



# 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 DECEMBER 2023**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Eternal God, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for the coming of your Son: grant us wisdom to see your purpose and openness to hear your will, that we too may prepare the way for Christ who is coming in power and glory to establish his rule of peace and justice; through Jesus Christ our Judge and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. 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:** Gaye Ibbotson

**Anniversary:** Richard & Carol Brown

**Blue Christmas 19 December 6.30 pm at St Mary's** Do you know someone who is lonely, grieving or sad, who might find comfort in attending this gentle service? Please help yourself to invitations to Blue Christmas, which you will find in the foyer. Our Blue Christmas service is for anyone who is not feeling very merry. It is a gentle, informal gathering where we reflect and remember, pray and light candles, with beautiful music from the Threshold Choir.

**Christmas at the Beach - Ross Park - Christmas Day** If you're attending our beachside Christmas service, please bring your own chair (and perhaps an extra one for someone else to use).

**Mission of the Month for December - ABM Advent & Christmas Appeal 2023.**

**Nungalingya and Wontulp-Bi-Buya** colleges are facing increasing demand. They need your support to train their students to build stronger communities and churches together. To make a donation, or read more about this appeal you can go to

[www.abmission.org/Christmas2023](http://www.abmission.org/Christmas2023). There are also envelopes in the foyers of both churches.

**Thank you to everyone** who supported the Angel Tree, A Prison Fellowship Ministry. We have made a donation of \$2000, enabling an estimated 70 children receive gifts this Christmas.

**Annual Reports for inclusion at the AGM** are due to be received by the office by Thursday 25 January at the latest, sooner if at all possible. If you are responsible for preparation of a report from one of our groups, please be giving consideration to that report at this time. If you have any questions, or wonder if you are on that list, please email Cathie at [office@anglicanballina.com.au](mailto:office@anglicanballina.com.au). **Please also look for any photos that would be suitable for inclusion in for the Annual Report.**

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

**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>24/12/2023 - 01/01/2024</b>			Op Shop-CLOSED
<b>Sunday</b>	17 December	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	18 December	2.00pm	Isaiah 61 Project Outreach-St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b>	19 December	5.30pm	Advent Music Reflection-St Mary's
		6.30pm	Blue Christmas-St Mary's
<b>Wednesday</b>	20 December	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Thursday</b>	21 December	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Cherry St Ballina
<b>Friday</b>	22 December	7.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carols-St Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	24 December	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
		6.00pm	Family Christmas Eve Service-St Mary's
<b>Monday</b>	25 December	7.30am	Beachside Christmas-Ross Park, Lennox Head
<b>Christmas Day</b>		9.00am	Christmas Holy Communion-St Mary's
		12.00pm	Community Christmas Lunch-St Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	31 December	10.00am	Combined Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>First Sunday after Christmas</b>			

**Christmas Closures**

- Rev. Cathy: on leave from Boxing Day, returning Sunday 31 December. Rev Cathy can still be contacted for urgent matters on 0427 836 988.
- Rev. Mandy: on leave from Boxing Day, returning Tuesday 2 January.
- There will be no Holy Communion service on Wednesday 27 December.
- The Parish Office will be closed from 1pm 22 December and will re-open Tuesday 2 January. Emails will be checked during this period as Cathie will be working from home.
- The Op Shop will be closed from 24 December to re-open 2 January.
- Craft Group's final day for 2023 will resume 30 January 2024.
- Coffee 'n' Chat finishes 21 December, resuming 1 February 2024.
- Coffee & Conversation will resume 22 February 2024

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.**