



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 24 MARCH 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Dear God, we come to praise you. This week we remember Jesus' time on earth and thank you for his triumphant victory over death, the likes of which the world has never seen!! Forgive us for our failings, and may your enduring love carry us to you. Guide us to make you known to those to whom your love is still unknown. 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.

Readings for this week:

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

Readings for next week (Easter Day):

Acts 10:34-43; Mark 16:1-8



House

Blessing

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.

Do you have a prayer need? Our Prayer Chain is a group of mighty pray-ers who will pray for you. This is completely confidential. Contact Pat Kerr on 0412 297 766 or email pat.kerr.01@gmail.com with any prayer request.

Noticed someone hasn't been at church lately? We are a church family, looking out for one another. So if you notice someone hasn't been at church lately, why not check in with them? If necessary, let the clergy or one of the church wardens know of any issue.

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.

REPORTS:

THE INCUMBENT: The Reverend Cathy Ridd

Lent music reflection videos: Hamsa and I have worked together to produce 5 music reflection videos for the first 5 weeks of Lent. Hamsa has selected a wonderful array of different music. Hamsa is so gifted - he arranges, sings, plays and records all the music.

The videos are on our YouTube channel, Facebook page and emailed to parishioners. They have had an average of 80 views so far. This means the music reflections are reaching far more than the 10-15 people who attend these when they are performed live during Lent/Advent.

I've enjoyed working with Hamsa to edit and produce these videos, but it has reminded both of us of how much time it takes! However, with the videos having such a wide reach it is worth considering doing this again in Advent.

Lismore Bible study: I was invited by Lismore Parish to bring them our Bible study 'What's in my Bible and how did it get there?' I have done this each Sunday afternoon for the past 4 weeks. This has gone extremely well, with lots of engagement and great conversations. It's not feasible to offer all our Bible studies in two parishes but I will invite Lismore parishioners to consider car-pooling to attend our studies later this year.

Parish BBQ Breakfast and kitchen working bee: I was delighted with the excellent working bee which cleaned and sorted the kitchen ready for the launch of our monthly Saturday BBQ breakfast. The trial BBQ breakfast went well, with lots of enthusiastic volunteers. We learned a few lessons which will help things run more smoothly when we launch on 16 March. I'm especially pleased at the number of people who have volunteered.

I have advertised the breakfast at venues which offer community meals and at op-shops. Based on the number of people who attend the Presbyterian 1st Saturday breakfast, we will be feeding many people in need once the word of our breakfast spreads.

Sleepbus Open Day: The sleepbus open day was a great success, with a lot of community interest and several people signing up to volunteer. However, funding is still an issue, with only 10% raised so far of the total amount needed to run the bus for a year.

Paradise FM Interview: Paradise FM invited me to come and speak about the sleepbus, and the DJ really pushed the need for local businesses to get on board and donate. I also took the opportunity to promote our BBQ Breakfast. Paradise FM are considering whether I might appear on the Thursday breakfast show every month. This would be a great opportunity to talk about all sorts of things!

Presentation Board: I am a member of one of the presentation boards, working with ministry units in the northern end of the Diocese which have vacancies. We have been quite active this month.

Palm Lake Resort - second service: Mandy and I are delighted that we've been invited to add a second service each month at Palm Lake Resort. We will now offer Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Our presence is beginning to be noticed in a very positive way at the resort.

THE ASSISTANT CURATE: The Reverend Mandy Larkin

Nursing home services: The February services at Crowley was held on Shrove Tuesday and kindly taken by John Phillips. The regular services at both RSL LifeCare and St Andrews Village were cancelled last month as I was unwell with Covid.

Home Communion: The home communion roster is back in full swing and most regular parishioners were visited in the past month. A couple needed to be rescheduled due to illness.

House Blessings: Cathy and I performed one house blessing service in January. It was a very special occasion to set aside and pray God's blessing and peace.

Shrove Tuesday: What a special way to begin our season of Lent. Shrove Tuesday was celebrated with Pancakes at McDonalds which was well attended. Kerry Johnston shared stories on the history of Shrove Tuesday, some of which were eye-opening! We also marked Shrove Tuesday with hearing of private confessions at both St John the Baptist and St Mary's.

Ash Wednesday: Another special occasion to begin the season of Lent. Services were held at St Mary's and Palm Lake Resort with imposition of ashes. It was a very moving and spirit filled service.

Healing Ministry: We continue to gather weekly for prayer ministry in the Mariners Chapel, praying for healing for our region and continuing to discern God's call for our parish.

Baptism: I performed my first baptism on Sunday 10 March at St Mary's. It was a wonderful opportunity to welcome a precious child into God's family.

St Mary's Music Program: We had two concerts in the last month. Terzetta Chamber Trio performed on Sunday 25 February. We were treated to 90 minutes of wonderful music from around the world, including the world premiere of Trio #3 by American composer Edgar F. Girtain IV. Contra Guitar Duo of Hamish Strathdee & Emma-Shay Gallenti-Guilfoyle performed on Sunday 10 March. We were entertained with wonderful classical guitar arrangements from two gifted musicians. There were about 40 people in attendance and all those present full of praise for a wonderful afternoon of music.

