



St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

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



**St Francis Xavier Church,
47 Cherry Street, Ballina.**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street, Lennox Head.**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

6th July, 2025

*National Aboriginal &
Torres Strait Islander Sunday*



Weekend Mass Times Ballina

St Francis Xavier Church
Saturday Vigil— 5.30 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am
Sunday — 11.00 am

Lennox Head
Holy Family Church
Sunday — 7.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon Ballina

ADORATION FRIDAY
11.00 am to 11.45 am



RECONCILIATION
9.00 am Saturday
St Francis Xavier Church

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Feast Day

St Benedict, abbot
Friday

We invite everyone to our faith community.

'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'

to

Abbie Beecher and Jordan Lee
on their Marriage this Saturday.

Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.



BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
2025 WINTER APPEAL ~ THIS WEEKEND 5th/6th 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. Thinking of becoming a Ballina SVdP Conference
Volunteer, phn Rosette Leo (co-ordinator) 0490 258 139. **Thank you**



PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
This Sunday 6th July, following the 9.00 am Mass and the 11.00
am Mass St Vincent de Paul members will host the 9.00 am cuppa
as they launch the 'Vinnies Winter Appeal'. Everyone is very welcome.



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy
to the family of **Dympna Sheehy** who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held **on Tuesday 15th July 2025**
at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.



The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy

As we enter **2025**, NAIDOC Week marks a powerful milestone: 50 years of honoring and elevating Indigenous voices, culture, and resilience. The 2025 theme, "The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy," celebrates not only the achievements of the past but the bright future ahead, empowered by the strength of our young leaders, the vision of our communities, and the legacy of our ancestors. The NAIDOC journey began as a movement for recognition and rights, sparked by Indigenous communities who saw a future built on justice and equality. Over the decades, it has grown into a powerful national celebration, a testament to the enduring strength of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. As we commemorate this 50-year legacy, we also look forward, honouring the next generation who will carry the torch, shaping the future with courage, insight, and deep respect for our roots. Guided by the wisdom of our Elders and the groundwork laid by our forebears, each NAIDOC Week reinforces our vision for an Australia where Indigenous voices are not only heard but lead the way. <https://www.aidoc.org.au/>



Charismatic Healing Mass ~ 3.00 pm ~ THIS Sunday ~
6th July, 2025 ~ Celebrant Father Erick Quinteros
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Erick Quinteros

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

Pastoral Associates: email: pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au

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Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; **Email:** admin@sfxballina.org.au

Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - **Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478**

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY:
SCHOOLS:

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

St Francis Xavier Primary: Principal: Mr Tony Hunter - 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

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

Xavier Catholic College: Principal: Mr Lee MacMaster - 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

St Anne's Long Day Care Centre: Director: Mrs Narelle Dewhurst - 6687 5961 - 42 Isabella Drive,
Skennars Head

AGED CARE:

Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

15th Sunday Year C: 12th/13th July 2025
Readings: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Psalm 68; Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 10:25-37

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott Pauline Fingleton	Sue Hetherington Marie Sullivan	Wendy Hughes Nicole Sullivan	Tony Hunter Leanne Robbins
EMOHC	Yvonne Head Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Deacon Anthony Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
Offertory Procession			

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:


Peter Kearns, Dympna Sheehy, Father Michael Brady, Graeme Douglas, Michael McNamara, Barry McIntosh, Richard Donnelly, Maureen Flanagan,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Fred Flick, Joe Byrne, Thea Harper, Peter Thurtell

AND ALSO FOR: Phillip Dykes, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Fabian Okeke, 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: Joy Schneider, Loretta Gardiman (Sydney), Alisha Nobbs (Brisbane), Severina Nady Verdeflor, Gloria Greguric, Anne Louise Dillon (Melbourne), Steven Kennessey & family, Maureen Borthistle (Dalby), Kevin Sullivan, Matt Ritchie, Issac Kruger, Craig Cunneen Annemarie Higgins, Michael Hains, Kellie Savage, Lorraine Ball, Helen Johnston, Beryl Reed, Daphne Sweeney (mother of Sr Kathryn), Vince Newman, Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (Ireland), Semmens family (Tas), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (Dalby), David Le'Fevre (London), Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (infant), Lynette Holland (Tas), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham,, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Kneightly (Inverell), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Samantha Anderson, Auntie Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Jocelyn O'Brien, unwell residents in

