



# 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 28 APRIL 2024**

**ANZAC DAY**

Loving Father we praise you for the world around us. We thank you that we can live in freedom and safety from war and destruction. Yet, in some ways war and destruction are all around us. We pray for those who protect us, who keep us safe. We uphold our armed forces to you. Give us courage to remain close to you in our everyday lives, so that we can be a useful and faithful branch of your tree of life. In the name of Jesus we pray. 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, Margaret Saul, Maisie Stratton, Yvette Paish, and Debbie and Tony Pearce.

### Readings for this week (ANZAC Day):

**2 Samuel 22:2-20; Psalm 46; John 15:9-17**

### Readings for next week :

**Acts 10:44-48; Psalm 98; John 16:16-24**

**Parish consultation questions.** Thanks to all who sent in responses to our questionnaire. This will help Parish Council to paint a picture of who we are and what's important to us. There will be more updates on this in the coming months.

**Hand sanitising at St Mary's:** In your feedback on our Parish life, some people commented on the way we were sanitising hands as people enter St Mary's on Sunday. This no longer needs to be 'enforced' though of course you may still sanitise your hands if you wish. We will continue to sanitise people's hands before communion at all our services.

You spoke - we listened!

**Cursillo Fire Day** Northern Region will be held at St Cuthbert's Anglican Church, Tweed Heads, on the corner of Powell and Florence Sts, Saturday 11 May 9.30am. The cost is \$10 for lunch. For more information please contact”:

Fran Legge: [kiwituppence@gmail.com](mailto:kiwituppence@gmail.com) or

Rod Lollback: [rodneylollback@hotmail.com](mailto:rodneylollback@hotmail.com).

All are welcome.

**The Ballina Anglican Op Shop** is looking for more volunteers. If you're looking to do something fulfilling to help the Ballina Community and make friends while doing it, speak to the Coordinators Ann Emery and Julie Harwood or phone 66860868. Morning and afternoon shifts are just 4 hours. Call in to the op-shop to see how it works. We'd love to see you there.

**Organ Concert with Robert Eather**, today, 28 April 3pm at St Mary's. We are very fortunate to have Robert Eather, Organist and Music Director at Christ Church Cathedral Grafton as a guest to perform an Organ Concert at St Mary's. He is an esteemed organist and has recently been awarded with a Fellowship of the Guild of Church Musicians for his 25 years of service at the Cathedral.

Tickets are \$25/ \$20 Concession (under 18 free admission) and can be booked online at [www.themusicestuary.org](http://www.themusicestuary.org) or at the door.

**We urgently need volunteers to fill key roles!** Contact Rev. Cathy if you're interested or would like to know more.

Lawn mowing/gardeners - join the team that looks after the grounds at both churches.

Treasurer - work with Parish Council and the Office Administrator to ensure our finances are correctly managed. Does not have to be a member of Parish Council. See also Diocesan Ordinance page 41

<https://www.graftondiocese.org.au/documents/ordinances/>

**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](mailto: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.



**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.

## FROM APRIL 2024 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### REPORTS:

**THE INCUMBENT:** The Reverend Cathy Ridd

**Community BBQ Breakfast :** We held our first community BBQ breakfast on Saturday 16 March. We served about 36 breakfasts, plus takeaway leftovers to a few very happy diners. In the week before I visited most of the other places which do community meals, to hand out flyers and encourage people to attend. This worked well, with some keen diners arriving even before we opened the doors at 8 am!

The team of volunteers was fantastic - cooking and serving with enthusiasm, but most importantly, welcoming our diners warmly, chatting with them, and showing the love of Jesus in very practical ways.

**Holy Week:** Much of this month was spent preparing for, and then conducting, our various Holy Week services. The response from those who came to the services was appreciative and positive. It would be good to see more people immerse themselves in all that we offer on the 'Great Three Days of Easter' (from Thursday evening to Sunday).

