



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.**

3rd Sunday of Easter (C)

Alleluia

4th May, 2025



*The Church honours
with special love
Mary, the Mother of
God, throughout the
month of May.*

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

**WEDNESDAY 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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**DIVINE MERCY : Thank
you** to everyone who attended
the Divine Mercy
Commemoration last Sunday
at Holy Family Catholic
Church, Lennox Head. Sincere
gratitude to you, Father for
being our priest and leading the Liturgy.

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE
OF JESUS.** Will recommence **this**
Tuesday 6th May 10.00 am Lennox Head

PARISH CUPPA ~ THIS SUNDAY
Following the 9.00 am Mass and the
11.00 am Mass. You are welcome.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL: NEXT Sunday 11th May for the future
education of priests in our Diocese.

Envelopes will be available on the seats of the churches. These can be placed on the
collection plates at any of the Masses or returned the following weekend.

Vocations Prayer Champions. The Diocese of Lismore vocations team is seeking
vocations prayer champions. All the baptised share the vocation to be missionary
disciples but some in the church are called to other vocations for building up mis-
sionary disciples. We want women and men who will join in prayer each day for an
increase in these other vocations. This year our focus in prayer will be the priest-
hood. We want you to register as a vocation's prayer champion. Prayer champions
agree to pray at 9am or 6pm (both if you want) for an increase in vocations to the
priesthood. At the designated time each prayer champion recites one Glory be., one
Hail Mary, one Our Father for the intention of an increase in priestly vocations. You
can register at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au or 02 6681 1048. Leave your first
name, parish and your chosen time. We will let you know how many people are in
prayer with you at that time. *Deacon Anthony Gooley. Director of Vocations.*

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

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

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

Pastoral Associates: Kailani Tiernan/Pauline Fingleton

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au

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

www.sfxballina.org.au

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

St Francis Xavier Primary: 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

Holy Family Primary: 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Xavier Catholic College: 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

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

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

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Meaning

Get connected Life
and explore Faith
faith with others

Faith

Alpha is a series of sessions that
freely explore the big questions of
life. It's an opportunity to get
connected, discover more about
the Christian faith, and share your
thoughts in a friendly environment.

You're Invited

St Francis Xavier Parish Admin Centre
Cnr Cherry & Swift Streets Ballina
Weekly Sessions on a Monday 10am - 11.45am
Commencing May 5th - June 30th



Morning Tea provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Thursday May 1st
Phone Ballina Parish Office on 6681 1048,
Scan the QR Code or [Click Here](#) .
For more info contact Pauline on 0438 435 566.

- Gather together
and get connected
- Watch an episode
on a topic of faith
- Ask questions and
share your thoughts



4th Sunday of Easter Year C: 10th/11th May 2025
Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52; Psalm 99; Revelations 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	XCC XCC	Sue Hetherington Courtney Hyde	Wendy Hughes Julie McKinnon	Maurice Gahan John Jarzynski
EMOHC	<i>Peter Fear Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Maddy Pride</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony (Front) Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maxine Cole</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kim Holwell (*Lismore*) **Pope Francis**, Kevin Nicholls, Sr Moria Sullivan RSM (*Bathurst*), Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Bishop Peter Ingram, Ted Murphy, Bernard Evans, Aub Sainsbury, Joan Shumack, Bishop John Carroll
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: Gloria Greguric, Anne Louise Dillon (Melbourne), Steven Kennessy & family, Sr Mary McFadden PBVM, 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 Knightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt Julia Paden, Greg Campbell,

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

5th May	Monday 10.00 am to 11.45 am	Alpha MTR
5th May	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
6th May	Tuesday 10.00	Devotion to the Holy Face Lennox Head
6th May	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
8th May	Thursday 11.30 am	Annual Mothers' Day Lunch Crowley Care
11th May	Sunday (all day)	Mothers' Day

POPE FRANCIS ~ RIP

O God, immortal shepherd of souls, look on your people's prayers and grant that your servant Pope Francis, who presided over your Church in charity, may, with the flock entrusted to his care, receive from your mercy the reward of a faithful steward. Amen.



