

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

21 December – 4 January

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

God our refuge and strength,  
you have bound us together in a common life:  
help us in the midst of our grief at the terrorist  
act in Bondi  
to confront one another without hatred or  
bitterness  
to listen for your voice amid competing claims  
and to work together with mutual forbearance  
and respect;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.

### PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE

With locum priests and eventually a new  
rector in the Parish, it is very helpful if you  
wear your name badge. Please get into the  
habit of wearing your badge each week.  
If you don't have a badge or can't find it, fill in  
a form requesting a new one at no cost. The  
forms are in the foyer at each church.

## FEATURED NEWS

### WEEKLY MUSICAL REFLECTION FOR ADVENT

**Tuesday 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 link 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.

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 4*Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19;  
Matthew 1:18-25**READINGS for 28 December***Christmas 1*Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;  
Matthew 2:13-23**READINGS for 4 January***Christmas 2*Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;  
John 1:1-18**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 10 January.**

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)*****CONTACT US**Rector

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Anglicans**SPECIAL EVENTS****Christmas Services**Family Christmas Eve - 6-6.45  
pm, St Mary'sChristmas Day at the beach -  
7.30-8 am, Ross Park, Lennox  
HeadChristmas Day Holy  
Communion - 9 am, St Mary's**Free Community Christmas  
Lunch**Christmas Day 12 - 2 pm  
at St Mary's  
All are welcome**Sunday 28 December there  
will be combined service  
10am at St Mary's****WORSHIP TIMES***Sunday 21 December*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Tuesday 23 December*

5pm Advent Music Reflection

*Wednesday 24 December*

10am Ballina

See Special Events for  
Christmas Eve and Christmas  
Day services*Sunday 28 December*

10am Combined Service Ballina

*Wednesday 31 December*

10am Ballina

*Sunday 4 January*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 7 January*

10am Ballina

**ON EVERY WEEK**

Craft Group

*returning Monday 2 February*

Coffee 'n' Chat – Ballina

*returning Thursday 5 February*

St Mary's Singing Group

*returning Thursday 29 January*

Coffee &amp; Conversation

*returning Thursday 26 February*

Men's Group

*returning February.***Anniversary:**

Richard &amp; Carol Brown

**Birthdays:**

Ken Bourne;

Joan Swinbourne;

Gordon Jarrett;

Audrey Fisher;

Lorna Ewing;

Ann Emery;

Edna Kane

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

Anglican Board of Mission is the national mission agency for the Anglican Church. It is the channel through which Australian Anglicans participate in mission, both here and overseas. Help Bring Hope and Opportunity to Children in Sri Lanka and Australia. The angel's message to the shepherds on that first Christmas Eve was one of peace, reconciliation and hope. Two of ABM AID's partners, the Diocese of Colombo in Sri Lanka and Gawura in Sydney, are working towards that same peace, reconciliation and hope by providing education to disadvantaged children in Sri Lanka and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children in Sydney.