Palm Sunday - both our centres were wonderfully decorated for Palm Sunday, thanks to John Hutton in Lennox Head, and Hugh McIntosh, Pat Kerr and Mandy in Ballina.

Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows - this was a very special time of sombre reflection as we journeyed with Jesus through the night he was betrayed. Our seven readers told the story beautifully, and the words were reinforced with the powerful music from cello and organ. It was good to see how many people stayed for the prayer vigil in the Mariners' Chapel.

Good Friday Veneration of the Cross - it is always deeply moving to be part of a service where each of us responds individually to the cross, and what it means for us. Once again, the music was an important part of taking us more deeply into our connection with Christ on the cross.

Good Friday 'Seven Last Words of Christ' - this was a new offering for Good Friday, in place of the Stations of the Cross which we have done for the past several years. It was based on Haydn's 'Seven Last Words of Christ', accompanied by reflection, readings, hymns and art work. This event was attended by a number of people from the wider community, who came to hear the beautiful classical music, but responded also to the story of Christ's final hours.

Easter Day - thank you to Joan Pickup, for her artistic skill in directing Mandy and me as we decorated the cross in St Mary's with flowers. It was disappointing that we had to cancel the beachside service in Lennox Head, due to the Baptist church plant also holding a beachside service. We will coordinate this better next year! It was good to see so many people celebrating that Christ is risen, with our numbers at both centres swelled by many visitors (some local, some holiday makers). The music at St Mary's raised our rejoicing to an even higher level, with magnificent trumpet and organ. The singing nearly took the roof off!

**Pastoral Care for the Sick and Dying:** This month I have led the Threshold singers as we sang for people nearing the end of life at St Vincent's and St Joseph's in Lismore, and at Crowley. We continue to see how these gentle songs bring peace and release for those who are at the threshold of life, and for those who love them. As hospitals and nursing homes understand the benefits of what we do, we are being called upon more often.

It has also been a busy month for visits and phone calls with ill parishioners and others in need of pastoral care.

**THE ASSISTANT CURATE:** The Reverend Mandy Larkin

**Nursing home services:** All regular services at Crowley Care, RSL LifeCare and St Andrews Hostel were held as normal in March. We had a good attendance with some new faces again this month.

**Home Communion:** Home communions continued, and all regular parishioners were visited in the past month.

**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.

**View Club Lennox Head:** Cathy and I attended the Lennox Head View Club meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March. We were able to share on our outreach ministry through Isaiah 61.

**Palm Cross Making:** On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March a small group gathered at St Mary's to make palm crosses for our Palm Sunday service. Luckily the skill is like riding a bike and before long we were able to make around 300 crosses for both services and to be distributed to nursing homes and those on the home communion list.

**Pastoral visits:** I was able to spend time in the last month visiting some of our parishioners. It is always special to spend some one-on-one time and hear stories get to know some of you better.

**Easter services:** What a fantastic journey through Holy Week we shared. Beginning with Palm Sunday and our Tenebrae Service on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday services culminating with Easter Sunday there were options for all. It was wonderful to hear feedback on how so many parishioners were touched by the variety of services offered.

**Emmanuel Anglican College Year 2 visit:** on the morning of Tuesday 2 April Year 2 classes visited St Mary's. It was wonderful to show the children the church, many of whom had not been here since their Kindergarten years. They asked many wonderful and insightful questions on our building and traditions which was such an encouragement.

### **TREASURER:**

#### **Change from MYOB to Xero: Preparation: before 8 April**

1. Get certification that the Op Shop and Parish are registered charities
2. All March entries must be complete by 5/4
3. All March bank recs must be complete by 5/4
4. From 20/3/24 do not enter any bills into MYOB which will be paid in April

Set up Xero subscription/account and arrange for conversion on 8 April

Note: [accounts@anglicanballina.com.au](mailto:accounts@anglicanballina.com.au) will be set up as the primary administrator and holder of the subscription.

