

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

2 NOVEMBER 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

Dear Lord, you gave us life, you give us blessings, you made us into your Son Jesus' church: strengthen our belief that we may live to praise you!

May we perceive hope within us more and more each day. Grant us the wisdom and revelation of you.

Help us fix our eyes on you whatever the pain and cost: as your people and your church, may we always "turn the other cheek" to those that hurt us. And we thank you for the greatest blessing of all: being access to you through the grace of your Son Jesus. **Amen.**

Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Felicity Ross, Mavis McDonald, Maisie Stratton, Janice Peate, Cate Bible, Alison Lee, Bonnie, Joyce Dooley, Rev. Russell Trickey, John & Beverley Grant, Jacob & Ali and Ayla Mae, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Janice Bruem, Joan Swinbourne and Merle McCully.

Schools Prayer

Year 12 2025: As the students finish their HSC exams we pray for a period of relaxation and refreshment as they move their focus to life beyond Year 12; planning for tertiary studies; for those undertaking apprenticeships and those moving into the workforce. Give them patience, a sense of adventure and confidence in their choices as many prepare to leave their families.

FEATURED NEWS

ANNOUNCEMENT FROM REV CATHY

On Sunday 26 October I announced that I will be retiring and stepping back as rector of the Parish next year. My last working day will be Sunday 22 February. I will still live in Ballina, but I will not be able to worship with you for at least 12 months-those are the rules of the Diocese when a priest retires but continues to live in the parish.

I will still be involved in the life of the parish: running our Saturday BBQ breakfasts and our Christmas Day community lunch, and also leading the Threshold Singers - all on a voluntary basis.

I ask you please not to speculate about why I am retiring. I'm not going for health reasons. I'm not moving to the UK. It is as simple as this: in August God began to make it very clear to me that it was time to stop and rest and be refreshed. I wrestled with God over this until finally I understood that this meant retiring.

This parish has formed and shaped me, given me the most amazing opportunities to exercise God's call on my life. You have always supported me. I ask that in the coming months we continue to support one another with love, respect and with faith in our God. We don't know what the future holds, but God is already there, and we can face this time of change with confidence and trust that God is with us.

Your sister in Christ
Cathy

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

All Saints
Psalm 149: Ephesians 1:11-23;
Luke 6:20-31

READINGS for next week

Blessing of the Animals
Psalm 104: 24-25, 27-31;
Matthew 6:25-34

OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Op Shop open Mon-Fri 9.00 - 3.30; Sat 9.00 - 12.30

Free Community BBQ Breakfast

8-10 am at St Mary's 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays,

Next one is 8 November.

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)***

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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

SPECIAL EVENTS

Lismore Commissioning Service:

The Rev'd Roxanne Addley will
be commissioned at St Andrew's
Lismore at 6pm on Tuesday 4
November. Please keep
Roxanne and her husband Leon
in your prayers as they undertake
the move from Melbourne to
Lismore. RSVP for catering-
Lismore Parish Office- 02 6621
3200.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Sunday 9 November, 10 am at St
Mary's (combined service)
Bring your pets, companion
animals, service animals,
livestock, cuddly toy animals,
even a photo of your animal! This
is a relaxed and informal service
where we celebrate everything
that our animals mean to us.
Please have your animals on a
lead, in a
carry-crate or suitably restrained.

Gingerbread House Making at
Alstonville Anglicans, 6-8 The
Avenue, Alstonville
3pm Saturday 6 December.

**Bookings essential by Friday
21 November**

Details on the noticeboard.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 2 November

All Saints

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 5 November

10am Ballina

Sunday 9 November

Blessing of the Animals

10am Ballina

Tuesday 11 November

10.30am Crowley Chapel

5.15pm Evening Prayer

Ballina or by Zoom

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/3499296241?pwd=9ol76lJiQtu56mYaZDblpBuiVBxtLA.1#success>

Wednesday 12 November

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

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
Function Room

Birthdays:

Geoff Finlay

Colin Dagg

Felicity Schulz

Nancy Finlay

Anniversary:

Gordon & Marie Jarrett

Mission of the Month – Angel Tree A Prison Fellowship Ministry

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.