

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

7 DECEMBER 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 of the Day

God of all peoples,
whose servant John came baptising
and calling for repentance:
help us to hear his voice of judgement,
that we may also rejoice in his word of promise,
and be found pure and blameless in that glorious
Day
when Christ comes to rule the earth as Prince of
Peace;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Pray for those in need of healing

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

Schools Prayer: This will be the last Schools Prayer for 2025.

We give thanks for the outstanding educational facilities and opportunities in our region, especially in the Ballina Shire. For the commitment of staff, and strong support from families and the community to nurture our children and young people to be positive citizens in the twenty first century. We pray for a safe and relaxing break. May the spirit of Christmas and the birth of the Christ child celebrations enhance their spiritual wellbeing.

FEATURED NEWS

WEEKLY MUSICAL REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT

**Tuesdays 9, 16 and 23 December
5 - 5.30 pm at St Mary's**

Take a little time to pause in this busy season and sit in God's presence at St Mary's, as you are immersed in beautiful organ music. And if you can't be there in person, we have also specially produced 20-minute Advent music videos which you can watch in your own time. We will share the links in your weekly email and on our Facebook page. You can also find the videos on our YouTube channel 'Ballina Lennox Head Anglicans'

FAREWELL REVEREND MANDY LARKIN- Sunday 21 December 2025

A Farewell Morning Tea will be held for Reverend Mandy following the 10am service on Sunday 21 December in the Function Room.

There are registration sheets in both the churches for catering purposes.

Parish Gift: To acknowledge Reverend Mandy's 3 years and her contribution to the life of the Parish a gift will be presented at the Morning Tea. If you would like to contribute to the gift place your donation in an envelope marked 'Gift Reverend Mandy' and put in the offertory boxes OR hand in at the Parish Office. We can also accept online donations that are clearly marked as "Gift Rev Mandy".

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

Advent 2

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-21;
Matthew 3:1-12

READINGS for next week

Advent 3

Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146;
Matthew 11:2-11

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 13 December.

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

Birthday:

Pip Carter

SPECIAL EVENTS

Vox Caldera 'Gloria' concert

Sunday 14 December,

3 pm at St Mary's.

It has become tradition at The
Music Estuary to have VOX
CALDERA presenting a
Christmas concert.

This years program features
'Gloria' in a setting by Francis
Poulenc characteristic for its
dramatic shifts between
solemnity and lightheartedness.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 17 December, 6pm
at St Mary's.

Celebrate the Christmas story in
word and music, featuring choir,
organ, trumpet and cello

Christmas Services

Family Christmas Eve - 6-6.45
pm, St Mary's

Christmas Day at the beach -
7.30-8 am, Ross Park, Lennox
Head

Christmas Day Holy Communion
- 9 am, St Mary's

Free Community Christmas Lunch

Christmas Day 12 - 2 pm

at St Mary's

All are welcome

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 7 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Tuesday 9 December

10.30am Crowley Chapel

5pm Advent Music Reflection

Wednesday 10 December

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

Sunday 14 December

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Tuesday 16 December

10.00am St Andrews Village

5pm Advent Music Reflection

Wednesday 17 December

10am Ballina

6pm Nine Lessons & Carols

Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK

Mondays 9.30 am

Craft Group

last meeting 15 December

Thursdays 10.30 am

Coffee 'n' Chat – Ballina

last meeting 18 December

Thursdays 2pm

St Mary's Singing Group

Function Room

last practice 11 December

Coffee & Conversation

return 26 February

No Men's Group *this month*

returning February.

Mission of the Month – ABM ADVENT APPEAL Working for Love, Hope & Justice

Help the Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) to bring hope and opportunity to children in Sri Lanka and Australia. The angel's message to the shepherds on the first Christmas Eve was one of peace, reconciliation and hope. ABM is working toward that same peace, reconciliation and hope, working with the Diocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka and Gawura in Sydney. Their goal is to provide education to disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Sydney. ABM is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church of Australia.