

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

27 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 being our faithful God, even when we find ourselves in dry and difficult places, when we feel weary, anxious, and uncertain about what lies ahead. Lord, forgive us for the times when we allow our circumstances to make us doubt your presence and your goodness. Help us to remember that you are with us, even when we cannot see the answer or understand what 'in your time' means. Remind us that nothing is too difficult for you. Teach us not to test you or complain when circumstances become difficult, but to come to you in prayer and trust. May our lives testify that you are truly with us as our Rock, our Provider, and our faithful God. In the name of Jesus, 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:

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:

Michael and all Angels; Jerome, priest and biblical scholar (d. 420)

FEATURED NEWS

Appeal for Nepal

The Parish is making a \$2000 donation to the Nepal Appeal. Parishioners are invited to add to this amount by donating 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.

LOCUM CHANGES

Bishop Carol will finish her time with us next Sunday 4 October.

The Reverend David Angus and Cathy will join us, living in the Rectory. Reverend David will work the same days as Bishop Carol-Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday. Reverend David and Cathy, until recently, lived in Cameron Road Wollongbar before moving to Canberra.

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 18

Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 11-16;

Matthew 21:23-32

READINGS for next week

Pentecost 19

Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14;

Matthew 21:33-46

OP SHOP AND ISAIAH 61 PROJECT NEWS

Op Shop open Mon-Fri 9.00 - 3.30; Sat 9.00 – 12.30

Free Community BBQ Breakfast8-10 am at St Mary's 2nd, 3rd, 4th Saturday**Next one is 10 October**

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. Join Black Square for a genre-hopping programme of folk, jazz, and contemporary curiosities..**OP SHOP SALE:**

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

A talk on the Islamic Faith**Perspectives to Death and****Dying** will be presented by Ahmet Ozturk on Saturday 17 October 2026 at 12.30pm in the Function Room.

Ahmet is the manager of the Islamic Scientific and Research Academy Centre in Sydney. RSVP to Kerry Johnston

An All Souls Day Service will be held on Saturday 31 October 2026 at 6pm. Please join us for a special service to remember those who have died and to acknowledge our grief.*The Parish Office will be closed
Tuesday 29 September.**Monday 5 October is a public
holiday. The Parish Office will be
closed on that day.***WORSHIP TIMES***Sunday 27 September*

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 30 September

10am Ballina

Sunday 4 October

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 7 October

10am Ballina

ON EVERY WEEK**Craft Group**

Mondays 9.30am

*except Public Holidays**Function Room***St Mary's Singing Group**

In recess until 22 October

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;

12 & 26 October

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GIVING OPTIONS**By Direct Debit or online**

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Ballina Anglican Parish

In PersonGifts can be placed in
offertory box during services**Birthday***None this week*Office Administrator, Cathie
Guest has successfully
returned to work with the
Parish Office now open
Monday to Friday, 9am to
1pm.**Nursing Home Services:***None this week***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.