



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
47 CHERRY STREET
BALLINA

WELCOME

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
94 BALLINA STREET
LENNOX HEAD

Respecting the traditional people of this land—past, present and future, the Bundjalung people

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

PARISH NOTICES

21st JUNE 2026

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

ST FRANCIS XAVIER
CHURCH BALLINA

SATURDAY VIGIL

- 5.30 PM

SUNDAY - 9.00 AM

SUNDAY - 11.00 AM

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
LENNOX HEAD

SUNDAY - 7.30 AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

ST FRANCIS XAVIER
CHURCH

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

5.00 pm MASS

THURSDAY & FRIDAY

12.00 NOON

ADORATION FRIDAY

11.00 AM TO 11.45 AM

EUCCHARIST28

RECONCILIATION

9.00 AM SATURDAY

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Father Peter Padsungay

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Father Erick Quinteros

DEACON

Rev Assoc Professor

Anthony Gooley

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Mr Brendon Clarke

PARISH BUSINESS
MANAGER

Mr Michael Penhey

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Feast Days

Sts John Fisher &

Thomas Moore

Monday

The Nativity of

St John the Baptist

Wednesday



BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church: **Xavier Matthew Gill** son of Ronald and Leeza.

TAIZE THIS MONDAY 22ND JUNE
12.00 NOON

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

*Encouraging the Spirit of Kindness,
Simplicity and Reconciliation through
Meditation Music and Silence*



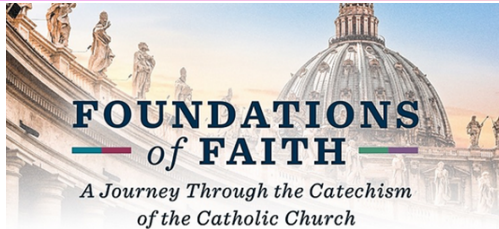
CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY MEETING

Monday 22ND June 3.00 pm

Education Centre at Crowley Care.

Please consider attending as you will
be assisting the Aged Care Centre.

All welcome



FOUNDATIONS
of FAITH

*A Journey Through the Catechism
of the Catholic Church*

FRIDAYS 9:15 - 10:45 AM

PART 1: "WHAT WE BELIEVE"

Morning Tea

Video and discussion

Starting **this** Friday 26th June

Phone Maxine on 0429 669 029



St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW

good works



BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
2026 WINTER APPEAL ~ WEEKEND 4TH/5TH JULY

ENVELOPES WILL BE AVAILABLE. EVERY DOLLAR CAN
MAKE A DIFFERENCE. ONLINE DETAILS: BSB: 062 000,
ACCOUNT NO: 1988 9862, REF NO : 43450.

DONATIONS CAN ALSO BE LEFT AT THE VINNIES SHOP
7 MARTIN STREET, BALLINA.

'HOMELESSNESS IS JUST ONE CRISIS AWAY'

PETER'S PENCE NEXT SUNDAY: How you can help: Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection. Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help to build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come. Envelopes will be available in the church pews.

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- **Monday 22nd June Cenacle 10.30 am Anawim Room**
- **Taize Monday 22nd June 12.00 noon**
- **Tuesday 23rd June 10.00 am Cherry Coffee**
- **Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 23rd June 10.00 am Holy Family Church**
- **menALIVE Wednesday 1st July 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head**
- **Forum with Father Erick Friday 3rd July 2.00 pm MTR Parish Admin**
- **Journey through the Catechism Friday 26th June 9.15 am MTR Parish Admin**
- **Lennox Head Holy Family Committee Meeting Friday 26th June 2.00pm**
- **Vinnies Winter Appeal weekend of 4th/5th July**
- **Ladies Rosary Tuesday 7th July 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566**
- **Journey through the Bible Saturday 25th July phn Richard Goss 0418 356 527**

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 27th/28th June 2026
Readings: 2 Kings 4:8-11,14-16 Psalm 88; Romans 6:3-4,8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	Bryan Marriott Peter Fear	Angela Beglin Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss Donna Sison	Warwick Manning Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Katrina Miles Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Tony Hunter
Gifts			Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor	
Sacristan	Monica Anderson	Annette & Julian White	David Derrick	Lea Lane
Announcer	Mick Vella	Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay	Bernadette McQuillan
Laptop	Trish Bazar		Jo Hurley	Maxine Cole

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Theresa Ward (Brisbane), Joan McAuley, John Hayward, Kathleen (Kath) Nolan, Winifred (Win) Newton, Dr Sally Towns (Brisbane),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Michael McNamara, Noreen Goff, Marj Hobbins, Judy Conson,
AND ALSO FOR: Barry McIntosh Josefa Jarzynski, John McCoy, Dympna Sheehy, Phillip Dykes, Marj and Pat Hobbins, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Margaret Moreland, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Bill & Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all the faithful departed.
AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL: Kellie Savage, Jan Buning, Ros Spiteri, Mele Taufaeva, Julia Paden, Samantha Anderson, Brian Dye, Andrea Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Caceres, Daniel Freeman, Nancy and Joan Obonyo, Nate Doolan, Joy Schneider, Gloria Greguric, Annemarie Higgins, unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.
(Please advise after six weeks if a name is to be removed or if good health has been restored.)

