

Welcome to church!

Ballina and Lennox Head Anglicans

We're so glad you are here

18 October 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:

Oh Lord our father and Saviour, hear the prayer of our hearts that continues to uplift us and bring us closer to you!

Let us always search to understand your glory; one that moves us from our mundane and selfish earthly life and its concerns to those of the coming of your kingdom and our path towards that! 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 our prayers for Year 12 as they work through their HSC exams and prepare for 'life after school'. Help them to find peace in the assurance of their preparations. We give thanks for the support and encouragement of school staff, parents and their fellow students.

We also pray for our schools as they commence Term 4 and move to the conclusion of this year's teaching and learning. May it be a time of reflection on the year and celebration of achievements, a time of thanksgiving for new friendships and growth of ongoing friendships.

Saints Days This Week:

Henry Martyn, missionary and Bible translator in India and Persia (d. 1812); James of Jerusalem, brother of our Lord, martyr (d. c. 62); United Nations, inaugurated 1945.

FEATURED NEWS

Northern Rivers for Refugees invites you to an Afternoon Tea

NRfR has supported 42 refugees since 2022 thanks to local people. These refugee families have fled conflict and persecution. We plan to accept a new family in the future and are looking for local support.

Would you like to join us for an information session afternoon tea at 2pm on Saturday 24 October at Ballina RSL? We will outline how we support refugees and opportunities to help/volunteer. If you would like to attend let me know, as we do need numbers for catering.

I can be reached by: Ph: 0468903620

Email: helen.quaife@nrfr.org.au

150 Celebrations

Planning and organisation continues for the acknowledgement and celebration of the three St Mary's Church buildings on the present site- 1877, 1906 and 1998.

Key Dates:

High Afternoon Tea- Saturday 30 January 2pm

Combined Parish Service- Sunday 31 January 10am with our Diocesan Bishop Murray Harvey as celebrant and preacher.

Please ensure the dates are in your diary and pass on this information to former parishioners, family and friends who have had an association with the parish both past and present.

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 21

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10;
Matthew 22:15-33

READINGS for next week

Pentecost 22

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1
Thessalonians 2:1-13; Matthew 22:34-46

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 24 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: 25 October: Art Song. Join sparkling soprano, Katie Stenzel, and award-winning pianist, Alex Raineri, on a musical exploration spanning art song, opera and musical theatre.

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.

ADVENT STUDY BOOK**ABM's story/study book for Advent**

ABM's **CARAVAN** is a book of incarnational stories based on the birth of Christ but set in an Australian landscape.

CARAVAN reframes and throws new light on the stories we think we know backwards, and asks the question, "Could it have happened here and now? In Australia?"

CARAVAN is an incarnational journey into the heart of what it means to be human – and to be loved.

Order now: Cost \$12. Put your name on the sheet at each church. Payment when you receive the book.

WORSHIP TIMES*Sunday 18 October*

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 21 October

10am Ballina

Sunday 25 October

8am: Lennox Head

10am Ballina

Wednesday 21 October

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*

8.00am The Corner Café

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

Monday 26 October

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and Wednesday*

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Ballina Anglican Parish

In Person

Gifts can be placed in
offertory box during services

Anniversary

Ray & Grace Black

Nursing Home Services:

St Andrews Village

10am Tuesday 20 October

St Andrews Home

10.30am Thursday 22 October

RSL Lifecare

2pm Thursday 22 October

Mission of the Month – ABM Auxiliary Diocese of Grafton: supporting ABM Projects.

Donations: by placing your donation in an envelope marked ABM Auxiliary or direct deposit to our bank account- Ballina Anglican Parish BSB 705 077 Account number- 00040134. Reference- ABM Auxiliary.