



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

3rd Sunday of Lent Year A

PARISH NOTICES

8th March 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 THIS WEEK

Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion 5.00 pm

MASS WEDNESDAY
5.00 PM

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
12.00 NOON

ADORATION FRIDAY
EUCHRIST28

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



BAPTISM

Our parish family warmly welcomes **Remy Dan, Rocky John Regan** sons of Oliver and Aimee; **Sunny Luke Tozer** son of Jeremy and Kelly; **Vinny Roco Bristow** son of Travis and Amelia; **Olivia Grace Knutt** daughter of Jeremy and Melissa.

FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Lois McNamara** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held this Tuesday 10th March at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church.



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Narelle King** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held this Thursday 12th March at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church.

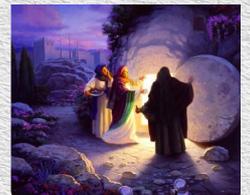
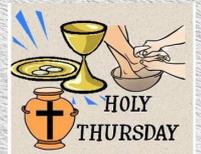


THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
HOLY THURSDAY ~ MASS
6.00 pm - Ballina

GOOD FRIDAY ~ LITURGY
3.00 pm - Lennox Head
3.00 pm - Ballina

HOLY SATURDAY~ VIGIL MASS
7.00 pm - Ballina

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
7.30 am ~ Lennox Head
9.00 am and 11.00 am ~ Ballina



THE CHOSEN ~ SEASON 5
'PALM SUNDAY TO HOLY THURSDAY'
Thursdays 2.00 pm Mother Teresa Room

PLEASE NOTE FOR THIS WEEK ONLY
TUESDAY 10TH MARCH LITURGY OF
THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION
5.00 PM

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 9th March 10.30 am Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
- Tuesday 10th March 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Monday 5.30 pm & Thursday 10 am 9th & 12th March Gospel of Matthew STR
- Monday 16th March TAIZE at 12.00 noon St Francis Xavier Church
- Tuesday 10th March 10.00 am Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus LH
- Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5.30 pm
- menALIVE Wednesday 11th March 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- Friday 20th March 12.00 noon Parish Anointing Mass
- Monday 23rd March Chrism Mass 11.00 am St Carthages Cathedral Lismore
- Saturday 28th March Lenten Reflection Morning 9.00 am St Francis Xavier Church



4th Sunday of Lent Year A: 14th/15th March 2026

Readings: 1Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Psalm 22; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

	5.30 pm Mass	7.30 am Mass L H	9.00 am Mass	11.00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	Trish Bazar Mick Vella	Marie Sullivan Angela Beglin	Gary Reen Annette Reen	Brendon Clarke Leanne Robbins
EMOHC	Katrina Miles Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
Gifts			Michael & Robyn Dempsey	
Announcer	Peter Bowen	Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay	Maxine Cole
Laptop	Trish Bazar		Colin Mumikwa	Maxine Cole

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Narelle King, Sr Bernice Kerr rsm, Lois McNamara, Roy Thwaite,

Aileen Lane (Dalby), Kevin Sullivan, Gerald Buttrose,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Felisitas Baraquio, Carolina Bordin, Marie Powell
AND ALSO FOR: Peter Tiernan, Deidre Cox, Dymrna Sheehy, Jack & Marie Flood, 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: George Cox, Mele Taufaeva, Sr Patricia O'Brien PBVM, Joy Long, 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*

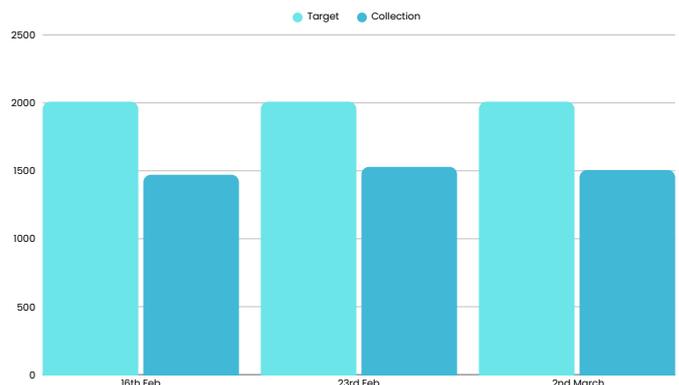
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARTELY AT MASS COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit 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 3.40% 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	\$1,176.05
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$363.35
	Planned Giving	\$1,506.10
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



