



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 19 NOVEMBER 2023

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Loving God, we give you thanks for this beautiful part of the world and for each other. We thank you for the many gifts you give us, and for your great love which surrounds us. Thank you for the talents we each have. Help us to understand more how we may use them and be guided by you. As we work together may we be an encouragement to each other in using our talents, sharing the love of Jesus. 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: Hester Miller, Ros Rowe, Nancy Rudgey.

Anniversary: Phil & Felicity Ross

What's in my Bible and how did it get there? Join Rev Cathy for this study of the Bible that is not your usual Bible study. Bring your Bible and an enquiring mind!

Ballina - 2-3.30 pm on Tuesday 21/11

Lennox Head - 4-5.30 pm on Sundays 19/11, 26/11

Sleepbus Open Day: Sunday 26 November 11-1 at St Mary's If you're wondering how the Sleepbus works, you'll have a chance to check it out at this open day.

Celebration of 30 Years of Ordination of Women in the Diocese

Saturday 2 December, 10 am, Grafton Cathedral You're invited to this day of celebration and hope. The first two women ordained as priests in the Diocese will preside at Holy Communion, and Archdeacon Emeritus Gail Hagon is preaching. Following the service there will be a lunch with a keynote address from the Reverend Dr Colleen O'Reilly.

If you would like to attend but need a lift, please contact the church office.

My Favourite Bible Verse Our book has been published! You can buy the book direct from us for \$15. Bring your cash to church, or come into the office. This is a special book and will make a great Christmas gift. It's a wonderful way to share our faith with our friends and loved ones. You can also order the book at [amazon.com.au](https://www.amazon.com.au), for \$17 plus postage.

Are You Interested in Reading at Our Services, but struggle to get up to the lectern? We have 'roving' microphones which enable you to read the Scriptures and intercessions from your seat. So if this is you and you'd like to go on the reading roster, speak to Kerry Johnston (Ballina) or Vicki Goulding (Lennox Head).



FIAT LUX - Concert date changed!

Unfortunately Covid affected the performers and our planned concert with Syrinx vocal ensemble and cellist Eleanor Streatfeild has been postponed to Sunday, 3 December, 3.00pm. It is a shimmering programme exploring themes of light and hope, dissonance and crystalline harmonies. The programme takes its name from a choral piece by Australian composer Alice Chance. We are living in a strange time, full of darkness and difficulty for many people near and far. Our fervent hope: FIAT LUX – Let there be light.

Tickets \$25 / \$ 20 Concession available at the door.

Book online: www.trybooking.com/CMPQT

Changes to the Isaiah 61 Project in 2024

We are making some changes to the Isaiah 61 Project in 2024. This includes the coming of Sleepbus to St Mary's. We are also exploring installing lockers at St Mary's for the use of homeless people.

The biggest change is to our Monday afternoon outreach, which will end on 18 December. Giving out food vouchers is no longer the best way for us to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Instead of vouchers, we are introducing a monthly cooked breakfast on a Saturday morning at St Mary's. We anticipate we will feed 60 people at this breakfast - that's a lot of bacon and eggs!

We will also be hosting the Community Christmas Lunch at St Mary's, where we anticipate we will feed 200+ people on Christmas Day.

In addition we will financially support other local organisations which work with the poor and vulnerable in our community, e.g. Anglicare, Sleepbus, Orange Sky etc.

Thank you to everyone who supports the Isaiah 61 Project financially, and with your time and prayer. Please continue to support this important outreach to our community.

If you are interested in volunteering for the Saturday breakfast, please let me know. There are lots of roles: cooking, serving, clearing/cleaning, talking to people, handing out clothing and toiletries, praying with people.

I thank God for this Parish and your passion for being the hands and feet of Jesus in our community.

Cathy

Mission of the Month for November - Angel Tree

Angel Tree- A Prison Fellowship Ministry provides people with the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parent is in prison. In previous years, our parishioners have supported this very generously, often providing more than 70 gifts per year. To ensure we can keep our parishioners as safe as possible, but also in the hope that we can still provide generously for these children, our parish mission for November is Angel Tree. Your donations will allow the agency to provide the gifts and deliver them to the relevant families in time for Christmas. The donations cover not only the cost of a gift but in many families the cost of postage.