#### **Conversion from MYOB to Xero**

8-10 April: data from 1.1.2021 - 31.3.2024 converted from MYOB to Xero

10-11 April: confirm all data successfully converted

Note: We will not pay the additional fee to convert older data - this will still be available as read-only in MYOB even when our subscription expires

#### **Training and setup:** from 10 April to approx mid-June

1. Provide initial training and support
2. Assist CG with set-up tasks detailed in report to March Parish Council
3. Cancel MYOB subscription in May
4. April Parish Council to decide who gets which level of access

Profit and Loss statements for Year to Date (Jan to March) and Balance Sheet for Parish and Op Shop Accounts presented.

## **PROPERTY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:**

Request: Purchase of two step ladders for use in St Mary's Church. Committee to action.

**St Mary's Church:** cornice repair in Mariner's Chapel completed.

**St John the Baptist:** replacement of cistern filling dual flush valves and bottom inlet valve. Agreed that same internal fittings be replaced for all toilets.

**Air conditioning service:** Op Shop, St Mary's Precinct and St John the Baptist Church

**Op Shop Air conditioning:** To access air conditioning units and solar panels on the Op Shop roof safety attachments need to be installed. Quotes being obtained.

**St Mary's Church safe:** cost to replace the locking system with a digital system- \$350 plus \$168 installation.

## **OP SHOP MANAGEMENT:**

**Fans in Shed:** Installing one plug-in wall fan on a trial basis.

**Paper Bin in the Courtyard:** Third bin not required.

**Stock:** Transitioning to winter stock with some re-arrangement of storage and displays.

**Shed Management of Stock:** Agreed to recommended shed storage to be actioned over the next couple of weeks.

**40km Zone around the Op Shop:** Support for the Ballina Shire Plan to extend the 40km zone to streets surround the Op Shop.

**Sales:** March- \$24 990.03, slightly down from March last year.

**Maintenance:** Referred to the Property Maintenance Committee- leak in window in sorting room, overflow of water on front verandah, entrance railing.

**Volunteers:** Two new volunteers- Peter and Gracie. Three have resigned- Amanda, Narell and Tracey and one person has reduced hours.

**Customer Donation:** \$25 donation to be used for morning tea. Decided to purchase chocolates to be shared by all volunteers during the week.

**ANZAC Closure:** closed Thursday 25 April.

## **WORSHIP AND FAITH FORMATION:**

### **1. REVIEW OF LENT**

- Ash Wednesday service was very powerful
- the booklet of daily reflections has received a lot of positive feedback
- music reflection videos have had lots of viewers - we will do the same for Advent. Hamsa will record the music in August, which will give us much more time to prepare the videos
- 'enter silently' sign is not working - welcomers need to be reminded to observe this

### **2. PENTECOST IDEAS**

- Happy birthday to the church - candles and fire - Mandy to explore
- recording of slammed door, rushing wind to start the service (preceded by a trigger warning)

### **3. 'WHAT'S IN THE LITURGY AND HOW DID IT GET THERE?'**

A 5-week sermon series with accompanying Bible study. The study includes 3 sessions on music in liturgy run by Hamsa. Unfortunately, this portion can only be offered in Ballina.

#### Suggested topics:

Vestments - what are they, why do we wear them, what do they mean?

Why ring the bell, and when?

Why do we pray for the world and the church? Should we pray for the dead?

What happens in the sanctuary

Music and liturgy (Hamsa will offer a 3 week study on music to run at the end of this)

#### Dates:

Sermon series: Sunday 21 July - Sunday 18 August, both centres

Bible study:

Sundays 4 pm Lennox Head - 21/7, 28/7, 4/8, 11/8

Tuesdays 2 pm Ballina 23/7, 30/7, 6/8, 13/8, 20/8, 27/8, 3/9

### **4. LENNOX HEAD MONTHLY BEACH SERVICE**

Cathy and Mandy are heavily loaded with other worship and faith formation initiatives until August, and are each taking leave in September/October. We propose postponing the launch of the monthly beach service to November. In addition, the park where we want to hold the service is still under repair.

