



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

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

PARISH NOTICES

28TH 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
EUCHARIST28

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 Peter & Paul,
apostles
Monday

St Thomas,
apostle
Friday



BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church: **Henry Thomas and Albie Anthony Kinkead** sons of Luke and Danielle.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION:

This weekend 27th / 28th June is the annual offering to our Holy Father Pope Leo XVI for the works of charity supported by the Holy See.

Your donation can be placed on either collection plate or returned next weekend. Envelopes available in the pews of the Churches.



St Vincent de Paul Society

NSW

good works



**BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY
2026 WINTER APPEAL ~ NEXT 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'



PARISH 'CUPPA'

NEXT Sunday 5TH JULY, following the 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church.

All are welcome

ST VINCENT de PAUL MEMBERS WILL HOST THIS MID WINTER 'CUPPA'.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CONNECT NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2026 EDITION

Your FREE copy of the parish 'CONNECT' is available from our Churches or download from the Parish website. Keep up to date with all our Parish activities.

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 29th June Cenacle 10.30 am Anawim Room
- Tuesday 30th June 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 30th 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 Monday 29th June 5.30 - 7.00 pm & Friday 3rd July 9.15 - 10.45 am MTR
- Vinnies Winter Appeal weekend of 4th/5th July
- Parish Cuppa Sunday 5th July following 9.00 am & 11.00 am Masses
- Taize Monday 6th July 12.00 noon
- Ladies Rosary Tuesday 7th July 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566
- Christmas in July Lunch Thursday 23rd July 12.30 pm Crowley Activity Centre
- Journey through the Bible Saturday 25th July phn Richard Goss 0418 356 527

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 4th/5th July 2026
Readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 Psalm144; Romans 8:9,11-13; Matthew 11:25-30

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	Trish Bazar Kristie Coster	Michael Piccoli Damien Kennedy	Annette Reen Gary Reen	Leanne Robbins Bernadette McQuillan
EMOHC	Matt Ritchie Phil Chapman	Sue Hetherington	Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Cheryl Bowen
Gifts			Amy Derrick Livia Kenk	
Sacristan	Monica Anderson	Angela Beglin	David Derrick	Lea Lane
Announcer	Katrina Miles	Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay	Maxine Cole
Laptop	Pauline Fingleton		Teresa Cunial	Maxine Cole

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Frank Hannigan, Theresa Ward (Brisbane), Joan McAuley, John Hayward, Kathleen (Kath) Nolan,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Peter Kearns, Dympna Sheehy, Father Michael Brady George Paden, George Saaib, Betty McNiff, Sharon Lee McNiff-Parkes, Margaret Grant, Anne Moreland

AND ALSO FOR: Chail Balcombe, 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: Belinda O'Rourke, 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*

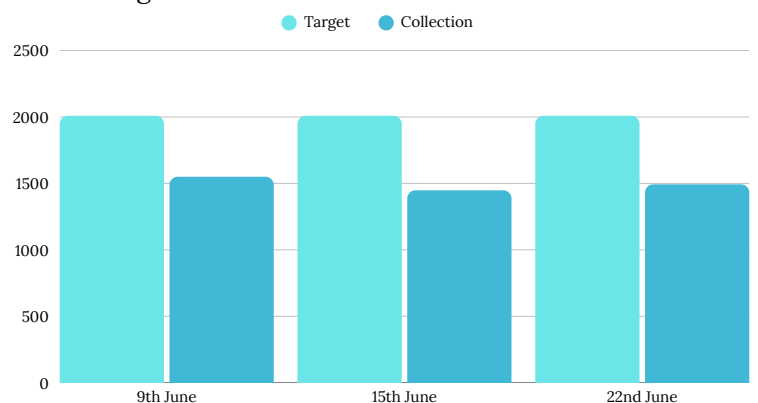
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARATELY AT MASS COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit 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	\$1,206.65
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$366.90
	Planned Giving	\$1,493.35
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



MARIAN VALLEY PROGRAM FOR THE DAY
 On the first Saturday of the month the Shrine offers:

- 10.00 am Exposition, Rosary and Devotion
- 11.00 am Holy Mass
- 12.00 pm Lunch
- 1.00 pm Procession to the Grotto of our Lady of Fatima, with Rosary, Novena to our Lady, Benediction and individual Blessings.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR are available for collection at the back of the both Churches.

