

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

24 NOVEMBER 2024

If you're new we'd love to connect with you and hear more of your story.
Fill in a follow-up card or talk to one of the priests.

PRAYER AND CARE

Parish Prayer for the week

Loving Heavenly Father, we thank you for loving us despite our faults. We know you are a forgiving God and ask for your guidance in forgiving others. As we approach Advent help us to be generous in our interactions with others. May our hearts be open to those who are in need, who have no family love, who are alone. As we look back over the year, there have been many times when we have failed you. Help us to learn from our mistakes and give us compassion and courage to honour the calling you place on us.

Help us to hear you as life gets busy and our minds are more on the material aspect of Christmas. As we shop and meet people may we reflect the true meaning of Christmas. Help us be the quiet reflection of you. Through Jesus we pray, Amen.

Pray for those in need of healing

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, Jimmy Gistitin, Janice Peate, Cate Bible, and Val Barnes.

Schools Prayer

This week we continue to pray for Year 12 students as they celebrate the end of their schooling; for their safety, for positive value-based decision making and for fun and relaxation. We give thanks for all who have nurtured, supported and encouraged them on their journey from teenagers to young adults; their parents and carers, their teachers and support staff and members of the community.

FEATURED NEWS

ADVENT IS COMING: HOPE IS COMING

Advent begins next Sunday, 1 December. This year we offer a number of ways for you to journey through Advent prayerfully and with hope:

A booklet of daily Advent reflections, 'Walking the road through Advent', is available from today.

Don't forget to get your copy!

Labyrinth walk to mark the start of Advent:
Sunday 1 December, 3 pm at St Mary's

Advent music reflections - 30 minutes of beautiful organ music and a poem
Tuesdays 3 / 10 / 17 December, 5 pm
at St Mary's.

If you can't make it to these reflections, don't worry. We will also share a slightly shorter version as a video, via our weekly email and on our Facebook page.

'Prayers for Hope' Christmas tree - each week you'll be invited to write your prayers for hope and hang them on the tree.
Rev. Mandy will explain more about this in our services.

God calls us to...

Worship and pray *creatively* encountering God in old ways and new

Think and learn *eagerly* discovering more about God and faith

Serve and care *generously* sharing God's love and justice in our community

Accept and include *compassionately* because God's table has a place for everyone

READINGS for this week

Christ the King

Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

READINGS for next week

Advent 1

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10;

Luke 21:25-38

OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Op Shop open Mon-Fri 9.00 - 3.30; Sat 9.00 - 1.00

ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Our **BBQ Breakfast** on 16 November fed many hungry people. We cooked up 4 kg of bacon, 5 kg of sausages, 5 dozen eggs, 5 loaves of bread, plus cereal and fruit. The word is spreading and we had many new diners this month. There is no BBQ breakfast in December. Instead we will be hosting the Community Christmas Lunch.

Community Christmas Lunch: Preparations are well underway, thanks to the support of many individuals and organisations in the community. Our team of 34 dedicated volunteers is ready to serve good food and joy to 150+ diners who are hungry for love and care.

God calls us to bring good news to the poor and the oppressed.

(Is. 61:1)

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GIVING OPTIONS

By Direct Debit or online
BSB: 705077 Acc: 00040134

In Person

Gifts can be placed in
offertory box during services

MISSION OF THE MONTH:

Angel Tree A Prison Fellowship Ministry provides people with the opportunity to buy Christmas gifts for children whose parent is in prison. Your donations will allow the agency to provide the gifts and deliver them to the relevant families in time for Christmas. The donations cover not only the cost of a gift but in many families the cost of postage.

SPECIAL EVENTS

St Mary's Craft Group

Sunday 24 November

will have a table of their handmade craft items for sale after our Ballina service.

BCEC Prayer Group

4.15pm 26 November

Ballina Baptist Church

Men's Morning Get Together:

Wednesday 27 November,

8.30am

St. John the Baptist, Lennox Head

Tea, coffee or juice and conversation. RSVP TO
jphil54@gmail.com

Coffee & Conversation

10.00am Thursday 28 November

Goanna Café, Lennox Head

Labyrinth Walk

3.00pm Sunday 1 December

Advent Music Reflections

3, 10, 17 December,

5.00pm St Mary's

Happy birthday:

Duncan Moyle

Happy anniversary:

Alex & Myra Arrighi

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 24 November

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 27 November

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

Thursday 28 November

10.30am St Andrews Home Chapel

2.00pm RSL Lifecare

Sunday 1 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

3pm Advent Labyrinth Walk

Tuesday 3 December

5pm Advent Music Reflection

Wednesday 4 December

10am Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK

Mondays 9.30 am

except Public Holidays

Craft Group - St Mary's Function Room

Thursdays 10.30 am

Coffee 'n' Chat - Gallery Cafe,
Cherry St, Ballina

Thursdays 2pm

St Mary's Singing Group
Function Room