



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

6th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A

PARISH NOTICES

15th February 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 AND WEDNESDAY
5.00 PM

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY
12.00 NOON

ADORATION FRIDAY

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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ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fast and Abstinence

Mass times
12.00 noon
&
5.00 pm



BAPTISM

Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this weekend: **Poppy Helen, Lakey Rae and Reef Carter Ford** children of Joshua and Laura.



ASH WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
MASS TIMES
12.00 NOON AND 5.00 PM
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH



STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place each Friday during Lent at 5.30 pm in St Francis Xavier Church, commencing this Friday 20th February.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY MEETING

The first meeting for 2026 will be held on **Monday 23rd February at 3.00 pm** in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Please consider attending as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. *You will be most welcome.*



LENTEN PROGRAM 'COMPASSIO' Reflection Books available from the Parish Office \$8.00 each. Beginning this Week from 16th February. Phone the Parish Office 02 6681 10498 if you would like to join a group.



BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS 'THE SPIRITUAL LIFE' MONDAYS AT 6.00 pm at St Mary's chapel Monday 23rd February - Prayer ~ Monday 2nd March - Detachment Monday 9th March - Union with God

THE 54TH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 IN SYDNEY

Adoration in St Francis Xavier Church, from early March (day & time TBA) to support the nationwide Holy Hour to begin preparations for the International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney in 2028.

'Eucharist28' will be a moment of profound joy for the whole of Australia as we welcome pilgrims from across the globe, including the holy Father, Pope Leo XIV.

TAIZE WILL RECOMMENCE FOR 2026

MONDAY 2ND MARCH AT 12.00 NOON ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 16th February 10.30 am Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
- Tuesday 17th February 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Monday 5.30 pm & Thursday 10 am 16th & 19th February Gospel of Matthew STR
- Tuesday 17th February 10.00 am Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus LH
- Ash Wednesday 18th February Mass 12.00 noon and 5.00 pm
- Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 5.30 pm from Friday 20th Feb
- Monday 23rd February Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting 3.00 pm Education Centre at Crowley Care
- menALIVE Wednesday 25th February 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- World Day of Prayer Friday 6th March Uniting Church Ballina 9.30 am

	5.30 pm Mass	7.30 am Mass L H	9.00 am Mass	11.00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	XCC XCC Michael Piccoli	Richard Goss Wendy Hughes	John Jarzynski Warwick Manning
EMOHC	XCC Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Murray Deeps	Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Gifts			Cathy Andrews Dianna Evans	
Announcer	Mick Vella	Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss	Maxine Cole
Laptop	XCC		Teresa Cunial	Maxine Cole

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Gerald Buttrose, Faye Clements,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS Time: Sobacchi Vincenzo, Daniel Lawrence, Myra Slavic, Keith Smith, Deidre Cox, June Ianna, Mary Grant, Raymond Grant, Bill Condon Jr
AND ALSO FOR: Boleslaw Jarzynski, Michael Harris (*Bendigo*), Gino Bordin, 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: Sr Patricia O'Brien PBVM, Joy Long, Julia Paden, Samantha Anderson, Brian Dye, Andrea Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Caceres, Daniel Freeman, Luke Willett, Gloria Bordin, Nancy and Joan Obonyo, Nate Doolan, Kevin Sullivan, 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.*)

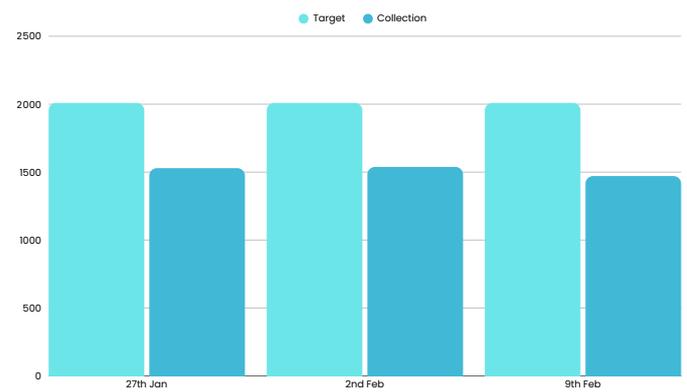
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. Thank you also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. *Father Peter and 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 3.40% 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	\$1,148.30
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$368.45
	Planned Giving	\$1,471.50
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

REFLECTION

'Let us remember', Pope Leo says, 'that no one can give what they do not have.' Our witness to Christ is most effective when we strive to be Christ-like.

'The words of Jesus,' the Pope explains, 'convey to us how God sees the world, at every moment and in every place.' We see thereby that 'the Lord looks into the hearts of people.' Jesus is more concerned with inner truth than outward appearance.

Recognising this characteristic of Our Lord, the Pope suggests that 'through his eyes, we can also recognise one who is in need.' Those forgotten by the world are those to whom Jesus drew the attention of his followers.

'God's saving work is the beginning of our mission,' the Pope reminds us, 'because it invites us to give of ourselves for the good of all.'

'Listening to Moses and the Prophets,' the Pope continues, 'means remembering God's commandments and promises, whose providence never abandons anyone.' We must always remember that God's law is merciful, oriented to salvation.

As the Pope suggests, we need to know and proclaim and love the 'the truth that saves us' – Jesus, our Risen Lord. Such loving of Our Lord, he says, 'leads us to understand the Gospel, for love transforms us by opening our hearts to the word of God and to the face of our neighbour.'

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Project Compassion Sunday 14–15 of February 2026

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



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

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.



World Day of Prayer 2026

Nigeria

'I will give you rest: Come'



2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Friday 6th March 9.30 am
Uniting Church, Cherry Street
Ballina

PRAYER GROUPS IN OUR PARISH

Prayer of the Church and Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am

Christian Meditation:

Saturday 9.00 am Anawim Room

CCR: Monday 1.45 to 4.00 pm Anawim Room

Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.0 am Anawim Room

menAlive: fortnightly
Wednesdays 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head

Parish Youth Group: Upper Room Sundays 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm

Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus: Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head

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

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 17th FEBRUARY

Entrance Antiphon: Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Communion Antiphon: They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

WEDNESDAY 18th FEBRUARY ~ ASH WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon: You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

Communion Antiphon: He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

THURSDAY 19th FEBRUARY

Entrance Antiphon: When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will support you.

Communion Antiphon: Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

Communion Antiphon: O Lord, make me know your ways, teach me your paths.

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. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or vulnerable people at risk. February edition of Safeguarding News available in the Church stand



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

FIRST READING: Sirach 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and
obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider the
wonders of your law. **(R.)**

2. You have laid down your precepts to be
obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm to obey your
statutes. **(R.)**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my
heart. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 6-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37 (Shorter form)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The origin of the term scribes is unclear and seems to cover a variety of functions and bureaucratic officers. The term does not seem to denote a group with particular religious beliefs but, rather, learned men more generally. During the time of Jesus, they were probably influential in the temple and at various levels of government.

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