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

POSITION VACANT


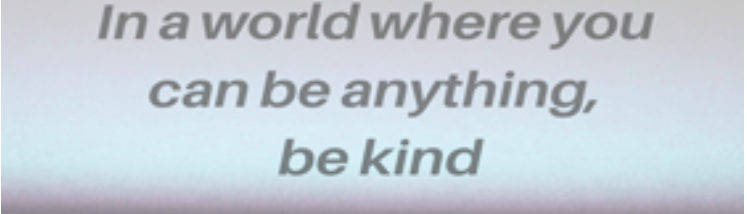
St Carthage's offers rewarding careers and a range of benefits including competitive salary, flexible working arrangements, great job security and a friendly and supportive work environment.

We encourage interested candidates to take the next step and apply today.

Cleaner (Parish Assets) - Part Time 3.00pm - 8.00pm Roster

We are seeking reliable Cleaners to maintain a clean, safe, and welcoming environment across our Parish facilities. Duties include general cleaning and ensuring high hygiene standards.

To apply, follow the link:
<https://au.seek.com/St-Carthages-jobs>
 or scan the QR Code.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 30th JUNE ~ WEDNESDAY 1ST JULY ~ AND FRIDAY 2ND JULY

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!
Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

FRIDAY 3RD JULY~ FEAST OF ST THOMAS

Entrance Antiphon: You are my God, and I confess you; you are my God, and I exalt you; I will thank you, for you became my saviour.
Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

A LIFE OF SACRIFICIAL LOVE More than being just a moral teacher or guide, Jesus came to establish a complete transformation of what it means to be human and to live a fully human life. When St Paul proclaims that we are now "dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus," he highlights how Jesus' submission to and defeat of death has changed the whole human situation. Jesus was the perfect and obedient representative of all humanity. Through our faith that he is who he says he is, the eternal communion with the Father that belongs by nature to Jesus as the incarnate Son belongs to us through participation in him. As St Paul explains, "When we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life." This new life in Christ is one in which sin and death no longer have dominion in the human experience. Paul exhorts us: "You too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin and alive for God in Christ Jesus." In his instructions to the Twelve in today's gospel, Jesus teaches, "Anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." Part of 'losing our lives' for Jesus means extending the self-giving, compassionate and merciful love we have received from him to others, especially the poor. And 'losing our lives' can mean suffering. As Christians, we must be prepared to accept suffering, not out of a masochistic sense that suffering is good or that we deserve it, but as a response made in love to give up anything and everything that impedes or undermines the life and love to which Christ calls us. As Jesus teaches in today's gospel, this can sometimes mean prioritising him and the demands of discipleship over the demands of family. Consider St Francis of Assisi as an example. St Francis, in defiance of his enraged father, left his affluent home and the life his family had planned for him to live a life of radical poverty, humility, and dedication to serving the poor, in imitation of the life, poverty, and love of Jesus. St Francis is renowned as Il Poverello (Italian for "the little poor man" or "the little poor one"), and as a "little Christ." 'Losing our lives' for Jesus does not necessarily mean we will be called to Jesus' level of self-sacrifice or that of the Christian martyrs. Still, our hearts need to be oriented towards this calling and open to its demands, painful and costly though that may sometimes be. But Jesus is very clear in calling us – indeed challenging us – to live the life of freedom and self-giving love for which we were created. Challenging and demanding though it is, each and every one of us is called to be a "little Christ."

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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: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

(R.)

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

DID YOU KNOW?

- At the time Matthew's Gospel was being written, Jewish families were being literally split by those who were making the decision to move away from traditional Jewish beliefs and follow Christ.
- Even though family relationships are vitally important, 'the first vocation of a Christian is to follow Christ'

*'Lord, as you welcome me,
may I be open to welcome others.'*

SECOND READING: Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his
marvellous light.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 10:37-42

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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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