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

6th July	Sunday 3.00 pm	Charismatic Healing Mass
7th July	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
8th July	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
8th July	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face Lennox Head
9th July	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
10th July	Thursday 2.00 pm	Season 4 The Chosen MTR
13th July	Sunday 5.00 pm	Youth Mass
14th July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation
24th July 	Thursday 12.30 to 3.30 pm	Christmas in July Crowley Care Auxiliary
28th July	Mondays 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Bible timeline Adam to Jesus
28th July	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting

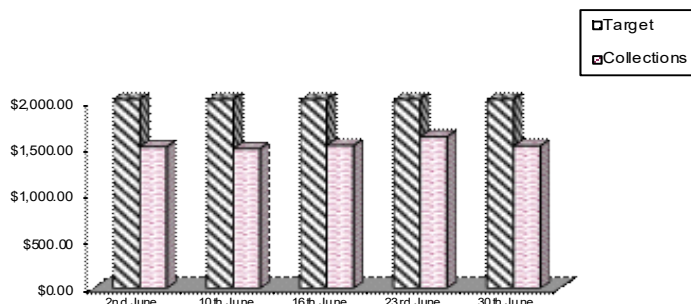
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterian collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter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

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARTELY 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 St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,150.10
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 241.55
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,507.30
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



We all have a shared mission

Do we think of ourselves as missionaries? Probably not, though occasionally we may hear it said that we all have a vocation, a calling that is not only for priests and other religious. Whatever hesitation we may have, however, at the end of Mass we are asked to spread the word. That is the peace of Christ: it is our mission.

In the gospel Jesus sends out the seventy-two disciples in pairs with a message of peace, a message of God's openness and acceptance, which for us all. The harvest is ready but, as with any harvest, the work is to be done now, even if the 'labourers are few.'

Jesus offers the disciples instructions for the dangerous journey ahead: they are to trust in God's love and not be pre-occupied by the little things. Also, they are not to be distracted by chit-chat, but to stay open to God's presence, and to receive the hospitality that's offered to them, and be with the sick, curing them.

Even those who turn away are to be reminded that the kingdom of God is very close. By trusting in what Jesus has to say, God's kingdom of peace and mercy will become a reality, both now and in the future.

Like the disciples, we're to meet people where they are, not simply have them meet us where we are. Unlike a door knocker or street preacher, we are to listen to people and walk with them. In this way, we will come to understand the words of Mother Teresa, "We've forgotten that we belong to one another".

As we begin to live like this, we will come to know what Pope Francis called the joy of the gospel. We can be missionaries, he said, if we "feel happiness in seeking the good of others, in desiring their happiness". This is a challenge for us but, as followers of Jesus, it is what we are called to do.

When the disciples come back overjoyed at what has happened. They are amazed to report that, in his name, the destructive forces have been overcome. They hear Jesus say that even Satan, our accuser, has been overcome, and in the presence of God 'nothing will ever hurt you'. Let us rejoice then, as we begin to open ourselves to God, and realise God is with us.

This joy is at the heart of the First Reading, where the prophet Isaiah says that, on their return from exile, God will comfort his people and give them peace. Then, in the Second Reading, Paul speaks of the peace and mercy that are the fruits of our becoming a 'new creature' in Christ.

Becoming a 'new creature' in Christ is a new way of being with one another and with God, so that we might share in the peace of God's kingdom both now and forever.

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PARISH YOUTH MASS TO BEGIN IN JULY

Once a month beginning **NEXT Sunday 13th July** our parish will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church. Youth aged from 12 to 17 years are welcome to celebrate and encourage their families and friends to come to this Mass and celebrate with the faith filled youth of our parish.

Everyone is welcome



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CONNECT NEWSLETTER

Do not forget to pick up your **FREE** copy of the parish 'CONNECT' from our Churches or download from the

Parish website . Keep up to date with all our Parish activities.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2024/25 Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish office. administration office ~ Opening hours 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection from the Parish Office.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

Thursday 24th July 2025



12.30 to 3.30 pm ~ Crowley Activity Centre.

