# Welcome to Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans church!

We're so glad you are here

# 30 MARCH 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

#### Prayer for Hope

God of Hope, you call on us to be your witnesses in this uncertain world; by your Spirit awaken in us

- a true vision of your kingdom,
- a greater certainty of our salvation, and
- a deeper dedication to your service;

that through our words and actions the same Spirit may bring many who are lost to be found, and for them to celebrate the hope that we can only have in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. 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, Alison Lee, Bonnie, Jeanette Peard, and Nancie Garlick.

#### Schools Prayer: Emmanuel Anglican College

This week our focus is implementing the Anglican Ethos at the College through:

The RAVE (Religious and Values Education) program;

The Chapel Program including visits to St Mary's Church Ballina;

Godly Play and daily classroom prayers; Retreats.

We give thanks for and pray for the teachers who lead the programs, especially Chaplain The Reverend Richard Browning. We also pray for the staff Chaplain The Reverend Greg Ezzy. We pray for open hearts and minds as all learn what it means to model their lives on that of Jesus.

#### **FEATURED NEWS**

DEATH CAFE Saturday 5 April 10.30 - 12 at the Gallery Cafe 'Death Cafe' is held on the first Saturday of each month at the Gallery Cafe, facilitated by Kerry Johnston. Death Cafe isn't grief support or counselling, nor is it intended to lead people to any particular decision or action about their own end of life.Death Cafe is an opportunity to discuss matters of life and death in an open, respectful and nonjudgemental way. Death Cafe gives us a safe place to talk about death and dying. For further information contact Kerry Johnston 0407257129

# HOPE AT THE OP SHOP

During Hope25 (from Easter Day to Pentecost) we are joining Anglicans all around the country as they connect with their communities and share the hope we have in following Jesus. We will be setting up out the front of the Op Shop, talking with passersby. We want to hear their stories, offering them a compassionate listening ear, and discerning how God calls us to bring hope to our community.

1- 3 pm each Tuesday and Thursday, from 29 April to 5 June

Would you like to be part of this? You can be rostered on as little or as often as you wish.

There will always be at least one priest present, and there will be practice/training to prepare for this ministry. Contact Rev. Cathy revridd@amail.com or 0427 836 988.

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 Lent 4 Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Luke 15:11-32

OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS Op Shop open Mon-Fri 9.00 - 3.30; Sat 9.00 - 1.00 Free Community BBQ Breakfast 8-10 am at St Mary's every third Saturday 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 Lent Bible Study

4 - 5.30 pm each Sunday at Lennox Head, or 2 - 3.30 pm each Tuesday at Ballina. Bring your Hope25 study book.

#### World Day Of Prayer

9.30am Thursday 3 April at St Francis Xavier Catholic Church Ballina. Join with Christians around our community and around the world in this worldwide prayer, focusing on the Cook Islands.

# **BCEC Street Stall**

8am to 1pm Saturday 5 April River St Ballina Contact Antje on 0421 763458, Jan Fryer or Meryl Broadley if you would like to donate items for sale.

#### <u>Baptism</u>

Sunday 6 April, 8 am Lennox Head. Assmma Belazziz will be baptised in our service on 6 April. It would be good to have as many people as possible present to support Assmma in this important step in her Christian faith journey. Assmma grew up Muslim and is very excited at being baptised as a Christian.Whether or not you are able to come, please hold Assmma in your prayers.

#### WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday 30 March* 10am Combined Service Ballina

Tuesday 1 April 5.15pm Evening Prayer Ballina or by Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3499296 241?pwd=9ol76IJiQtu56mYaZDbIp BuiVBxtLA.1#success

> Wednesday 2 April 10am Ballina

Sunday 6 April 8am Lennox Head 10am Ballina

#### **ON EVERY WEEK**

Mondays 9.30 am except Public Holidays Craft Group

*Thursdays 10.30 am* Coffee 'n' Chat – Ballina

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

The Parish Office will be closed 28-31 March, re-opening on Tuesday 1 April.

READINGS for next week Lent 5 Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; John 12:1-8

#### **CONTACT US**

<u>Rector</u>

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Birthday:

**Dorothy McCall** 

# **MISSION OF THE MONTH:**

**MISSION FOR MARCH: Anglican Lent Appeal 2025.** ABM AID's Lent Appeal 2025 features our partners and the women they empower through education, livelihoods, and community leadership in Zambia, Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Vanuatu, and the Philippines. Together, we help them transform lives and challenge injustice.