



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

3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER Year A

PARISH NOTICES

19TH 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
9.30 AM SATURDAY

FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

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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ANZAC DAY

Saturday
Mass 9.00 am



ANZAC DAY THIS SATURDAY 25TH APRIL

MASS 9.00 AM ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

Reconciliation and Prayer of the Church will be at the conclusion of the Mass.
Monday 27th April is a public holiday the Parish Office will be closed.

BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church; **Blair Hazel Meaney** daughter of Jay and Clennah.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

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

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 catch up with a Vinnies member today at all weekend Masses. Contact 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.'

THIS WEEKEND 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL: NEXT Sunday 26th April for the future education of priests in our Diocese. Envelopes will be available in the Church pews. These can be placed on the collection plates or returned the following weekend.

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass will take place in May 2026. This year marks a significant milestone - 25 years of national attendance data, beginning with the first count in 2001. The 2026 results will provide valuable insights into long-term trends, particularly in understanding the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, which influenced attendance patterns in 2021. The Mass count will take place over the weekends of : 2nd/3rd, 9th/10th, 16th/17th, and 23rd/24th May.

'THANK YOU' To our Readers, EMOHC, Parish Music Ministry, hospitality members, church sacristans, ladies who arrange the church flowers, lap top operators, announcers, collectors and all who contributed in our sacred ceremonies of the Triduum and Easter Masses.

Your participation made our ceremonies so prayerful and profound.

SAVE THE DATE : SUNDAY APRIL 26TH
60th 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.

Sister Berenice Kerr RSM;
2ND October 1945 – 4TH March 2026
MEMORIAL MASS Thursday, 23rd
April 2026 – 11.00 am
St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.
All Welcome to attend this Mass.



UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 20th April 10.30 am Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
- Tuesday 21st April 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 21st April 10.00 am Holy Family Church
- Forum with Father Erick Friday 24th April 2.00 pm MTR Parish Admin
- Saturday 25th April 'Anzac Day' Mass 9.00 am
- Crowley Auxiliary Meeting Monday 27th April 3.00 pm
- Parish 'Cuppa' Sunday 3rd May following 9.00 am & 11.00 am Masses
- menALIVE Wednesday 6th May 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- Crowley Auxiliary Mothers Day Lunch Thursday 7th May 11.30 am
- Multi-Cultural Sunday - Pentecost 24th May 9.00 am Mass

4th Sunday of Easter Year A: 25th/26th April 2026

Readings: Acts 2:14, 36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	Yvonne Head Kristie Coster	Angela Beglin Damien Kennedy	Julie McKinnon Margaret Tay	Bernadette McQuillan Warwick Manning
EMOHC	John Jarzynski Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Annette Reen Cathy Campbell	Peter Bowen
Gifts			Michael & Robyn Dempsey	
Announcer	Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss	Maxine Cole
Laptop	Pauline Fingleton		Colin Mumikwa	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: Pope Francis, Kim Holwell, John Hayter, Mick Maloney, Diane Dover, Danzil Seabrook, Grant McCoy, Marie Flood, Barry Schneider, Bishop John Satterthwaite, **AND ALSO FOR:** 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 Kerlake, 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 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.)

BISHOP JOHN SATTERTHWAITE - 1928-2016 FOURTH BISHOP OF LISMORE

Thursday 23RD April, 2026 will be the 10th Anniversary of the death of Bishop John Satterthwaite.

On Sunday 26th April, Bishop Greg has asked that Bishop Satterthwaite be remembered at the Sunday Masses. Please hold him in your prayers at this time.



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

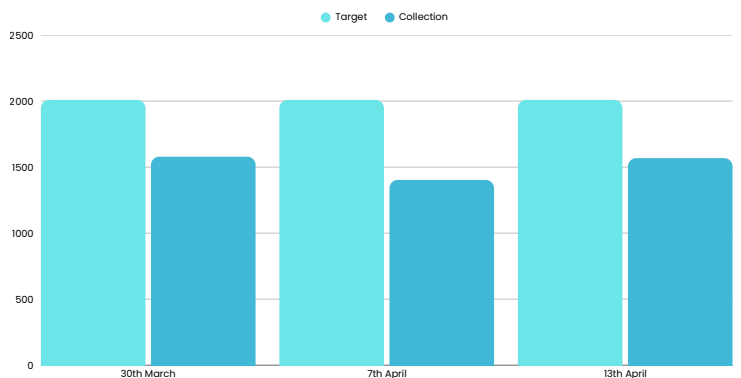
COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY By making an EFTPOS 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
1st Collection	Support clergy	\$1,017.70
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$375.70
	Planned Giving	\$1,568.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



INTEREST RATE—3.65% FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR CURRENT INTEREST RATE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.DIF.ORG.AU OR CONTACT US ON 1800 802 516

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY MEETING

MONDAY 27TH 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.

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

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE will recommence this Tuesday 21st April at 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head

DIVINE MERCY :

Thank you to everyone who attended the Divine Mercy Commemoration last Sunday at Holy Family Church. Sincere gratitude to you, Father Erick for being our priest and leading the Liturgy.

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

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY ANNUAL MOTHERS DAY LUNCH
THURSDAY 7TH MAY
11.30 AM - 3.00 PM
Crowley Activity Centre
\$55.00 pp

BYO - Tickets include 3 course meal, lucky door prize and live entertainment.

RSVP Friday 1st May to Crowley Reception with cash or card payment and dietary requirements.



FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS
TUESDAY 21st April

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 22nd APRIL

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 23rd APRIL

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 24th APRIL

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.

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. The April Newsletter is now available



FIRST READING: Acts 2:14, 22-33

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 1:17-21

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Luke 24:13-25

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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

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