10.30am	Holy Communion-Crowley Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	11 October	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
		11.30am	Holy Communion-Palm Lake Resort
<b>Thursday</b>	12 October	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
		3.00pm	Healing Ministry Prayer Group- St Mary's
<b>Saturday</b>	14 October	9.00am	Safe Church Awareness-St Maary's
<b>Sunday</b>	15 October	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Twentieth</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Sunday after Pentecost</b>			
<b>Monday</b>	16 October	12.00pm	Taizé-St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
		2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b>	17 October	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Andrews Village
<b>Wednesday</b>	18 October	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Thursday</b>	19 October	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
		3.00pm	Healing Ministry Prayer Group- St Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	22 October	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Twenty First</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Sunday after Pentecost</b>			

Incumbent	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd	<b>Parish Office Administrator</b>	Cathie Guest
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**EFTPOS is available for any payments in the Parish Office.**

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