



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA

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47 CHERRY STREET
BALLINA

WELCOME
Alleluia

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
94 BALLINA STREET
LENNOX HEAD

Respecting the traditional people of this land - past, present and future, the Bundjalung people

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
YEAR A

PARISH NOTICES

17th 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
NO MASS

THURSDAY NO MASS
FRIDAY 12.00 NOON

NO ADORATION
THIS FRIDAY
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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

FEAST DAY

St Rita of Cascia
Friday

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church: **Cooper Charles and Koa William Shipway** sons of James and Shanna; **Puntida Manomai Colnan** daughter of Geoffrey and Noknoi.

CLERGY RETREAT

There will be NO weekday Masses this week, until Friday 22nd May, due to Father Erick attending the annual Clergy Retreat. Please keep Father Erick and all the Clergy of our Diocese in your prayers.

Adoration : Friday 22nd May 11.00 am Mass: 12.00 noon



CELEBRATE
PENTECOST
EVE

ALL WELCOME
SATURDAY
23RD MAY

10.30 - 3.00 PM
Upper Room
Parish Admin
Cherry Street
Ballina

Morning &
afternoon tea
provided
Please bring lunch
to share.

Program begins at
10.30am

1.00 pm Lunch
2.00 pm Healing
Mass SFX Church
3.00 Afternoon tea

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE will continue at this weekends Masses.
This week attendees by gender. Thank you for your cooperation.

St Francis Xavier Church Ballina

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.

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

Celebrate Unity in Diversity through the Holy Spirit

PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE

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

REGISTER HERE

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 18th May 10.30 am Cenacle Anawim Room
- Taize Monday 18th May 12.00 noon
- Tuesday 19th May 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 19th May 10.00 am Holy Family Church
- 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
- Crowley Auxiliary Meeting Monday 25th May 3.00pm
- Ladies Rosary Tuesday 2nd June 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566

Pentecost Sunday Year A: 23rd/24th May 2026

Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Ephesians 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13; John 20:19-23

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2 nd Reader	Shyla Gooley John Jarzynski	Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps	Wendy Hughes Nicole Sullivan	Maurice Gahan Leanne Robbins
EMOHC	Jeanette Wilkins Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	Kailani Tiernan
Gifts			Cathy Andrews Diana Evans	
Announcer	Peter Bowen	Sue Hetherington	Richard Goss	Bernadette McQuillan
Laptop	Pauline Fingleton		Teresa Cunial	Maxine Cole

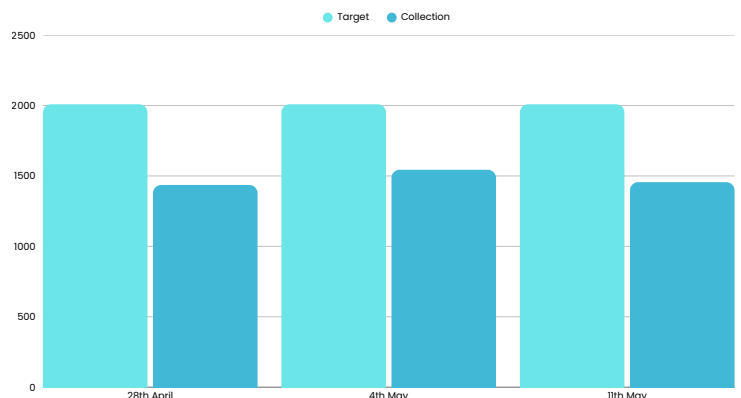
PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Helen Johnston, Audrey Lovett (Bankstown),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Angelo Kenk, Inez Susann Jones, Bill Parsons, Ron Hanlon, Theresa Marili, Ray Marili, Frank Grotowski,
AND ALSO FOR: Jozefa Jarzynski, Danzil Seabrook, Grant McCoy, Philippe Picquet, 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 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: 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
1st Collection	Support clergy	\$1,103.70
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$279.00
	Planned Giving	\$1,456.50
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

TRIVIA FOR
Timor

Join us for a trivia night supporting Our Lady of Fatima High School in Timor-Leste, Xavier's sister school since 2019.



DATE

Saturday
23 May



TIME

6:00pm arrival
Runs 6:30-9:00pm



WHERE

Magis Hall
@ XCC



COST

\$15 per person

Round up your crew – tables seat up to 12. Your table captain secures your spot with a \$15 deposit online, with remaining tickets paid on the night. Hard copy tickets provided on entry.



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See you there!



FUNERAL NOTICE

Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Helen Johnston** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held on Friday 22nd May at 12.00 noon in St Francis Xavier Church

PLEASE NOTE:

The Requiem Mass on Friday 22nd May will be the 12.00 noon Mass for this week. There will be **NO Adoration** for this week.

TAIZE THIS MONDAY 18TH MAY 12.00 NOON
sfx church Encouraging the gifts of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation of the heart through Meditation, Music and Silence

FIND Deep Rest and Reflection at Marist House of Light

Tucked away in the serene heart of the Northern Rivers, Lismore NSW, the Marist House of Light is more than a retreat - it's a spiritual sanctuary. Whether you're craving silence, prayer, or simply a pause from the noise, this house of prayer offers a gentle invitation to partake in tranquility and solitude, and to just be with your God. Contact Br Bill Sullivan on 0438 689 137 or maristhouseoflight@gmail.com

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

SILVER JUBILEE OF PROFESSION

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the Silver Jubilee of Profession of Sr Mary Elizabeth of the Trinity at the Carmelite Monastery on Monday May 25th at 11.00am. All are welcome There will be no 7.00am Mass on this day.

SILVER JUBILEE OF PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Thanksgiving Mass for Father Phillip Borla Saturday 23rd May 11.00 am St Carthages Cathedral Lismore.

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY MEETING
Monday 25th May 3.00 pm

Education Centre at Crowley Care. Please consider attending as you will be assisting the Afged Care Centre. All welcome



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

BISHOPS HOST ECUMENICAL PRAYER GATHERING

Tuesday 12th May, **Bishop Greg Homeming** delivered a homily at an ecumenical worship service at the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel in Sydney, as part of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference May plenary program. In it, Bishop Greg called for "love and God" in a world of madness: "We are at a time in the world where we could all say with him 'madness, madness'. You don't have to look very far. It is everywhere. Anyone who can think 'I can make peace by bombing people until they're totally obliterated' – that is absolute madness. We are called to experience the darkness and in that darkness be light. And what does that mean for us? We gather together this evening because we all have one thing in common – we have Jesus Christ and he's the light that has come into the darkness. I think at this time more than ever this is something which we must take to heart because in the midst of a world full of madness there are only two possibilities given to us. The first is we must look to God, and for us that means look to Jesus Christ to walk with him and stand with him. And the other thing which madness calls forth through us is love. Two things: **God and love.**"

You can read the full article on the Diocese of Lismore website.

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 May Newsletter is now available.



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

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



JESUS' ASCENSION INTO HEAVEN

PARISH CONTACTS

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