

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

26 JULY 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

Parish Prayer

Loving God, we give great thanks that you love and care for us. We know that we can always call on you, through prayer, for wisdom and guidance when we struggle to make decisions, especially when those decisions affect others. You give us faith to know that you always want the best for us and you call us to share this Good News of your loving care with everyone. Help others to know the love and peace we all have through Christ Jesus who gave his life to save us from sin. Praise be to God always and forever. 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, Lexie Hurford and Rhonda McCaughey.

Schools Prayer

Loving God,
help students to learn with open minds,
to treat one another with kindness and respect,
and do their best in all that they do.
Guide our teachers, students, and families,
and help them to bring hope, peace, and care to our community. Amen.

Saints Days This Week: *Wednesday: Mary and Martha of Bethany; Thursday: William Wilberforce, social reformer (d. 1833); Friday Joseph of Arimathea, Ignatius of Loyola, priest and founder of the Society of Jesus (d. 1556); Holy men and women of the Old Testament..*

FEATURED NEWS

DONATE LIFE WEEK: 26 July to 2 August 2026

Synod 2026 affirmed the importance of life-giving organ donation and encouraged Ministry Units to promote the national organ donation register. Organ and tissue donation is a generous and life-giving act that can bring hope to those awaiting transplant. Information with the email mailout, from the Parish Office or <https://donatelife.gov.au/>

Office Administrator's Leave: Cathie Guest is on long term leave from Thursday 16 July to have surgery on her foot. It is anticipated Cathie will be away for up to 8 weeks. Her workload will be covered by volunteers with the Parish Office open Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm.

Farewell and Appreciation to Reverend Mark and Sarah Sibly

Today, Sunday 26 July after the 10am service at morning tea, will have an opportunity to extend our appreciation to Reverend Mark and Sarah for the five months they have journeyed with us.

We have been blessed by their ministry and friendship. We pray for their safe return to South Australia. Reverend Mark will finish as Locum on Wednesday 29 July 2026.

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 9

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 128; Romans 8:26-39;
Matthew 13:44-58

READINGS for next week

Pentecost 10

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,16; Romans 9:1-8;
Matthew 14:13-21

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 8 August.

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)***

FOR YOUR ATTENTION

Bible Study with Rev Cathy:

God's people in the wilderness
Sundays 4-5.30 pm
at Lennox Head, 2,9,16 August.
Cancelled 26 July.

St Mary's Music Estuary

Concert:

This afternoon (Sunday 26 July)
St Mary's Church at 3pm:
Outbursts of Joy organ concert
with Hamsa Arnold. Tickets at the
door.

Next Locum:

The Right Reverend Carol
Wagner will arrive on the Saturday
1 August. Bishop Carol will work 3
days a week- Sunday, Tuesday
and Wednesday. Bishop Carol
retired as the Assistant Bishop of
Canberra/Goulburn in 2024.
We look forward to the ministry
gifts Bishop Carol will share with
us

St Mary's Ground Maintenance- Urgent Help Required:

Help is required to maintain St
Mary's and Rectory lawns and
gardens. Contact Hugh McIntosh
for further details.

Community Supported Produce:

Next day- Monday 3 August.
Order-QR code, or
phone- 0431 716 457. Small,
medium, large boxes.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 26 July

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 29 July

10am Ballina

Sunday 2 August

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 5 August

10am Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK

Craft Group

Mondays 9.30am

except Public Holidays

Function Room

St Mary's Singing Group

Thursdays 2pm

Function Room

Prayer Group

Thursdays 3pm

Mariners Chapel

ON EVERY MONTH

Death Café

First Saturday of each month

10.30am Function Room

Men's group

Second Wednesday monthly

8.30am The Corner Café

FORTNIGHTLY

Community Supported Produce

3,17 August; 7, 21 Sept

CONTACT US

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or via office email

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and Wednesday*

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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

Urgent Action- Funeral Catering

Parish Council has decided to
trial catering for smaller
funerals. This will include
tea/coffee/juice; sandwiches;
slices and cakes.

This will depend on the
availability of volunteers.
Please let Vicki Goulding
know if you are available to be
on a roster. (0408665017)

Birthdays

Kerry Johnston

Margaret Shaw

Mission of the Month – Anglican Overseas Aid

Anglican Overseas Aid (AOA) is an overseas relief and development agency associated with the Anglican Church of Australia. We long to see dignity, equality and inclusion for those experiencing poverty and marginalisation, with an emphasis on gender and climate justice. We work with the broader Anglican community to see the world as God designed it to be, renewed and restored