



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH  
47 CHERRY STREET  
BALLINA

WELCOME  
*Alléluia*

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH  
94 BALLINA STREET  
LENNOX HEAD

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

2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

PARISH NOTICES

12<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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

THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
12.00 NOON

ADORATION FRIDAY  
**EUCCHARIST28**  
11.00 AM TO 11.45 AM

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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**BAPTISM** Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church; **Zoe Lorraine Carr** daughter of Jeffrey and Rolebeth; **Tallow Jay and Banks Maxwell Watson** sons of Kye and Taylah; **Otto Forest Scicluna** son of Shane and Laura.

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Come to the Divine Mercy Commemoration with Merciful Jesus this afternoon.

Holy Family Church, Lennox Head at 2.00 pm.

Eucharistic Adoration and Praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.  
(Confessions available)

Cuppa and fellowship afterwards. Bring a 'treat' to share.



### ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

**WE NEED YOUR HELP - BECOME A VINNIES MEMBER  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY**

The St Vincent de Paul Society (Vinnies) has been supporting Australians doing it tough since 1854. We are here to offer a 'hand up' to people in their time of need.

Our members volunteer through local groups called Conferences and provide support with food clothing, financial aid and other assistance, companionship and connection, referrals onto local services, raising funds and advocating for social justice issues.

Give back to your community by becoming a Vinnies Member today. We welcome anyone who shares our spirit of community service, believes in compassion and justice and wants to help people. You will support locals doing it tough, meet like-minded people and learn new skills. We offer training and support every step of the way.

Do good and join Vinnies today. If you would like to have a chat about how you can help or are interested in joining, please call Maddy on 0428872014 or email: ballina.conference@vinnies.org.au

*'How much our hearts should be on fire with love for this ministry of assisting poor people and for devoting ourselves earnestly to it because the need is so great and God expects this of us.'*

**WEEKEND OF 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> APRIL OUR LOCAL VINNIES WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL WEEKEND MASSES TO ANSWER YOUR ENQUIRIES AND FOLLOWING THE 9.00 AM SUNDAY MASS IN BALLINA, VINNIES WILL HOST A 'CUPPA' EVERYONE IS WELCOME.**



Sister Berenice Kerr RSM; 2<sup>ND</sup> October 1945 - 4<sup>TH</sup> March 2026  
MEMORIAL MASS Thursday, 23rd April 2026 - 11.00 am

St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore. All Welcome to attend this Mass.

**SAVE THE DATE : SUNDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup> 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Foundation of Goonellabah Carmel in 1966. Special Mass at 10.00 am celebrated by Bishop Greg. Refreshments after Mass. All welcome and please bring a friend.**

### UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Divine Mercy Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April Holy Family Church Lennox Head 2.00 pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April TAIZE at 12.00 noon St Francis Xavier Church
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- menALIVE Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- Vinnies appeal for membership weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> April all Masses
- Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 10.00 am Holy Family Church
- Crowley Auxiliary Meeting Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April 3.00 pm

**3rd Sunday of Easter Year A: 18th/19th April 2026**  
**Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Psalm 15; Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35**

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2nd Reader	Yvonne Head Mick Vella	Sue Hetherington Marie Sullivan	Annette Reen Gary Reen	Leanne Robbins Brendan Clarke
EMOHC	Cheryl Bowen Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
Gifts			.....	
Announcer	Peter Bowen	Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay	Maxine Cole
Laptop	Trish Bazar		Teresa Cunial	Maxine Cole

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Toni Murphy (Yamba), Sr Fran Kuhn rsm, Dionisia Arcan (Phillipines),

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Gabrielle & Robert Raicevich, Anna Russo, Neil Land, Philippe Picquet, Pope John Paul II, Marie Myers, Peter Mazzer, Bob Townsend, John Condon Cec Penheny, Robert Hosie Jnr, Mick O'Brien

**AND ALSO FOR:** Coates, Mills, Kohlbach & Johnson families, Narelle King, Elne Verdeflor, Dympna Sheehy, Phillip Dykes, Marj & 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:** Ros Spiteri, Mele Taufaeava, Sr Patricia O'Brien PBVM, Julia Paden, Samantha Anderson, Brian Dye, Andrea Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Caceres, Daniel Freeman, Gloria Bordin, 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.)

