

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)

SPECIAL EVENTS**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

Sunday 28 December there will be combined service 10am at St Mary's

Anniversary:

Richard & Carol Brown

Birthdays:

Ken Bourne;
Joan Swinbourne;
Gordon Jarrett;
Audrey Fisher;
Lorna Ewing;
Ann Emery;
Edna Kane

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 & Conversation

returning Thursday 26 February

Men's Group

returning February.

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In Person

Gifts can be placed in offertory box during services

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.