

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

13 September 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:

Dear Lord, teach us about the comprehensive love of God the Father and let us take your word into our heart when dealing with people on earth. Stop us from judging others and making only our path the right one. Teach us love and understanding. 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 and Rhonda McCaughey.

Schools Prayer this week:

EAC Year 12: Valedictory Service will be held in St Mary's Church on Monday 21 September at 6pm with the Graduation Assembly in the Lindsay Walker Centre at 11am on Tuesday 22 Sept. Parishioners are welcome at both events.

Continue to pray for Year 12 in our local schools as they complete their formal schooling.

We pray for our Early Learning Centres and Pre-schools as they help children prepare and be ready for Kindergarten. We give thanks for the care and dedication of staff to ensure the positive wellbeing of the children in their care.

Saints Days This Week: John Oliver Feetham, bishop and bush brother, Ninian of Galloway, bishop and missionary, Hildegard of Bingen, abbess and spiritual writer, John Ramsden Wollaston, priest and missionary.

FEATURED NEWS

150 Acknowledgement and Celebration

The first Church of England service in Ballina was held on 4 June 1871, conducted by The Reverend Dunning. The Reverend Dunning again celebrated Divine Worship in the temperance Hall on 13 August with the harmonium performed for the first time.

By December 1875 His Lordship the Bishop of Grafton and Armidale hoped a church building would be commenced soon. It was to seat 100 and be named St Mary's. By March the next year Mr H Watson's tender was accepted, and the Foundation Stone was laid on 12 June.

The opening of the first church took place on 28 January 1877 by The Reverend Henry Porter, assisted by The Reverend F R Newton, Deacon. The local paper, 'The Northern Star', stated that the weatherboard building was of beech, fifty feet long by twenty feet wide; the walls were ten feet high and the roof was iron.

On 22 July 1896 The Reverend William Dalton announced to the Parochial Church Council 'with unbounded satisfaction' that 'for the first time in the history of the Church here, Ballina, instead of being part of, or an appendage to the Parish of Woodburn, has an independent district of its own'.

On 9 March 1898 a meeting took place in the nearly completed St Mary's Vicarage, which was formally opened on 9 October 1898 by the Rural Dean, The Reverend Canon Ewing of Lismore. Immediate steps were then taken to secure the official recognition of the District as a Parish.

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 16

Exodus: 14:19-31; Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-14; Matthew 18: 21-35

READINGS for next week

Dignity Freedom Network Visit

Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8;

Matthew 20:1-16

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 Saturday

Next one is 19 September

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)***

St Mary's Music Estuary

Concerts: Today 13 Sept:

Lismore Symphony Orchestra
3pm. 27 Sept: Black Square-
string Quartet.

Sunday 20 September: Guest

Speaker: Dignity Freedom
Network- The Reverend Dr Leah
Kadwell. The Network supports
the Anglican Ministry, 'Good
Shepherd India'. Kate Rodwell,
the local representative has
previously been a guest speaker.
Hope for the Jogini Girls dinner
Wed 23 Sept 6.30pm \$35pp
Register- dfn.org.au/HopeDinner
RSVP- 18 Sept.

SAFE CHURCH AWARENESS COURSE- FULL COURSE

LISMORE: Saturday 19
September 9-4pm. Registration:
Noah Klane-
safe.ministry@graftondiocese.org.au.
Registrations close 5pm Wed 16
Sept.

OP SHOP SALE:

Women's summer dresses- \$3,
unless otherwise marked, until the
end of September.

***From the September Meeting of
Parish Council*** with this bulletin.

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 13 September

8am Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 16 September

10am Ballina

Sunday 20 September

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 23 September

10am Ballina

11.30am: Palm Lake Resort

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

Monday 14, 28 Sept

CONTACT US

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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

Birthday

Bev Larkin, Joyce Dooley,
Annette Gibson

Office Administrator, Cathie
Guest, returns to work
Monday 14 September. St
Mary's Church and Parish
Office will be closed on
Fridays until further notice.

Nursing Home Services:

St Andrews Village 10am

Mission of the Month – Ballina Christian Education Committee (BCEC): supporting the
part-time SRE teacher in Ballina Coast High School. Donations: by placing your donation in an envelope marked
BCEC or direct deposit to our bank account- Ballina Anglican Parish BSB 705 077 Account number- 00040134.
Reference- BCEC.