



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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

PARISH NOTICES

3rd MAY 2026

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



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



2026
NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ATTENDANCE

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The 6th National Council 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 at all parish Masses over the weekends of:
2nd/3rd, 9th/10th, 16th/17th, and 23rd/24th May.

PARISH 'CUPPA'

THIS Sunday 3rd May following the 9.00 am and 11.00 am
Masses in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church.
All are welcome.



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.



TAIZE THIS MONDAY 4TH MAY

12.00 NOON ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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

PENTECOST MULTICULTURAL MASS AND CELEBRATION SUNDAY 24TH MAY
9.00 AM ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH.

TRADITIONAL DRESS AND FOOD FROM EVERY CULTURE IS A VERY
WELCOME PART OF THIS WONDERFUL ANNUAL EVENT.
TELL YOUR FRIENDS.

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 4th May 10.30 am Cenacle Anawim Room
- Tuesday 5th May 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 5th May 10.00 am Holy Family Church
- Ladies Rosary Tuesday 5th May 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566
- menALIVE Wednesday 6th May 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- Crowley Auxiliary Mothers Day Lunch Thursday 7th May 11.30 am
- Forum with Father Erick Friday 8th May 2.00 pm MTR Parish Admin
- Saturday 23rd May Pentecost Eve Celebration Parish Admin 10.30 am followed by a Healing Mass
- Multi-Cultural Sunday - Pentecost 24th May 9.00 am Mass

6th Sunday of Easter Year A: 9th/10th May 2026
 Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader	XCC	Damien Kennedy	Julie McKinnon	Maxine Cole
2nd Reader	XCC	Jean Mackay	Richard Goss	Bernadette McQuillan
EMOHC	XCC Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
Gifts			Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor	
Announcer	Katrina Miles	Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss	Bernadette McQuillan
Laptop	XCC		Jo Hurley	Maxine Cole

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Audrey Lovett (Bankstown), Toni Murphy (Yamba),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Jozefa Jarzynski, Len Moore, Bishop Peter Ingeram, Ted Murphy, Bernard Evans, Aub Sainsbury, Joan Shumack, Bishop John Carroll,
AND ALSO FOR: Gino Bordin, Marie Flood, Danzil Seabrook, Grant McCoy, Philippe Picquet, Elne Verdeflor, Dympna Sheehy, Phillip Dykes, Marj and 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.

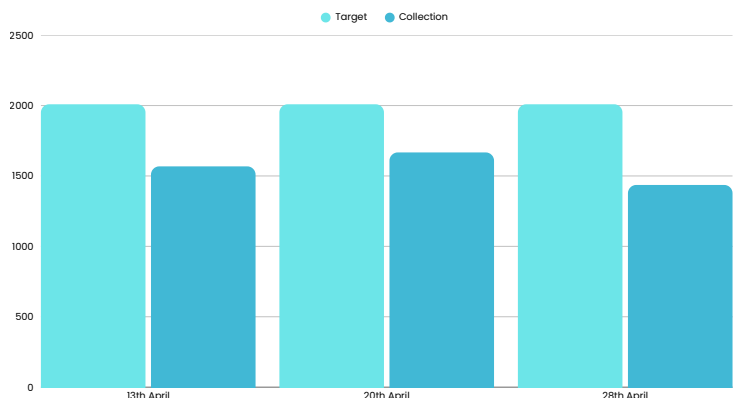
AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL: Jan Buning, Ros Spiteri, Mele Taufaeava, Julia Paden, Samantha Anderson, Brian Dye, Andrea Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Caceres, Daniel Freeman, Nancy and Joan Obonyo, Nate Doolan, Joy Schneider, Gloria Greguric, Annemarie Higgins, unwell residents in Crowley 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.)

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 SEPARATELY 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	\$984.30
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$327.00
	Planned Giving	\$1,436.20
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 OR CONTACT US ON 1800 802 516

**PENTECOST
PILGRIMAGE**

**SUNDAY MAY 24
12:30-5:00PM
LENNOX HEAD TO BALLINA**

REGISTER HERE

VOCATIONS VIEW

Do you know a Catholic man, aged between 18-35, whom God may be calling to the priesthood? Perhaps God is asking you to be the voice to prompt that man to consider the quiet whisper he already hears in his heart.

Ask someone if they have considered the call.

vocations@lismore.catholic.org

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

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS TUESDAY 5th 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 6th 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 7th 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 8th 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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FIRST READING: ACTS 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith. *The Word of the Lord. Please turn to page 4*

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**

2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 14: 1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Jesus said to his disciples:

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?''

Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.

You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

DID YOU KNOW?

- This text comes from a long section of John's Gospel known as the 'farewell discourse' during which Jesus gives final instruction to the disciples at the Last Supper. Perhaps this echoes something of your own experience of the period of mystagogy.
- The Father's house, of which Jesus speaks here, refers to that spiritual state of being in which we will live knowing God as we are already known so intimately by Him. It is Jesus who grants access to this 'house' or state of being. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life for those who believe.

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