

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

20 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:

Heavenly Father, thank you for your abundant grace and love. Help us to remember that your goodness is not measured by our efforts or the time we have served, but by your generous heart. Teach us not to compare ourselves with others, but to rejoice in your blessings. Give us humble and grateful hearts, trusting that you are fair, loving, and faithful. May we always remember that the last shall be first, and the first shall be last. In Jesus' name, 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:

We continue to pray for our Year 12 students in this last week of their schooling as they celebrate their achievements and the leadership they have provided in their schools. As they prepare for their HSC exams, they may have a balance in their study with time for rest, relaxation and time with family and friends. We pray for the EAC Valedictory Service in St Mary's Church at 6pm on Monday 21 September and their Graduation Assembly in the Lindsay Walker Centre on Tuesday 22 September at 11am.

Saints Days This Week: Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist and Martyr; Sergius of Moscow, abbot and teacher (d.1932); Lancelot Andrewes, bishop of Winchester (d.1626)

FEATURED NEWS

Dignity Freedom Network

Sunday 20 September: Guest Speaker: Today we welcome The Reverend Dr Leah Kadwell to our services. The Dignity Freedom Network supports the Anglican Ministry, 'Good Shepherd India'. Kate Rodwell, the local representative has previously been a guest speaker. Hidden behind a veil of culture and tradition, thousands of young girls are condemned to a life of ritualised sexual abuse. DFN's vision is to completely end this heinous practice.

Hope for the Jogini Girls

Invitation to attend the *Hope for the Jogini Girls* dinner Wed 23 Sept 6.30pm \$35pp.

Location: Ballina RSL,
1 Grant St, Ballina

Register- dfn.org.au/HopeDinner RSVP- 18 Sept.

Appeal for Nepal

The Parish is making a \$2000 donation to the Nepal Appeal. Parishioners are invited to add to this amount by making a donation as follows: in an envelope marked "Nepal Appeal" and placed in the collection or as a direct debit online: BSB 705 077 Acc. 00040134, Reference Nepal Appeal.

Through the ACT Alliance, Act for Peace is supporting partners responding on the ground in Nepal. An update directly from DanChurchAid (DCA), one of the organisations your gifts are supporting, about their work on the ground and what comes next. DCA is working alongside other local organisations and the Government of Nepal to deliver life-saving support including food, shelter kits, water supplies, alternative power supplies and dignity kits. This is not going to be a short recovery. Rebuilding safely, and helping communities become more resilient to future disasters, will take sustained support over the months ahead.

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

Dignity Freedom Network Visit
 Jonah 3:10-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8;
 Matthew 20:1-16

READINGS for next week

Pentecost 18
 Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16;
 Matthew 21:23-32

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 26 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:

27 September: Black Square - String Quartet.

OP SHOP SALE:

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

150 CELEBRATIONS**The Second St Mary's Church:**

The second St Mary's Church was dedicated by Bishop Cooper on 9 July 1906 and was deconsecrated on 13 July 1997. The first mention of a need to either enlarge the present structure or erect a new building was made by the Vicar in January 1904. By March 1904 a Building Committee was formed with the Vicar stating 'that the Church should be the best building in the town and that it could be erected without being a burden upon the people'. With a Ladies Church Committee of twenty five he thought there would be no difficulty in raising the necessary funds. The size was to be 50 feet by 33 feet. James Ainsworth's tender to build the new church and remove the old building was received- seven hundred and one pounds and fifteen shillings!

A talk on the Islamic Faith**Perspectives to Death and Dying**

will be presented by Ahmet Ozturk, the manager of the Islamic Scientific and Research Academy Centre in Sydney on Saturday 17 October 2026 at 12.30pm in the Function Room.

RSVP to Kerry Johnston

WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday 20 September

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 23 September

10am Ballina

11.30am: Palm Lake Resort

Sunday 27 September

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 30 September

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

8.00am The Corner Café

FORTNIGHTLY**Community Supported****Produce**

Monday 28 Sept

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GIVING OPTIONS**By Direct Debit or online**

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Ballina Anglican Parish

In Person

Gifts can be placed in
 offertory box during services

Birthday

Elias Rantissi

Office Administrator, Cathie

Guest, returned to work

Monday 14 September. St

Mary's Church and Parish

Office will be closed on

Fridays until further notice.

Nursing Home Services:

Thursday 24 Sept: St Andrews

Home 10.30am

RSL Lifecare 2.00pm

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.