

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

25 JANUARY 2026

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 week

Loving God, as a nation and as individuals:

Teach us to be kind and compassionate to one another.

Soften our hearts, Lord, that forgiveness may flow freely—

as we ourselves have been forgiven through Christ.

Help us to walk in the way of love.

May our words, our policies, our conversations, and our daily actions reflect the self-giving love of Jesus.

Where there is selfishness, plant humility.

Where there is apathy, awaken compassion.

Where there is hatred, let love prevail.

Amen.

Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Felicity Ross, Mavis McDonald, 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

PREPARING FOR LENT

Please bring in your old palm crosses by Sunday 15 February. These will be burned to make the ash that is used on Ash Wednesday.

Dates for your diary:

Shrove Tuesday 17 February, 10.30 am - celebrate Pancake Day with a pancake morning tea at McDonalds.

Ash Wednesday 18 February - Service of Imposition of Ashes: 8 am Lennox Head, 10 am Ballina

Lenten weekly reflection series - Encountering silence through music - Tuesday afternoons during Lent - watch this space for details soon.

APPRECIATION GIFT TO THE REVEREND CATHY RIDD ON HER RETIREMENT

Parishioners are invited to contribute to an appreciation and retirement gift to The Reverend Cathy Ridd acknowledging her contribution to mission and ministry in Ballina Parish as a theological student, deacon, curate, Assistant Priest, Associate Priest and Incumbent as Priest-in-Charge and Rector. A special High Tea in her honour will be held on Saturday 21 February at 2pm in the Function Room. Donations can be made in an envelope, marked Reverend Cathy's gift and placed in the offertory box or by direct deposit online to Ballina Anglican Parish- BSB 705077. Account Number- 00040134. Reference- Reverend Cathy's Gift.

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

Aboriginal Sunday
 Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:31-5:2
 John 15:12-17

READINGS for next week

Epiphany 4
 Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;
 Matthew 5:1-12

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 14 February.

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 USRector

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Ballina Anglican Parish

In Person

Gifts can be placed in
 offertory box during services

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

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 25 January

8am Lennox Head
 10am Ballina

Wednesday 28 January

10am Ballina
 11.30am Palm Lake Resort

Sunday 1 February

8am Lennox Head
 10am Ballina

Wednesday 4 February

10am Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK

Thursdays 2pm

St Mary's Singing Group
 Function Room

Thursdays 3pm

Prayer Group,
 praying for the Parish
 and our community
 Mariners Chapel

Craft Group

returning Monday 2 February

Men's Group

returning February.

Birthday:

John Thornton

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.