\$45.00 pp ~ BYO Drinks

RSVP and pay via card or cash at Crowley reception by Thursday 17th July and advise of any dietary requirements. Ticket includes Christmas style Nibbles, Lunch and Dessert.

1 x entry into the lucky door prize

Live entertainment to be enjoyed!

For all enquiries regarding Crowley Care Auxiliary Please contact Margaret Savage, President, on 0411 573 770 New members always welcome.

TAIZÉ IS BACK ~ MONDAY 14TH JULY 12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation of the heart through Meditation, Music and Silence

The CATHOLIC WEEKLY on sale following each weekend Mass. \$2.00 each

TWO INSPIRING DAYS WITH MITCH

Founder of Making Jesus Real (MJR)

**Inspiring talks • Spiritual insights
Morning Tea Included**

KINGSCLIFF PARISH

Date:
**Wednesday,
16th July**

Time:
**9:00 AM –
11:00 AM**

**Includes
Morning Tea**

Location:
Kingscliff Parish

BALLINA PARISH

**Thursday,
17 July
Upper Room**

Time:
**9:00 AM –
11:00 AM**

**Includes
Morning Tea**

Location:
Ballina Parish

To register phn Ballina Parish Office 6681 1048

Peter Mitchell (MITCH)– Founder and now consultant MJR (Making Jesus Real).

This is a great opportunity and is highly recommended for parents, teachers, catechists and all those interested in educating others in our faith.

Quote: 'Team work makes the dream work', and 'the Spirit of Jesus is in the little things we do and say every day ...to make SOMEONE'S day every day'.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.



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The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) is not subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 nor has it been examined or approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Deposits with the DIF are guaranteed by CDFI Limited, a company established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for this purpose. We welcome your investment with the DIF rather than with a profit oriented commercial organisation as a conscious commitment by you to support the Charitable, Religious and Educational works of the Catholic Church. Neither the DIF nor the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore are prudentially supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority; contributions to the DIF do not obtain the benefit of the depositor protection provisions of the Banking Act 1959; the DIF is designed for investors who wish to promote the charitable purposes of the DIF.

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
 be glad for her, all you who love her!
 Rejoice, rejoice for her,
 all you who mourned her!
 That you may be suckled, filled,
 from her consoling breast,
 that you may savour with delight
 her glorious breasts.
 For thus says the Lord:
 Now towards her I send flowing
 peace, like a river,
 and like a stream in spate
 the glory of the nations.
 At her breast will her nurslings be carried
 and fondled in her lap.
 Like a son comforted by his mother
 will I comfort you.
 And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
 At the sight your heart will rejoice,
 and your bones flourish like the grass.
 To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Let all the earth cry out with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
 O sing to the glory of his name.
 O render him glorious praise.
 Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
 shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
 Come and see the works of God,
 tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**
3. He turned the sea into dry land,
 they passed through the river dry-shod.
 Let our joy then be in him;
 he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**
4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
 I will tell what he did for my soul.
 Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
 nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18*A reading from the letter of St Paul to Galatians*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord.***Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
 and the fullness of his message live within you

Alleluia!**Gospel: Luke 10:1-9***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you."

The Gospel of the Lord**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 8th ~ WEDNESDAY 9th & THURSDAY 10th JULY ~ 2025**

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

FRIDAY 11th JULY 2025 ~ FEAST OF ST BENEDICT

Entrance Antiphon: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

**ST ANNE'S LONG DAY CARE CENTRE IS HIRING**

Early Childhood Educators and Teachers, Full -time, part-time and casual roles available
Modern, purpose-build centre, Excellent team culture and supportive leadership

For more information about this opportunity, contact Narelle Dewhurst at ndewhurst@stannesldcc.org.au

Vocations Ministry: Thank you to all who have volunteered as Vocations Prayer Champions.

At 9.00 am we have 77 people at prayer and at 6.00 pm we have 39 people. You can sign up to be a Vocations Prayer Champion at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au Pray one glory be, one hail Mary and one Our Father for an increase in priestly vocations. **This month ask someone** if they have considered a vocation as a priest, deacon or religious. Ask them to contact Vocations Ministry Lismore via the email above or phone 02 6681 1048.

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.