EAC Foundation Day: Cathy and I attended the EAC Foundation Day service on Tuesday 5 February as the school celebrated 26 years. The service began with a smoking ceremony, and this was linked with the smoke of God which was brought into the service with a thurible. It was wonderful to hear the stories of Emmanuel College from the birth of the vision to the current day and to have the story of Emmanuel "God with us" proclaimed.

TREASURER:

Audit Recommendations: Offertories: counted and recorded by two people at the end of each service in a church or aged care facilities or Palm Lakes.

Banking: Offertories and money collected through the office to be banked more regularly. Both recommendations require more volunteers to be involved and will increase the time required. Offertory will be counted and recorded after 10am Sunday service at St Mary's Church and at other services if possible. With increasing number of people using direct deposit there has been a decrease in the amount of money held, hence a decrease in risk. Further options will be investigated.

The safe in the vestry: this is difficult to access and use. An easier to use safe to meet our requirements will be investigated by Hugh McIntosh.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

Grounds: The team have been kept busy managing strong summer growth. Weekly mowing etc continues.

St Mary's: A plasterer and the Foreman of Bennetts Construction, who worked on the construction of St Mary's, attended the Mariner's Chapel to advise on repair of the cornice and risk. It was determined that the dislodged section of the cornice could be safely replaced.

The identically designed cornice is being sourced from Brisbane.

Op Shop: Fire alarms have been disconnected and blanked. They are not required in a commercial building where there are no residents. A security camera is to be located to view the external area between the shop and shed.

Admin Hall: Fluorescent in main hall replaced with LED unit.

St John the Baptist: New batteries purchased to replace old whipper snipper batteries.

Air Conditioner Cleaning: Coastal Breeze Air Conditioning have been requested to clean some of the units and provide a cleaning programme for the Parish and Op Shop for consideration. They will be attending Tuesday 12 March. They were used last year and performed satisfactorily. NSW State Safety regulations require a ladder access attachment and roof anchor points that meet their standards. Persons with certification have to do the installation.



OP SHOP MANAGEMENT:

Courtyard Roof: Final Ballina Shire Council inspection completed. The new roof and fans have made a huge improvement to the heat levels in the sorting area and made the shed more accessible in all weather. The suggested changes were discussed prior to collecting quotes for the roof and we were advised to have the roof completed and then seek to make the changes. We thank parish council for the roof and the open space it has created. Investigate ways to weatherproof the eastern end of the outdoor donation collection area to prevent the rain from blowing in and obtain quotes for the work.

Shed Management: Changes being considered for a clearer and easier workplace in the sorting room and shed.

Safe Ministry Awareness Training: Supervisors attending the workshop in Lismore on 16 March 2024.

Sales: February total sales- \$27 505.35, comparable to the same time in 2023.

Transition to Winter: commence in April.

Volunteers: Some taking leave for various reasons. Agreed 3 volunteers could operate the shop with the expectations that no work would occur with sorting.
URGENT: MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

Clothing vouchers: \$5 vouchers will be offered to people experiencing financial hardship.

Shed Fans: Install 2 fans in the sorting areas of the shed where books, shoes and other goods are sorted, one in the first bay and one in the second bay. A request has come from the volunteers who have been sorting the books throughout an extremely hot summer. A decision about the most appropriate type of fan eg: ceiling fan or oscillating wall fan, will need to be made based on the most appropriate place to fit the fans.

Air Conditioning: maintenance every three months.

Easter Trading: Closed Good Friday to Easter Monday inclusive.

EMMANUEL ANGLICAN COLLEGE:

Position of Deputy Principal: Deputy Principal Mr Francis McGuigan has accepted the position of Principal of the Rome International School, Italy. Francis finishes at EAC at the end of April. Interviews for the position will be held in April.

Other Business: Resolutions:

That John Bryen be appointed as Parish Council Secretary for 2024.

That Parish Council meetings be held on the second Wednesday of each month commencing at 5.30pm for up to two hours with a possible extension of up to thirty minutes as required. Seven days notice to be given for change in day or time.

That a letter of appreciation be sent to Hellen Officer and David Officer for their contribution as members of Parish Council in 2023 and to David for accepting the role of Treasurer for part of 2023.

That the Approval for Ministry Form for the Saturday BBQ breakfast be approved.

That Reverend Cathy Ridd and Hugh McIntosh be authorised to decide the best signage option for the Saturday morning breakfast and proceed with purchase with payment from Isaiah 61 Project.

That wca be appointed as Auditor for 2024, requesting a full audit to meet Diocesan Ordinance requirements, subject to a satisfactory quote being received.

