

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

22 MARCH 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 our locum priest.

## PRAYER AND CARE

### Prayer of the week

We thank you, heavenly Father,  
that you have delivered us from the power of  
darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
we pray that  
as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his presence abiding in us he may raise us  
to joys eternal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Ros Rowe, Felicity Ross, Janice Peate, Cate Bible, Alison Lee, Joyce Dooley, Rev. Russell Trickey, Beverley Grant, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Janice Bruem, Joan Swinbourne, Merle McCully and Cedric Stedman.

### Prayer for our schools

This week we give thanks for the extensive range and opportunities provided for students in the creative arts area, especially the extra curricula musical opportunities such as choirs and instrumental programs. We give thanks for the dedication of the teachers and the support and encouragement of families. We pray for all involved at Emmanuel Anglican College in the preparation for the musical in May.

## FEATURED NEWS

### MUSIC OF SILENCE

Tuesday 24 March 3 - 4pm at St Mary's. Led by Hamsa Arnold. We slow down and allow open space for stillness to enter and perhaps prayer or just a moment of peace.

### Presentation of Music Scholarships to EAC Students

Three EAC students and their families will attend the 10am service at St Mary's on Sunday 22 March will be presented with their music scholarships sponsored by the Parish of Ballina. They will perform during the service

### VACANCY CONSULTATION MEETING

Many thanks to the 19 people who attended the Vacancy Consultation meeting last Sat 14 March. The Venerable Kay Hart and The Reverend Sally Miller were the workshop leaders. Three areas were discussed: the draft Parish Profile- changes, additions, corrections; imagining the next 3 to 5 years and the characteristics of the next Rector. A summary of the workshop will be added to the Parish Profile. When approved by the Parish Nominators and Diocesan Archdeacon the Bishop will arrange a meeting of the Presentation Board to commence the discernment process. Please pray for the Parish Nominators- John Phillips, Hugh McIntosh and John Bryen for wisdom and discernment.

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

Lent 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14; Psalm 130;  
John 11:1-45

## READINGS for next week

**PALM SUNDAY**

Psalm 31:9-18; Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 27:11-54

### 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 28 March.**

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

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### GIVING OPTIONS

#### By Direct Debit or online

BSB: 705077 Acc:  
00040134

Ballina Anglican Parish

#### In Person

Gifts can be placed in  
offertory box during services

#### Prayer at the time of choosing an incumbent.

Bountiful God, give to this parish a faithful pastor who will faithfully speak your word and minister your sacraments; an encourager who will equip your people for ministry and enable us to fulfil our calling. Give to those who will choose, wisdom, discernment and patience, and to us give warm and generous hearts, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### TAIZÉ

St Francis Xavier's Church  
12 pm Monday March 30

**Vox Caldera Chamber Choir**  
presents a Choral Concert for  
Palm Sunday  
3pm Sunday 29 March.

#### FAITHFULNESS IN SERVICE WORKSHOPS- APRIL

Two Faithfulness in Service  
workshops will be held in April in  
St Mary's Function Room-  
Saturday 18 April and Monday 20  
April, both from 1.30pm to  
3.30pm. Enrolment Forms at the  
back of each church.

It is a Diocesan requirement that  
the following people must  
participate in a training course  
every three years: Clergy and  
Licenced Lay Ministers; Members  
of Parish Council; Paid  
employees; All leaders or  
coordinators of parish ministries  
e.g MU, Op Shop All leaders and  
helpers involved in family and  
children's ministry People contact  
ministries e.g. officer volunteers,  
Op Shop workers, hospital and  
aged care visitors.

#### THANK YOU FOR WEARING YOUR NAME BADGE

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.

### WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday 22 March*

8am Lennox Head  
10am Ballina

*Wednesday 25 March*

10am Ballina  
11.30am Palm Lake Resort

*Thursday 26 March*

10.30am St Andrews Home  
2.00pm RSL Lifecare

*Sunday 29 March*

Combined Service 10am Ballina

*Wednesday 25 March*

10am Ballina

### ON EVERY WEEK

*Mondays 9.30am*

Craft Group

Function Room

*Thursdays 2pm*

St Mary's Singing Group

Function Room

*Thursdays 3pm*

Prayer Group,

Mariners Chapel

### ON EVERY MONTH

#### Men's group

*Second Wednesday of each  
month*

8.30am The Corner Café

#### Death Café

*First Saturday of each month*

10.30am Function Room  
next 4 April

**Mission of the Month of March – ABM Lenten Focus.** Give Water, Give Life. Safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene are crucial to human health and wellbeing. This Lent, let your compassion flow and bring the gift of clean water to a family in need.