



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 14 JANUARY 2024

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Dear Lord, open our ears to hear your call and your words of wisdom. Knowing that you are the author of all that we are, guide our hearts and minds in the right paths for the betterment of our lives and all those with whom we meet and connect. When you call us, let us be open and willing to follow unhindered by our fears. 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, Margaret Saul, Maisie Stratton and David McCarthy.

Readings for this week:

1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-18; John 1:43-51

Thank you to everybody who came out to help us pack away our nativity scenes.

Get Together for Volunteers Morning Tea - if you are/have been/or would like to be a volunteer in our parish, please join the Coffee 'n' Chatters for a morning tea at the Gallery Cafe on Thursday 18 January 2024. An opportunity to meet and chat over a cuppa! Please RSVP on the attendance sheet in the foyer.

Men's get-together: cuppa and conversation January 24 8.30am in St Mary's function room.

Street Lockers Parish Council has approved the installation of street lockers in the grounds of St Mary's for use by people who are homeless. The lockers will be along the side of the shed. This is a new initiative for the Isaiah 61 Project.

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.**

Australia Day Office Closure

The Parish Office will be closed for the Australia Day Public Holiday on Friday 26 January.

MISSION FOR JANUARY: ANGLICARE NORTH COAST-AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOUNDATION. There are many people in our region who have difficulty affording to pay for suitable accommodation to live in. The Foundation assists people who are disadvantaged in some way and are unable to afford to pay normal market rent. There are strict eligibility guidelines to ensure that the Foundation operates in a very fair and equitable manner.

THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER

Monday - Friday		9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday		9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Friday 26/01/2024		<i>Australia Day Holiday</i>	Op Shop-CLOSED
Sunday	14 January	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Second Sunday after Epiphany		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Tuesday	16 January	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Andrews Village
Wednesday	17 January	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Sunday	21 January	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Third Sunday after Epiphany		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Tuesday	23 January	4.15pm	BCEC Prayer Group-Ballina Baptist Church
Wednesday	24 January	8.30am	Men's Get-together-Function Room
		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Sunday	28 January	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's

Parish Groups: Craft Group will resume 30 January 2024.
 Coffee 'n' Chat resumes 1 February 2024.
 Coffee & Conversation will resume 22 February 2024.

PREPARATION FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Sunday 25 February 2024

Nominations are called for the following positions:

Parish Churchwarden- two positions	Parish Council members- multiplies of 3, maximum of 9
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Compliance Requirements: Churchwardens and Parish Council Member: Working With Children Check (every five years), Safe Ministry Check (every three years) , Safe Ministry Training (every three years), Faithfulness in Service training (every three years)

Nomination Forms- back of each church or Parish Office

Nominations to Parish Council Secretary or Parish Office by COB Thursday 15 February 2024. No nominations can be accepted at the meeting. **Any vacant positions are filled by Parish Council.**

Incumbent	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd Days off: Monday and Friday	Parish Office Administrator Cathie Guest Parish Office Hours 9.00am to 1.00pm, Mon - Fri
Assist. Curate	The Rev'd Mandy Larkin Days off: Friday and Saturday	Rev Cathy Ridd Email revridd@gmail.com Rev Cathy Ridd Mobile 0427 836 988
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