That Parish Council, subject to their approval, makes appointments to the following positions for 2024:

- Copyright Representative: Rev Cathy Ridd;
- Ballina Christian Education Committee: Jan Fryer and Meryl Broadley;
- Craft Group: Jan Jackson
- Media Correspondent: Jan Fryer.
- Op Shop Management Committee Parish Council Representative: Kerry Johnston
- EAC Liaison: John Bryen
- AFH Contact: Vicki Goulding
- Prayer: Pat Kerr
- Being Together Contact Persons: Celeste Hartmann and John Phillips
- Safe Church Persons Contact: John Phillips

That the Parish policy for maintenance and supply of goods and services be endorsed as follows-

- Expenditure up to \$1000- Approval by the Executive Committee or Property Committee
- Expenditure between \$1001 and \$2000- One quote; Parish Council approval
- Expenditure between \$2001 and \$5000- two quotes; Parish Council approval
- Expenditure over \$5001- three quotes; Parish Council approval.

Prayer Partners proposal. After extensive discussion it was decided not to proceed with the proposal due to administration and confidentiality issues. Parishioners are reminded of The Prayer Chain with details to be regularly placed in the bulletin.

That quotes be obtained to waterproof the southeastern corner of the awning at the Op Shop.

That appropriate fans be installed in the Op Shop shed.

That the following Committees and membership be confirmed for 2024 with any additional members needing prior approval by Parish Council before appointment.

Executive Committee: Convener: The Reverend Cathy Ridd, The Reverend Mandy Larkin, John Phillips, Kerry Johnston, John Bryen and Parish Treasurer

Finance Committee: To be decided

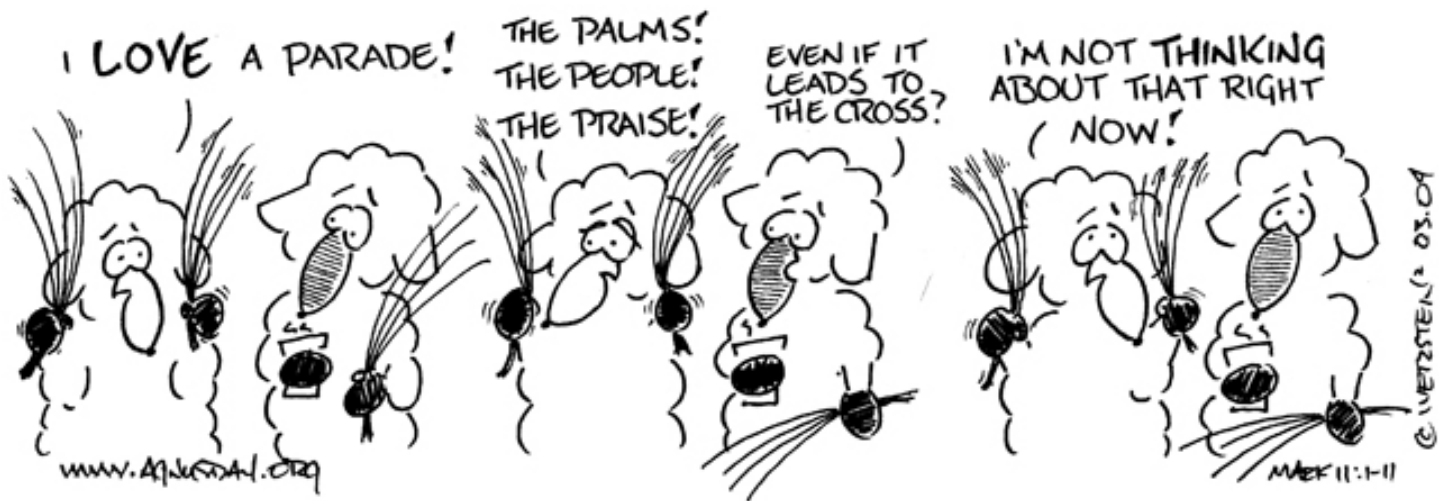
Property Maintenance Committee: Hugh McIntosh-Convener, Geoff Finlay, Greg Kingdom, Bob Donald. Graeme Forrest-Brown as a consultant as required.

Op Shop Management Committee: Co-ordinators, Supervisors and Parish Council Representative.

Worship and Faith Formation Committee: The Reverend Cathy Ridd- Convener, Kerry Johnston, John Phillips, Pat Kerr, Celeste Hartmann, The Reverend Mandy Larkin.

Consideration: change from MYOB to Xero accounting platform. Proposal, prepared by The Reverend Mandy Larkin, for consideration. Reverend Mandy transitioned Port Macquarie Parish from MYOB to Xero.

That Parish Council authorises The Reverend Cathy Ridd, The Reverend Mandy Larkin, John Bryen and Cathie Guest to facilitate the migration from MYOB to Xero.



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THIS FORTNIGHT TOGETHER

Monday - Friday		9.00am - 3.30pm	Op Shop-OPEN
Saturday		9.00am - 1.00pm	Op Shop-OPEN
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

Men's Morning Meeting this Wednesday 27 March 8.30am - 9.30am Please come along and meet fellows from other services.

Incumbent	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd	Parish Office Administrator	Cathie Guest
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EFTPOS is available for any payments in the Parish Office.

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