### **5. OFFERTORY**

We will bring back the offertory, although not as it was done pre-COVID. The offertory box will be brought forward during the offertory hymn and placed on the floor directly in front of the altar. One of the volunteers who is rostered on for that day can have this job.

### **6. RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS**

Cathy and Mandy to explore how and when this might be offered.

### **EMMANUEL ANGLICAN COLLEGE:**

International Program – School visits in Japan: Principal Rob Tobias writes-

Jen Buddee (International Program Coordinator) and I had a really successful trip to Japan in March. We visited 4 separate schools and meet with 2 agents to promote EAC, formalise partnerships and plan for students visits and enrolments in 2024. We had the privilege of attending the Graduation Ceremonies at St Margaret's Anglican School, Rikkyo and Tachibana Elementary School, Shizuoka. We also visited Kasukabe Keioi High School and Bunkyo High School. We renewed our agreements with St Margarets and Kasukabe ensuring that they will continue to send study tour groups to EAC for the next 4 years. We also signed a new agreement with Bunkyo who plan to send 25 students for a study tour each year for 4 years commencing in March 2025. They are exploring the possibility of the enrolment of two students into Year 9/10 each year on an ongoing basis.

We currently have 4 longer term international enrolments in the secondary school with a student from China, 2 students from Japan and one student from Germany. We have enrolment requests for Semester programs later in 2024 from two Italian students.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:

Recycling information session to be held in the Function Room on a Thursday morning instead of Coffee n Chat with morning tea provided.

### Other Business:

**Resolution:** That the Annual Membership of \$25 be paid for the Diocese of Grafton Friends of ABM.

**Resolution:** That the locking system for the safe in the vestry of St Mary's Church be replaced with a digital system.

**Resolution:** That the process for offertory collections for recording, storage in the safe, counting and banking remain as they were prior to the Annual General Meeting until Parish Council has a more user friendly safe, a process in place and volunteers available to address the 2023 Audit recommendations.

**End of life course-** report by Kerry Johnston. Kerry trained as a Death Doula to assist people in their journey towards death, giving guidance and support with options to enable the person to make informed choices. Initial focus will be education and promotion.

**Parish Consultation.** 13 surveys returned. Most responses matched those of Parish Council. Parish Council agreed to no longer having a rostered person to sanitise hands before entering the church. Sanitiser will be available at the entrance. Sanitising before communion will continue.

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## 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>Sunday</b>	28 April	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
		3.00pm	Organ Recital-St Mary's
<b>Tuesday</b>	30 April	9.30am	Craft Group-Admin Building
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 May	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Thursday</b>	2 May	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
<b>Sunday</b>	5 May	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
<b>Wednesday</b>	8 May	10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's
		11.30am	Holy Communion-Palm Lake Resort
<b>Thursday</b>	9 May	10.30am	Coffee 'n' Chat-Gallery Café, Ballina
		2.00pm	Singing Group-St Mary's
<b>Saturday</b>	11 May	9.30am	Cursillo Fire Day-St Cuthbert's, Tweed Heads
<b>Sunday</b>	12 May	8.00am	Holy Communion-St John the Baptist
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>		10.00am	Holy Communion-St Mary's

**MISSION FOR APRIL: Bush Church Aid.** Bringing the Gospel of Christ to the outermost parts of Australia;

- Developing a new generation of culturally diverse Christian leaders;
- Supporting ministry by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people;
- Planting and renewing sustainable churches;
- Equipping local leaders for fruitful ministry;
- Providing care in Christ's name.

Rector	The Rev'd Cathy Ridd Days off: Monday and Friday	Parish Office Administrator	Cathie Guest
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**EFTPOS is available for any payments in the Parish Office.**

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