



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

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME A

PARISH NOTICES

5th JULY 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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NAIDOC WEEK



Feast Day
St Benedict, abbot
Saturday



NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY TODAY

Walking together in our Parishes: The Church in Australia is enriched by the cultures, spirituality and presence of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The Embracing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in the Life of the Catholic Church document offers practical pathway for parishes to grow in relationship deepen understanding, and walk more closely with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This work flows from the Gospel to walk together in love dignity and respect. It is a journey of faith lived out in community, grounded in listening, and strengthened through relationship. These are not steps to complete, but an invitation to an ongoing journey of faith and relationship.



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

Envelopes are 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.

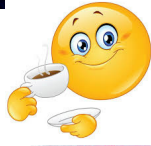
'HOMELESSNESS IS JUST ONE CRISIS AWAY'

PARISH 'CUPPA'

THIS 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.



CAN YOU HELP?

We are asking for your
consideration to the donation of a
ladies bicycle.

If you have one and do not need it
anymore, please contact the parish
administration office 02 6681 1048
or email admin@sfxballinba.org.au
Thank you.

TAIZE This Monday 6th July
12.00 noon SFX Church

"In the Taizé spirit of kindness,
simplicity and reconciliation of
heart".

Book your seats
Saturday Sept 5th

Join the parish to celebrate Eucharist28 for a 1 day pilgrimage to Mary Help of Christians Shrine (Marian Valley) on Mazzers Coach for FREE!

Call the office on 6681 1048 to book your seat, (or you may drive yourself and meet up with the parish at Marian Valley). Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment!

Leaflets at back of church
marianvalley.org.au

THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL
EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2026
SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- **Monday 6th July Cenacle 10.30 am Anawim Room**
- **Monday 6th July Taize 12.00 noon SFX Church**
- **Tuesday 7th July 10.00 am Cherry Coffee**
- **Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 7th July 10.00 am Holy Family Church**
- **menALIVE Wednesday 15th July 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head**
- **Forum with Father Erick Friday 17th July 2.00 pm MTR Parish Admin**
- **Journey through the Catechism Monday 6th July 5.30-7.00 pm Friday 10th July 9.15 am MTR Parish Admin**
- **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**
- **Parish Pilgrimage to Marian Valley by bus Saturday 5th September**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 11th/12th July 2026
 Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	Mick Vella Yvonne Head	Marie Sullivan Angela Beglin	Donna Sison Margaret Tay	Tony Hunter Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Peter Bowen Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Gifts			
Sacristan	Monica Anderson	Annette & Julian White	David Derrick	Lea Lane
Announcer	Peter Bowen	Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss	Bernadette McQuillan
Laptop	Trish Bazar		Jo Hurley	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: John Timmins, Fred Flick, Joe Byrne, Thea Harper, Peter Thurtell
AND ALSO FOR: Josefa Jarzynski, 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.)

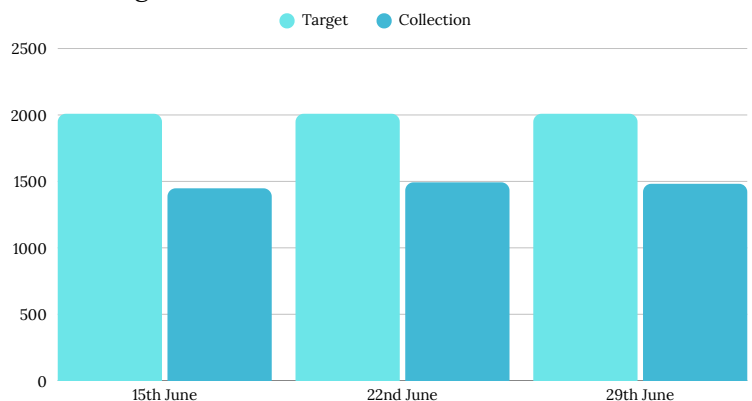
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. Thank you also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. *Father Peter and 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	\$912.60
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$370.00
	Planned Giving	\$1,482.10
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

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.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2025/26

Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish administration office ~ Opening hours 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

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

INVITATION TO A CURSILLO 'THREE DAYS' THURSDAY 15TH - SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER



The Cursillo opens with an introductory dinner and a short retreat as preparation for the three days. A combination of presentations, discussions, prayer, meditations, celebrating the Sacraments, friendship, and living in a Christian community help draw each person into a closer relationship with Jesus and with each other.

For more information phone Maxine 0429 669 029 or

LISMORE DIOCESAN CURSILLO MOVEMENT cursillolismore@gmail.com

Come and enjoy connecting with CURSILLO Saturday 18th July 10:30 - 12:30 in the Mother Teresa room. All are welcome. Our BALLINA Gathering consists of prayer and reflection and a short talk on "Living our faith in everyday life", followed by a shared lunch. Check out the Cursillo leaflets in the foyer or phone Maxine 0429 669 029.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 7th ~ WEDNESDAY 8th ~ THURSDAY 9th ~ AND FRIDAY 10th JULY

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

EUCHARIST28 UPDATE - THIS IS MY BODY, GIVEN FOR YOU

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music - a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation.

The theme for Eucharist28 is 'This is My Body, Given For You', which invites us to reflect on the words that Christ spoke as he instituted the Eucharistic Sacrifice.

At each Mass, the priest repeats Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ.

This miraculous change does not end with the gifts. As we receive the Body of Christ, we are transformed into the Body of Christ, carrying His presence into our homes, workplaces, schools, parishes and communities.

Just as He gave His life for us, we too are called to offer our lives in sacrifice and service to God and to those around us.

This national journey to Eucharist28 is an invitation for all of us to share in the breaking of the bread and allow Christ's presence to transform us. The journey begins now, in our own hearts and in our own parishes.

For catechetical material to help your parish and community prepare for this moment, head to eucharist28.org/resources



REFLECTION by Nick Brodie Liturgy Help

As Pope Leo XIV reminds us, wealth is increasingly 'concentrated in fewer hands, widening inequalities.' The result of this is stark. Entire regions 'lack the essential equipment needed to save millions of human lives,' he points out. This is an intolerable burden which Christians are called to face with honesty and charity.

As the Pope points out, a Christian response to social inequality includes supporting 'tax systems that lighten the burden on the weakest and ask for more from those with greater resources.' Through such mechanisms we can alleviate many woes.

This duty is not something we can postpone until we have a surplus with which to act generously. Rather, as the Pope explains, we are called to recognise that 'justice concerns every phase of economic activity, from resource acquisition to financing, and from production to consumption.'

Therefore, we have a responsibility to seek transparency and accountability in our economic systems. We are called to foster 'inclusion and access'. As the Pope says succinctly, 'every choice has moral consequences.' Christ calls us to see him as the lifter of burdens, certainly, but he also calls us to become uplifters too.

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. The July Newsletter is now available from the Safeguarding stand at the back of the Church.



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

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9:9-10

A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) I will praise your name forever,
my king and my God**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

DID YOU KNOW?

- The prayer of blessing which Jesus makes in this gospel is known as a berakah. It is the basis of Jewish prayers of praise and thanksgiving. In our liturgy we use the Berakah form just before the Eucharistic Prayer:
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer ...to which we all respond: Blessed be God forever.
- A yoke is a piece of agricultural equipment that went around the neck of an ox. It is attached to a plough or a cart that the ox drags along. This method is still used in many parts of the world. The yoke takes the burden of the load which the oxen must pull. It is heavy work.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:9, 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**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