There are three ways you can help bring Christmas Joy to the children of prisoners this year:

- Place your donation in the Sunday offertory in the mission side of the envelope or in a separate envelope labelled Angel Tree.
- Drop it into the Parish Office.
- Make a direct transfer to the Parish Account using Angel Tree as a reference.

Being COVID Safe: Another wave of COVID has arrived in our region. To protect our most vulnerable people, our welcomers and hospitality teams will return to wearing masks. The clergy will also wear masks during communion.

The Rainbow Spirit Altar Frontal You may have noticed the altar frontal in St Mary's, decorated with the Aboriginal symbol of the Rainbow Spirit. This frontal has previously been used on occasions such as Aboriginal Sunday and NAIDOC Week. Until recently it was incomplete, but now that it has been finished it is a permanent sacred art work in our sanctuary (except for Advent and Lent).

The Rainbow Spirit depicted on the frontal is an important image for Aboriginal Christians. It is not an image of a literal snake. Early Christian missionaries misunderstood this, and associated the image of a snake with the Fall in Genesis 3, and condemned it as evil. The Rainbow Spirit has been reclaimed by Aboriginal Christians as a powerful symbol of our Creator God, the eternal source of life.



In this Diocese we are working to encourage and foster reconciliation with the traditional owners of the lands on which we gather and worship. This Rainbow Spirit altar frontal is one way to show in a very visual way that we want to learn from and connect with the Bundjalung people. The frontal is an artwork created by two local Wiradjiri women who have been most generous in sharing their artistic gift with us.

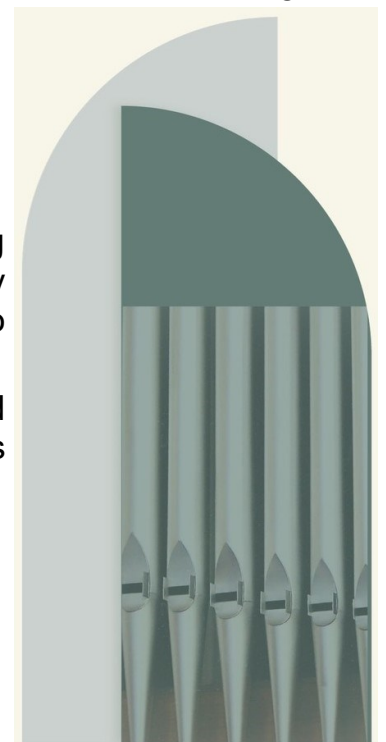
ORGAN MUSIC AND A POEM

Advent can be a busy time towards the end of a year and preparing for Christmas. We invite you to a 30 minute musical reflection every Tuesday 5.30-6.00pm during Advent. Step aside, take a moment to breathe and reflect or just listen to some beautiful music.

Organist Hamsa Arnold plays Organ music on Advent and Christmas themes and a poem read by Rev'd Cathy Ridd invites us to reflect on light & dark.

Tuesday 28 November, 5 December, 12 December, 19 December.

Entry by Donation.



Social Activities for December You are invited to join a group of Coffee n Chatters at a High Tea at Summerland Farm on Thursday 7 December at 10.30am. The cost is \$40.00 per head. Please note your name on the Attendance Sheet at the entrance of the church and if you need transport. Any questions please ring Kerry Johnston 0407257129. We will need your payment by **Sunday 19 November**.

THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER

Monday - Friday		9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday		9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Sunday	19 November	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Twenty-Fifth		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Sunday after		4.00pm	What's in My Bible?-St John the Baptist
Pentecost			
Monday	20 November	2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
Tuesday	21 November	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
		1.00pm	Faithfulness in Service-Admin Building
		2.00pm	What's in My Bible?-St Mary's
Wednesday	22 November	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	23 November	10.00am	Coffee & Conversation-Rise Café, Lennox Head
		10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
Sunday	26 November	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
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King		4.00pm	What's in My Bible?-St John the Baptist
Monday	27 November	12.00pm	Taizé-St Francis Xavier Catholic Church
		2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
Tuesday	28 November	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
		5.30pm	Advent Music Reflection-St Mary's
Wednesday	29 November	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	30 November	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
Saturday	2 December	9.00am	30th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women-Christ Church Cathedral, Grafton
Sunday	3 December	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
First Sunday		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
of Advent		3.00pm	Fiat Lux Concert-St Mary's

Rev Mandy is on leave, returning to work Saturday 2 December.

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