



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.*

SUNDAYS 24 & 31 DECEMBER 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & 1ST AFTER CHRISTMAS

Loving God, this Christmas, we celebrate with people from every corner of your amazing world, that you loved us so much that you sent your Son, Jesus, to live on this earth so we could be saved. Because of this, we have hope for the future which you hold gently in your hands. This Christmas, we sing your praise for all that you have done for each of us, loving us unconditionally and forgiving all our sins. We rejoice, Lord, and pray that we can be bearers of your Peace, Joy, Hope and Love throughout the world. Amen.

Loving Father, as we come to the end of this year, thank you for the opportunity for new beginnings. May this new year bring into our lives and the life of our parish more love, more fruit of the spirit so that our salvation will grow in the knowledge that we are held, cherished, blessed and deeply loved by Jesus in whom we place our trust. Teach us what you will, help us to understand all you desire for this parish. Continue to walk with us as we serve you, honour you and love you. In the name 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.

Birthdays: Ken Bourne, Joan Swinbourne, Gordon Jarrett, Audrey Fisher, Lorna Ewing, Betty Williams, Finnian Hartmann.

Change to Rev Cathy's hours From 1 January Rev Cathy will be working 5 days a week, not 6. Her days off will be Monday and Friday.

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).

Thank you to everyone who supported the Angel Tree, A Prison Fellowship Ministry. We have made a donation of \$2078, enabling an estimated 70 children receive gifts this Christmas.

2024 Calendars \$15 Purchase your 2024 Dignity Freedom Network calendar for \$15 after the service 31 December. Dignity Freedom Network is an Anglican charity working with the women from the lowest caste in India.

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

Nungalinya 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. There are also envelopes in the foyers of both churches.

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. **Please also look for any photos that would be suitable for inclusion in for the Annual Report.**

THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER

24/12/2023 - 01/01/2024		Op Shop-CLOSED
Tuesday - Friday	9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday	9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Monday - Friday	9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday	9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN

Sunday	24 December	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Fourth Sunday of Advent		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
		6.00pm	Family Christmas Eve Service-St Mary's
Monday Christmas Day	25 December	7.30am	Beachside Christmas-Ross Park, Lennox Head
		9.00am	Christmas Holy Communion-St Mary's
		12.00pm	Community Christmas Lunch-St Mary's
Sunday First Sunday after Christmas	31 December	10.00am	Combined Holy Communion-St Mary's
Wednesday	3 January	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Sunday Epiphany	7 January	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's

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

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.

Incumbent	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd	Parish Office Administrator	Cathie Guest
Assist. Curate	Days off: Monday and Friday	Parish Office Hours	9.00am to 1.00pm, Mon - Fri
	The Rev'd Mandy Larkin	Rev Cathy Ridd Email	revridd@gmail.com
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EFTPOS is available for any payments in the Parish Office.

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