



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 MARCH 2024 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Loving Father, as we continue our Lenten path, help us to seek you in all things, to delight in your word. Give to us wisdom and love as we listen for your word to us each day. Show us the path so we are confident we are on the right path

We pray for those who do not know you, that you will help us to share our faith, to demonstrate the love of Jesus in what we do and what we say. We pray for peace in our lives, in the lives of our church community so it might spread to our violent confused world.

We know you love each of us with a deep love, a love that helps us to be forgiving, encouraging and accepting. May the Lenten path teach us how to love each other with the same forgiving, encouraging and accepting love. Help us believe in you with a deeper understanding. 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 Yvette Paish.

Birthday: Richard Brown.

Readings for this week:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 119:9-16; John 12:20-33

Readings for next week:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 11:1-11

Parish Consultation: We want to hear from you! You have received a questionnaire sheet along with your bulletin today. You can fill in the form and place it in the Communication Box in the foyer, or you can send an email with your responses to office@anglicanballina.com.au. Have your say! Help us to understand what is most important to you as a member of this Parish.

Making palm crosses for Palm Sunday: Would you like to help make palm crosses? If you don't know how, don't worry, we will show you! Come along, have fun learning a new skill and enjoy conversation and fellowship. Tomorrow, Monday 18 March 10 am in St Mary's function room.

MISSION FOR MARCH: ABM Lenten Appeal. Women and children in the Holy Land need life-changing health care. By supporting this appeal, your gift will provide care for malnourished children, children with hearing difficulties, and enable mothers to gain new skills in this very challenging part of the world.

BCEC Easter Street Stall will be held on Saturday 23 March from 7am until 1pm outside the Wigmore Arcade in River St. Donations are welcomed and can be dropped at the stall from 7am, or phone Sue for pickup on 0407 241 467. Please ensure that any cooked items have all the ingredients labelled.

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.

THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER

Monday - Friday		9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday		9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Sunday	17 March	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<i>Fifth Sunday in Lent</i>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Monday	18 March	10.00am	Palm Cross Making-Function Room
Tuesday	19 March	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Andrews Village
Wednesday	20 March	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	21 March	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
Sunday	24 March	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<i>Palm Sunday</i>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
		3.00pm	Vox Caldera Concert-St Mary's
Tuesday	26 March	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
		4.15pm	BCEC Prayer Group- Ballina Baptist Church
Wednesday	27 March	8.30am	Men's Group-St Mary's
		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
Thursday	28 March	10.00am	Coffee & Conversation-Neon Mango, Epiq Marketplace, Lennox Head
		10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Ballina
		10.30am	Holy Communion-St Andrews Home
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
		2.00pm	Holy Communion-RSL LifeCare
<u>HOLY WEEK SERVICES</u>			
<i>Maundy Thursday</i>		5.30pm	Service of Shadows with Holy Communion- St Mary's
		6.30-9pm	Prayer Vigil-St Mary's (stay and pray as long as you wish)
<i>Good Friday</i>	29 March	8.00am	Veneration of the Cross- St John the Baptist
		10.00am	Veneration of the Cross-St Mary's
		3.00pm	Musical Reflection: The Seven Last Words of Jesus-St Mary's
<i>Easter Sunday</i>	31 March	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's

Incumbent	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd	Parish Office Administrator	Cathie Guest
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