



# 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*

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

PARISH NOTICES

10th MAY 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  
EUCHARIST 28

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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### FEAST DAYS

Our Lady of Fatima  
Wednesday

St Matthias, apostle  
Thursday

# Happy Mothers' Day



For all mothers: 'May your heart be filled with divine peace today, knowing that your love has been a guiding light in the lives of those who call you Mum.'

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



Sunday, May 24th  
9am Mass

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
Multicultural Day Celebration

Come dressed in the traditional clothes from your ancestral country and please bring a plate of traditional food to share for morning tea.

**Celebrate Unity in Diversity through the Holy Spirit**

Everyone is very welcome to participate in this annual parish event.

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

### PARISH PRAYER GROUPS IN THE ANAWIM PRAYER ROOM

- Christian Meditation: Saturday 9.30 am
- CCR: Monday 1.45 - 3.15 pm
- Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.30 am

### THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE

will continue at this weekends Masses.  
Thank you for your cooperation.

### UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 11th May 10.30 am Cenacle Anawim Room
- Tuesday 12th May 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 12th May 10.00 am Holy Family Church
- Taize Monday 18th May 12.00 noon
- menALIVE Wednesday 20th May 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- Forum with Father Erick Friday 22nd 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
- Ladies Rosary Tuesday 2nd June 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566

Ascension of the Lord Year A: 16th/17th May 2026

Readings: Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1st Reader 2nd Reader	Trish Bazar Jeanette Wilkins	Angela Beglin Michael Piccoli	Margaret Tay Annette Reen	Warwick Manning Brendon Clarke
EMOHC	John Jarzynski Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Gary Reen Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Gifts			Amy Derrick Livia Kenk	
Announcer	Mick Vella	Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss	Maxine Cole
Laptop	Pauline Fingleton		Collen Munikwa	Maxine Cole

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Audrey Lovett (Bankstown), Toni Murphy (Yamba), **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Frank Grotowski, Jozefa Jarzynski, Len Moore, Tony Culican, Margaret Kovacs, Brian Tarlinton, Cecilia Condon, Neville Butler

**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 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.)

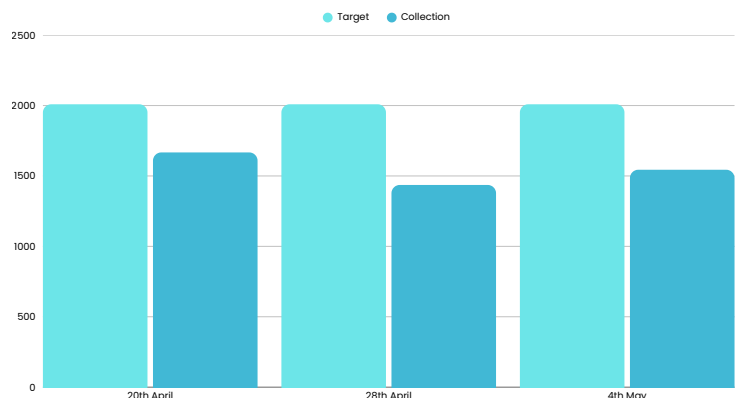
**THANK YOU** to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. Thank you also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. *Father Peter 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
1st Collection	Support clergy	\$1,125.85
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$363.70
	Planned Giving	\$1,544.80
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

**EUCHARIST28 UPDATE – RENEWAL HAS BEGUN!**

The International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028 ('Eucharist28') will be a global gathering of the Church centred on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Christian lives, culminating in a Papal Mass with Pope Leo XIV. It will be a festival of faith, rich with worship, prayer, testimonies, art, music – a truly 'once in a lifetime' experience, and a transformative moment for our nation. But this is more than an event in Sydney. It is a national journey, an invitation to renewal for the whole Church, wherever we are. The journey begins now, in our own hearts, in our own parishes.

Across the

Easter weekend, thousands of catechumens and candidates throughout Australia were baptised and received into full communion with the Church.

Our churches were alive with faith—pews filled, hearts renewed.

It was a beautiful witness to what the Church is called to be every week, not only at Christmas and Easter.

The great gift of the Eucharist is that it is not merely a story remembered over a few sacred days.

At every Mass, we encounter the reality itself: we offer ourselves to God alongside Christ, truly present in our midst.

How wonderful it would be to see our pews full every week—because people have truly encountered the living Lord in the Eucharist!

For more information and regular updates, please register on the website: [eucharist28.org](http://eucharist28.org)

**"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!"**

— Pope Saint John Paul



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

REGISTER HERE

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS  
TUESDAY 12th MAY**

**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 13th MAY ~ FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have changed my mourning into dancing, O Lord, and have girded me with joy, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** Rejoice, O Virgin Mother, for Christ has risen from the tomb, alleluia.

**THURSDAY 14TH MAY ~ FEAST OF SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

**Entrance Antiphon:** It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** This is my commandment: love one another as I love you, says the Lord, alleluia.

**FRIDAY 15th MAY**

**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.

**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 [emailsafeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:emailsafeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au). The May Newsletter is now available.



**CELEBRATE  
PENTECOST  
EVE**

**Saturday 23rd May**

**10:30 – 3:00**

Upper room, Parish Admin  
Cherry St, BALLINA

Morning / Afternoon tea  
provided

Please bring lunch to share

Presented by  
Catholic  
Charismatic Renewal

### Planned Program

10:30 The Holy Spirit & the Church  
(Points from the Catechism  
of the Catholic Church)

11:30 Celebrate the Birthday of  
the Church

12:00 The Holy Spirit and my life

1:00 Lunch to share

2:00 Healing Mass  
(at St Francis Xavier Church)

3:00 Afternoon Tea to follow

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

**FIRST READING: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

*The Word of the Lord*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **(R.)**

2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. **(R.)**

3. He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. **(R.)**

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:15-18**

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have.

But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring.

And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

**Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL: John 14:15-21**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day

you will understand that I am in my Father

and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them

will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**DID YOU KNOW:** In John's Gospel, the Holy Spirit continues the work of Jesus himself (14:17, 26) recalling things the earthly Jesus taught or revealing things he was unable to convey. In John's view, this spiritual knowledge or insight, unavailable until after Jesus' death and resurrection, makes Christian faith and understanding fully possible.

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Parish Administration Centre:** 53-57 Cherry Street Ballina Phn 02 6681 1048 P.O. Box 46 Ballina 2478

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