

# Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

21 JUNE 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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

### Pray for those in need of healing

Joy Swinbourne, Felicity Ross, Cate Bible, Alison Lee, Joyce Dooley, Beverley Grant, Alex & Myra Arrighi, Janice Bruem, Joan Swinbourne, Cedric Stedman, Lexie Hurford and Rhonda McCaughey.

### Schools Prayer

God of all truth, teach us to love you with heart and mind. Bless our schools that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom. May all who teach and all who learn seek and love the truth, and in humility look to you, the source of all wisdom and understanding, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Saints Days This Week: Monday: Alban, first British martyr (d. c. 209); Saturday: Cyril of Alexandria, bishop and teacher (d. 444)*

## FEATURED NEWS

### Message from Bishop Murray to Parishioners:

Leanne and I enjoyed our visit to Ballina on Trinity Sunday. The worship was uplifting and there was a wonderful community feel. Lunch was lovely too – thank you! My prayers for your ongoing ministry. ✠Murray.

### Listening to Music for Well-being at St Mary's church in Ballina

with Dr Sarah Burns-Sibly at St Mary's on Tuesdays 2:30-4pm: 23 and 30 June, and 7 and 14 July. Sign-up sheet in the foyer.

### Bible Study with Rev Cathy: God's people in the wilderness

Sundays 4-5.30 pm at Lennox Head, from 5 July - 9 August

Rev Cathy has been spending her retirement writing a new Bible study on the book of Numbers. So join Cathy as we explore this story of God's people in the wilderness: it's not as boring as its title implies! Discover how it speaks to us and challenges us today. We, too, are God's people in a wilderness.

Bring your Bible, a pen and an enquiring mind.

To ensure we print enough study booklets, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

### Message from Rev'd Mark

Dear friends, It is with sadness that, due to changed family circumstances, Sarah and I have had to make the decision to end our time with you a month earlier than planned. We will finish at the end of July. We will continue to keep you in our prayers. Thank you for your love, support, and prayers. Mark and Sarah.

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

*Pentecost 4*

Genesis 21:1-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17;  
Romans 6:1-11; Matthew 10:24-39

## READINGS for next week

*Feast of Sts Peter and Paul*

Acts 12:1-11; Psalm 34:1-10; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,17-18;  
John 21:15-22

### 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, 4th and 5th Saturdays,

**Next one is 27 June.**

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

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Our Diocesan Synod

will be held in Coffs Harbour 26-28  
July. Please keep our Parish  
representatives and leaders of the  
Synod in your prayers.

### SAVE THIS DATE: 150 YEAR CELEBRATION- Sunday 31 January 2027.

To acknowledge the first service in  
the first St Mary's Church building-  
28 January 1877. More later.

### Information To Parishioners Re Home Communion

Home Communion can be  
organised by Kerry Johnston,  
Licensed Lay Minister at this  
Parish. Please contact Cathie at  
the office. Please pass on this  
information to anyone you know  
who is unable to come to church  
and would like Holy Communion.

### Amatori Choir & Orchestra Concert

3pm Sunday 28 June St Mary's  
featuring the Requiem by Joh.  
Adolf Hasse.

### Cursillo Fire Day

9.30am Saturday 4 July  
St James Church Kingscliff.  
The theme is Holiness.  
Cost is \$10 which includes  
morning tea and lunch.

## WORSHIP TIMES

*Sunday 21 June*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 24 June*

10am Ballina

11.30am Palm Lake Resort

*Thursday 25 June*

10.30am St Andrews Chapel

2pm RSL Lifecare

*Sunday 28 June*

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

*Wednesday 1 July*

10am Ballina

### **ON EVERY WEEK**

Mondays 9.30am

**except Public Holidays**

**Craft Group**

*Function Room*

Thursdays 2pm

**St Mary's Singing Group**

*Function Room*

Thursdays 3pm

**Prayer Group,**

*Mariners Chapel*

### **ON EVERY MONTH**

**Death Café**

*First Saturday of each month*

10.30am Function Room

next is 4 July

**Men's group**

*Second Wednesday monthly*

8.30am The Corner Café

next is 8 July

## Mission of the Month – Church Missionary Society: Lasting Hope Appeal 2026

For over two centuries, God has worked through CMS to transform the lives of Christians across 80 countries – all for *a world that knows Jesus*. The long-term presence and commitment of CMS missionaries is imperative to this vision, and it is through your generosity that they have the resources and focus to do this important work.