Jorge Mario Bergoglio
17 December 1936 - 21 April 2025

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 Anselm**

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE

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 —

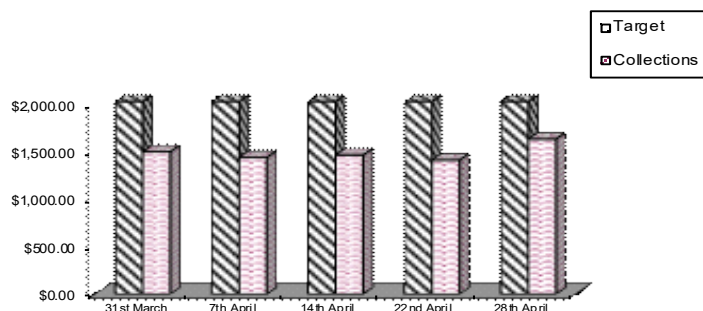
***1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium** BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: *your name*

***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 - (effective from 15th May 2025) **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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,088.55
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 221.95
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,611.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH - BALLINA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
PARISH FUND

INCOME		31/12/2024		31/12/2023
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Collections	105,505		110,041	
Less Transfer to School Building Fund	58,067	47,439	56,475	53,566
Contributions to Administration Costs by Parish Business Enterprises		174,343		105,395
Donations & Bequests		160		
Facility Hire		370		315
Interest Received		570,749		370,885
Moriah House Rent	114,831		108,348	
Moriah House Expenses	107,414	7,418	97,642	10,706
Rental Income		612,635		520,735
Sheraton House Rent	103,859		97,795	
Sheraton House Expenses	36,780	67,079	28,684	69,111
Other Income		6,700		16,881
TOTAL INCOME		1,486,892		1,147,594
EXPENDITURE				
Catechist & Pastoral Expenses		19,158		33,149
Church Requisites		13,168		14,656
Depreciation		53,831		51,105
Electricity		4,958		10,513
Diocesan Quotas		1,000		1,000
Insurance		83,914		53,976
Motor Vehicle Expenses		7,877		6,646
Parish Office Expenses		604,853		529,668
Planned Giving Expenses		2,020		1,792
Rates		39,650		38,668
Repairs & Maintenance		310,853		316,400
Telecommunications		11,496		11,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,152,778		1,069,273
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		334,114		78,321

Sharing a meal with mates : This week's gospel presents a scene so familiar that we can almost picture it happening on an Aussie beach. After all, what's more Australian than a feed of fish and chips by the water after a long day? Up until this point in John's Gospel, we've seen the apostles wrestle with their faith, their doubts, and their relationship with Jesus. And now, in this final chapter, we find them back where they started—on the water, fishing. It's a moment of comfort and familiarity after the chaos of the crucifixion and the uncertainty of the resurrection. For all the theological significance of Jesus' victory over death, this chapter reminds us that faith is lived out in the ordinary, in the everyday moments of life.

It's easy to imagine these blokes—seasoned fisherfolk—working through the night, casting their nets, waiting, hauling them in, and finding nothing. We know that feeling of frustration, whether it's a fruitless fishing trip or a tough day at work. Then, as dawn breaks, a figure on the shore calls out, "Try the other side." It's such a classic Aussie moment—someone watching from the beach, offering a bit of unsolicited advice! But in this case, the suggestion works. The nets fill to breaking point, and suddenly, they recognise him: it's Jesus.

Peter, ever the impulsive one, throws himself into the water, desperate to get to Jesus. The others, more practical, bring in the boat. Jesus is on the beach, cooking breakfast. There's something so ordinary, yet so intimate about it. Jesus, the risen Son of God, isn't making grand speeches or manifesting dazzling displays of power. He's just cooking fish on the coals and inviting his mates to share a meal. It's reminiscent of so many beachside barbecues, a reminder that God meets us not only in the miraculous but also in the simple, shared moments of life.

The meal isn't just about food; it's about reconciliation. Peter, who had denied Jesus three times, is now given the chance to affirm his love three times. "Do you love me?" Jesus asks. It's a tough question, but one filled with grace. Each time Peter answers, Jesus commissions him: "Feed my sheep." It's a reminder that faith isn't just personal—it's lived out in service to others.

For Australians today, this passage speaks deeply to our sense of mateship, shared meals, and life by the water. We know what it's like to gather with friends after a long day, to sit by the shore, to share food, and to talk about the things that matter.

John 21 reminds us that Jesus is there in those moments too—not distant, not unreachable, but present in our everyday lives, calling us to follow him. Just like the apostles, we are invited to bring what we have, to sit with him, and to share in his work of love and reconciliation –and often in the very ordinary situations of life, in the office, in the home, or on the beach.

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First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) I will praise you Lord, for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Revelations 5:11-14*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying,

'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

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

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!**Gospel: John 21:1-14 (Shorter)***A reading from the holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 6th MAY**

Entrance Antiphon: Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY 7th MAY

Entrance Antiphon: Let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us, whom he has redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.

THURSDAY 8th MAY

Entrance Antiphon: Let us sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him, who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

FRIDAY 9th MAY

Entrance Antiphon: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.



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