Welcome to Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans church!

We're so glad you are here

26 JANUARY 2025

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

- We bless you, God of the universe, for this land, for its contrasts of landscape and climate,
- for its abundance of wealth and opportunity. We bless you for our history,
 - with its struggles in adversity, its courage and hope.
- Give us in our diversity
- tolerance and respect for each other and a passionate commitment to justice for all.
- Bless us so that we might be a blessing to others.
- We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Phil and Felicity Ross, Mavis McDonald, Maisie Stratton, Yvette Paish, Janice Peate, Cate Bible and Alison Lee.

<u>Do you have a prayer need?</u>

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.

FEATURED NEWS

PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Our Annual General Meeting will take place immediately after the 10 am service at St Mary's on Sunday 23 February.

There will be only one service in the Parish that day. We encourage you to participate in this important time in our Parish life.

Nominations for positions in the Parish

At the AGM we will seek to fill the following positions for 2025:

Parish Church Warden - two positions Parish Councillor - maximum nine positions

Is God calling you or someone you know to one of these roles? Do you have questions about what's involved? Ask Rev Cathy.

Nomination forms are available at each church or from the Parish Office, and should be returned to the office or to Parish Council Secretary John Bryen. Deadline: Thursday 13 February

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

BALLINA: St Mary's, 38 Norton Street

READINGS for this week

Australia Day Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:31-5:2 John 15:12-17 **READINGS** for next week Epiphany 4 Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 7:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13;1-13; Luke 4:21-30

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 Free Community BBQ Breakfast 8-10 am at St Mary's 3rd Saturday of each month. Come for a delicious breakfast and friendly conversation. All are welcome.

God calls us to bring good news to the poor and the oppressed. (Is. 61:1)

SPECIAL EVENTS

BCEC Prayer Group 4.15pm Tuesday 28 January Ballina Baptist Church

Opera, Art Song, Musical Theatre: Season 2025 opening Concert, Sunday, 2 February, 3PM Join sparkling soprano, Katie Stenzel (Brisbane) and awardwinning Australian pianist, Alex Raineri, on a musical exploration featuring beloved favourites from Puccini, Mozart, as well as gems by Britten, Bernstein and Kate Miller-Heidke. A sought after duo! Book on www.themusicestuary.org or tickets at the door.\$25 / \$20 concession.

Annual General Meeting

11.15am Sunday 23 February (following the service at St Mary's)

Australia Day Office Closure The Parish Office will be closed for the Australia Day Public Holiday on Monday 27 January.

Parish Groups resuming Threshold Choir 28 January St Mary's Singers 30 January Craft Group 3 February. Coffee & Conversation at Lennox 27 February Coffee 'n' Chat 6 February

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 26 January 8am Lennox Head 10am Ballina

Wednesday 29 January 10am Ballina

Sunday 2 February 8am Lennox Head 10am Ballina

Wednesday 5 February 10am Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK

Mondays 9.30 am except Public Holidays Craft Group – In recess

Thursdays 10.30 am Coffee 'n' Chat – Ballina in recess

Thursdays 2pm St Mary's Singing Group 2 pm Function Room

Birthdays:

John Thornton; and Alex Arrighi

CONTACT US

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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:

MISSION FOR JANUARY: Bible Society with projects such as International Bible-based Literacy programs, Australian Indigenous projects, distribution of Bibles for Public School Scripture and the Australian Defence Force, as well as the AUSLAN Bible project.