

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

11 JANUARY 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

We pray for an openness to the workings of the voice of the Lord around us, giving praise and thanksgiving daily and in our worship. Help us to witness to Christ's message of peace, and to acknowledge him as Lord of all, who is the good news for all people seeking a right relationship with God. **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

### Commissioning of Rev Mandy

**Tuesday 27 January**

### **6 pm at All Saints, Murwillumbah**

Rev Mandy will be commissioned as the Priest in Charge of the Parish of Murwillumbah on 27 January. Many of us will want to be there on this special occasion. The service starts at 6pm but due to the number of people who will attend, we recommend you arrive by 5.30 pm at the latest. The drive is approx 55 minutes.

If you would like to attend but need a lift, add your name to the 'I need a lift' sign-up sheet in the foyer.

If you can offer a lift, add your name to 'I can offer a lift' sign-up sheet.

### **Date for the Diary: Parish Consultation Saturday 14 March 11am to 1pm in the Function Room.**

All parishioners are invited to come together to reflect upon and discuss our life together as a faith community, to identify new directions, possible growth areas and concerns for the future. It is an opportunity to offer guidelines about the kind of Rector needed in the parish and provide prospective clergy with a clear picture of who we are and where we see our future. Members of the Presentation Board will use this information with the Parish Profile to guide their decision making.

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

Epiphany 1

Psalm 29; Acts 10:34-43

Matthew 3:13-17

## READINGS for next week

Epiphany 2

Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-14;

John 1:29-42

### 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 17 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 NOTICE

### HELP NEEDED FOR BALLINA SUNDAY SERVICE

Can you help with any of the following roles?

Training is provided for the more complex jobs.

- Welcoming
- Handing out pew sheets
- Hand sanitising prior to Communion
- Reading
- Morning Teas
- Chalice Assistants
- Sacristan - setting up for communion
- Sacristan - washing up
- Assisting with counting the offertory
- Operating the sound desk and laptop

Contact Kerry Johnston at [kerrymj@ymail.com](mailto:kerrymj@ymail.com)

### De Ziah & Date Concert

Sunday 25 January,  
3 pm at St Mary's.

Music inspired by stories from their travels. A Fusion of Celtic, Jazz and World Music infused with classical sensibility.

### WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday 11 January*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Tuesday 13 January*

10.30am Crowley Chapel

*Wednesday 14 January*

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

*Sunday 18 January*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 21 January*

10am Ballina

*Thursday 22 January*

10.30am St Andrews Home

2pm RSL Lifecare

### 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*

Men's Group

*returning February.*

Healing Ministry Prayer Meeting

*returning Thursday 29 January*

### CONTACT US

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#### Facebook

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Parish YouTube Channel:

Ballina Lennox Head

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### GIVING OPTIONS

#### By Direct Debit or online

BSB: 705077 Acc:

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Ballina Anglican Parish

#### In Person

Gifts can be placed in offertory box during services

### ANNUAL REPORTS FOR OUR AGM

Due by Friday 23 January,

sooner if possible. If you

have any questions, or

wonder if you need to

prepare a report, email

[office@anglicanballina.com.au](mailto:office@anglicanballina.com.au)

#### Please share any photos

that are suitable for

inclusion in the report.

### Mission of the Month of January – Bible Society

Without literacy, people and communities face many barriers to employment and further education, perpetuating cycles of poverty and marginalisation. Literacy is more than learning to read and write. It is a basic human right and a pathway to self-esteem, community contribution, and access to God's word. Your gift supports spiritual and community transformation, inclusion of marginalised groups, restoration of dignity and greater opportunities.