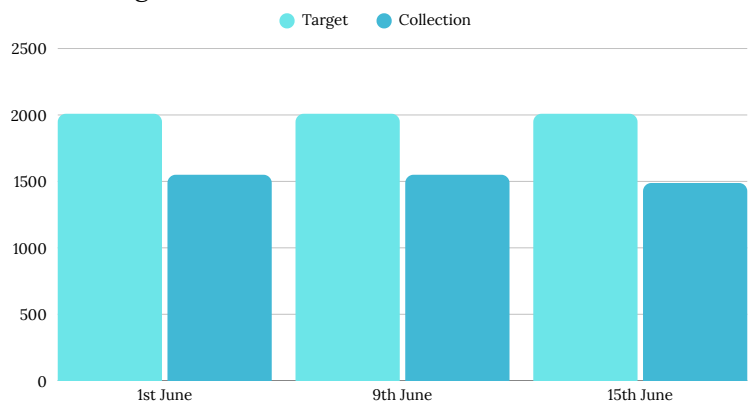
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. Thank you also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. *Father Peter and Father Erick*

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARATELY AT MASS COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY By making an EFTPOS donation

***1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name
*** 2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218 Please use your Planned Giving number as reference.

DIF PAYS 3.90% PER ANNUM - BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, L J Hooker 87-89
 River Street Ballina 02 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry Street Ballina 1300 139 099
 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
1st Collection	Support clergy	\$1,172.00
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$521.70
	Planned Giving	\$1,488.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Diocesan Investment Fund

Interest Rate—3.90% For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516

BE NOT AFRAID

In this week's gospel, Jesus is teaching his disciples about their mission. He warns them of the persecutions and trials that they will face. Just as he, Jesus, faced opposition and rejection; so, will they. So too did the prophets, including Jeremiah, of whom we read in today's first reading.

Jesus urges his disciples, soon to be his missionaries, to take up their mission to proclaim the good news of the gospel. No matter the opposition and suffering they might face, he exhorts them: "Do not be afraid."

But, knowing that they will suffer on account of their faith in him, he offers them consolation. He reassures them that they are precious in God's eyes: "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows."

Moreover, he promises them that "Everyone who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven."

We too, his disciples today, will face difficulties and challenges, perhaps derision, rejection and suffering, because of our faith in Jesus. There will be times of discomfort or perhaps embarrassment, when others deride or disparage us for our faith.

But, like the disciples then, we are to live our Christian faith confidently and fearlessly, working for justice and for peace, standing up for the least among us, doing what we can to help build a better world, unafraid to profess our faith and to demonstrate it in action.

As an Australian politician once noted, life wasn't meant to be easy. Living our faith, following our Lord Jesus with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength was never going to be easy. Our faith makes demands of us!

Let us examine our consciences in light of the gospel. Do we keep very private our commitment as Christians, keeping it out of view of neighbours, work colleagues, even friends? Do we shy away from professing our faith in Jesus, keeping it hidden? Do we speak up when values or opinions which are alien to our faith are promoted in our hearing? Do we let fear of disparagement or rejection stop us from saying what we believe to be true or from doing what we know to be right?

For most of us, it is not in a public forum, but rather in ordinary day to day interactions and conversations that situations arise to challenge us to speak of our faith and the values that inform our opinions and choices.

It is also what we do and how we conduct ourselves that professes what we believe.

Let it always be with courtesy and respect for others. As the Apostle Peter teaches us: "Always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience" (1 Pet 3:15-16).

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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches in alphabetical order. Please notify the Parish Office if there are changes to any of your details or if you would like to contribute to the Planned Giving Program by Direct Debit.

**THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY ON SALE
FOLLOWING EACH WEEKEND
MASS \$2.00 EA**

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FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 23rd JUNE: THURSDAY 25TH JUNE AND FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE ~ FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office: Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please contact the Safeguarding Office 6621 9444 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or vulnerable people at risk. June edition of Safeguarding News available in the Church stand.



LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE PRIEST AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 20:10-13

A reading from the prophet Jerimah

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,
"Terror from every side!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!"
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**
2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**
3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:12-15

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:26-33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Sparrows were sold in market places as inexpensive food for the poor and were a symbol of something of minimal value.
- By the time Matthew wrote his Gospel the Church was already undergoing persecution in some areas and Christian faith was being sorely tested.

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Administration Centre: 53-57 Cherry Street Ballina Phn 02 6681 1048 P.O. Box 46 Ballina 2478
email: admin@sfxballina.org.au Office hours Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm

Parish website: www.sfxballina.org.au

SCHOOLS

St Francis Xavier Primary: Swift Street Ballina Phn 02 6686 3370 Principal: Mr Tony Hunter

Holy Family Primary: 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head Phn: 02 6687 5311 Principal: Mr Murray Deeps

Xavier Catholic College: 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head Phn: 02 6687 6484 Principal: Mr Michael Campbell

LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

St Anne's: Phn: 02 6687 596142 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head. Director: Mrs Narelle Dewhurst

AGED CARE

Crowley Care Services: 154 Cherry Street, Ballina Phn: 1300 139 099 CEO: Mr Michael Penhey