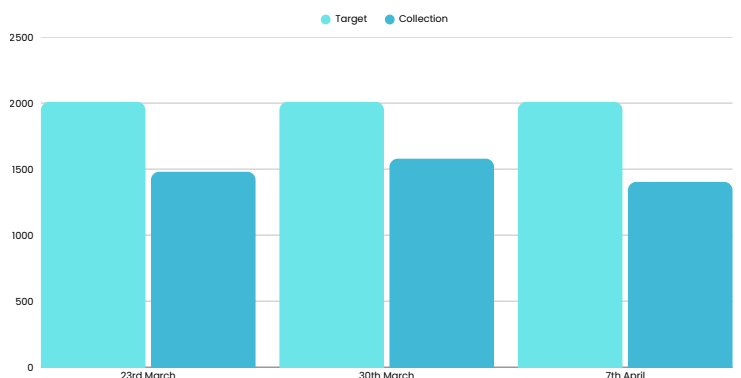
**THANK YOU** to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. Thank you also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. *Father Peter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

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED 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 3.65% 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
1st Collection	Support clergy	\$2,690.00
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$562.00
	Planned Giving	\$1,403.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



**Diocesan Investment Fund**

• **INTEREST RATE—3.65%** FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR CURRENT INTEREST RATE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.DIF.ORG.AU](http://WWW.DIF.ORG.AU) OR CONTACT US ON 1800 802 516

## REFLECTION

The themes for the second Sunday of Easter set the tone for the entire Easter season. They are all directed toward mystagogical instruction, primarily of the neophytes who were baptised during the Easter Vigil, but also of the whole Christian community. The readings for this season provide us an extended meditation on the resurrection and on our own incorporation into it through the mysteries of initiation.

Most of us are like Thomas who looked for some tangible evidence of the resurrection. We do not find it any easier to live by faith than he did. However, when we do live by faith, we actually discover tangible proof. This proof can be seen in the way the community reaches out in care and support to others. Jesus extends his wounded hands to us as he did to Thomas, and the community is invited to touch his wounds as we touch the wounds of our world. We find a similar situation in the reading from Acts where the fledgling Christian community grew in number as a result of the teaching of the apostles. So it has always been. Those who are not eye witnesses of the actual events are called, through the teaching of others, to witness to the power of the resurrection.

Although the blessings that we derive from the resurrection are clearly gifts from God, they are nonetheless costly gifts. They have been won through the blood of Christ, and we too may have to pay dearly for having received them.

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## FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS

TUESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> April

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia

WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Entrance Antiphon:** I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

THURSDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, alleluia.

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

TAIZE THIS MONDAY  
13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 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 27<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 3.00 PM in the  
Education Centre at Crowley Care,  
154 Cherry Street, Ballina.



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

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

**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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au). The April Newsletter is now available



**FIRST READING: Acts 2:42-47**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

*The Word of the Lord*

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## VOCATIONS VIEW

During April in Mass, we celebrate the expansion of the Church and the spread of the Gospel. The good news of Jesus risen transforms lives. Is God calling you to be a deacon or priest to transform lives?

Contact Vocations Lismore to consider your call.

[vocations@lismore.catholic.org](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org)

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE  
will recommence on Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup>  
April at 10.00 am Holy Family  
Church  
Lennox Head

VINNIES 'CUPPA' SUNDAY  
19<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FOLLOWING 9.00 AM MASS



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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting.**

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| 1. Let the sons of Israel say:<br>'His love has no end.'               | 2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling<br>but the Lord was my helper.      | 3. The stone which the builders<br>rejected                            |
| Let the sons of Aaron say:<br>'His love has no end.'                   | The Lord is my strength and my song;<br>he was my saviour.                   | has become the corner stone.   |
| Let those who fear the Lord say:<br>'His love has no end.' <b>(R.)</b> | There are shouts of joy and victory<br>in the tents of the just. <b>(R.)</b> | This is the work of the Lord,<br>a marvel in our eyes.                 |
|  |  | This day was made by the Lord;<br>we rejoice and are glad. <b>(R.)</b> |

**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:3-9

*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

*The Word of the Lord*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! **Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: John 20:19-31**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**PARISH CONTACTS**

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email: admin@sfxballina.org.au Office hours Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm

**Parish website: [www.sfxballina.org.au](http://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