INTEREST RATE — 3.40% FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR CURRENT RATE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.DIF.ORG.AU OR CONTACT US ON 1800 802 516

Third Sunday of Lent
7-8 March 2026

Monoranjon lives in a village in Bangladesh close to the sea, where floods and storms often damage his crops and his home. With support from Project Compassion, he learnt climate-resilient farming techniques and new ways to diversify his income, helping his family survive and build a safer, more sustainable future.



Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

UNLOCKING THE POWER IN BAPTISM

Answer Jesus' call to come to Him and discover the power in Baptism.

Date: **NEXT Saturday 14th March 2026 Time: 10.30am to 5.00pm**

Venue: **St Francis Xavier Parish Upper Room**

Presented by the Mission Team of Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane - BYO lunch Contact: Maxine 0429 669 029

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES
WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH

Entrance Antiphon: Let my steps be guided by your promise; may evil never rule me.

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

THURSDAY 12th MARCH

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

FRIDAY 13th MARCH

Entrance Antiphon: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, for you are great and do marvellous deeds; you alone are God.

Communion Antiphon: To love God with all your heart, and your neighbour as yourself, is worth more than any sacrifice.

Love and prayers from all the parish to **NAN SWAN** who celebrated her **103rd Birthday** on **5th March 'Happy Birthday' Nan.**



STATIONS OF THE CROSS each Friday during Lent at 5.30 pm in **St Francis Xavier Church**



Bishop Greg's Lenten talk 'the Spiritual life' Monday 6.00 pm 9TH March - at St Mary's chapel 'Union with God'.



READERS ROSTER: PALM SUNDAY, TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY

	PALM SUNDAY 5:30 pm Vigil Mass	PALM SUNDAY 7:30 am HF	PALM SUNDAY 9:00 am	PALM SUNDAY 11:00 am	HOLY THURSDAY 6:00 pm	
1 st Reader 2 nd Reader Passion	Mick Vella Jeanette Wilkins John Jarzynski (N) Trish Bazar (C/O)	Angela Beglin Marie Sullivan Damen Kennedy (N) Sue Hetherington (C/O)	Donna Sison Wendy Hughes Nicole Sullivan (N) Richard Goss (C/O)	Maurice Gahan Brendon Clarke Warwick Manning (N) Leanne Robbins (C/O)	Marie Sullivan Shyla Gooley	
EMOHC	Kristie Coster Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Deacon Anthony Tony Hunter Cathy Campbell	Kailani Tiernan	Densie Miller Phil Chapman	
	GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 pm (HF)	GOOD FRIDAY 3:00 pm (SFX)	HOLY SATURDAY 7:00 pm Vigil Mass	EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 am	EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY 11:00 am
1 st Reader 2 nd Reader Passion	Damien Kennedy Angela Beglin Jean Mackay (N) Marie Sullivan (C/O)	Nicole Sullivan Trish Bazar John Jarzynski (N) Warwick Manning (C/O)	Trish Bazar John Jarzynski Mick Vella Maxine Cole Epistle	Marie Sullivan Michael Piccoli	Wendy Hughes Donna Sison	Bernadette McQuillan Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Sue Hetherington	Deacon Anthony Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell	Peter Bowen Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Maddy Pride	Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ARE ASSISTING WITH OUR CELEBRATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

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.



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

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7;

A reading from the book of Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who
belong to his pasture, the flock that is led
by his hand. **(R.)**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2,5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42 (shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

PARISH CONTACTS

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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