



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

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST
CORPUS CHRISTI SUNDAY YEAR A

PARISH NOTICES

7TH JUNE 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 MASS
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
12.00 NOON

ADORATION FRIDAY
11.00 AM TO 11.45 AM
EUCCHARIST28

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 DAYS

St Barnabas, apostle
Thursday

The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus
Friday

The Most Immaculate
Heart of Mary
Saturday



BAPTISM

Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church: **Reid Leslie Jordan and Taj Anthony James Slater** sons of Nicholas and Alyssia.

'WELCOME' 2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES TO OUR PARISH MASSES

Candidates have displayed their First Holy Communion art work in our Church for this weekends Masses.

Children of our parish will receive their First Holy Communion **NEXT Sunday 14th June at the 9.00am Mass, in St Francis Xavier Church.**



PARISH 'CUPPA'

THIS SUNDAY 7TH JUNE, FOLLOWING THE 9.00 AM AND 11.00 AM MASSES IN THE GROUNDS OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH.

ALL ARE WELCOME



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2026/27 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches in alphabetical order. Please notify the Parish Office if there are changes to any of your details or if you would like to contribute to the Planned Giving Program by Direct Debit. If you are new to the parish please consider asking for envelopes. Talk to Father after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY : This Monday 8th June the Parish Administration Office will be closed for the Public Holiday weekend. If you are in urgent need of a priest please call 0423 445 639

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH RESULTS.

Attendance over the four weeks.

Ballina Vigil Mass 5.30 pm = 555; Lennox Head 7.30 am Sunday Mass = 269;
Ballina 9.00 am Sunday Mass = 616; Ballina 11.00 am Sunday Mass = 337;
Crowley Chapel Liturgy = 99

Week 3 Gender count = M =187; F = 287

Week 4 Age count 0-17 = 65; 18-29 = 15; 30-49 = 68; 50-69 = 92; 70 + = 234

MULTI CULTURAL PENTECOST SUNDAY MASS: to view additional photos from the Pentecost Sunday Mass please go to the parish web site:
<https://www.sfxballina.org.au/parish-social-gatherings/>

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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- **Parish Cuppa Sunday 7th June following 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses**
- **Monday 8th June no Cenacle Public Holiday**
- **Tuesday 9th June 10.00 am Cherry Coffee**
- **Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 9th June 10.00 am Holy Family Church**
- **First Holy Communion Sunday 14th June, 9.00 am Mass**
- **menALIVE Wednesday 17th June 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head**
- **Forum with Father Erick Friday 19th June 2.00 pm MTR Parish Admin**
- **Lennox Head Holy Family Committee Meeting Friday 26th June 2.00pm**
- **Vinnies Winter Appeal weekend of 4th/5th July**
- **Ladies Rosary Tuesday 7th July 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566**

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A: 13th/14th June 2026
Readings: Exodus 19:2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:51-58; Matthew 9:36-10:8

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 st Reader 2nd Reader	Kristie Coster Mick Vella	Damien Kennedy Marie Sullivan	Nicole Sullivan Margaret Tay	Bernadette McQuillian Tony Hunter
EMOHC	Cheryl Bowen Phil Chapman	Sue Hetherington	Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Gifts			Ron Hughes & Joan Hollingworth	
Sacristan	Monica Anderson	Annette & Julian White	David Derrick	Lea Lane
Announcer	Peter Bowen	Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay	Maxine Cole
Laptop	Trish Bazar		Teresa Cunial	Maxine Cole

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Winifred (Win) Newton, Dr Sally Towns (Brisbane), Eldon Wright, Helen Johnston, Andrew Wotton,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Father Peter Karam, Sr Aileen Larkin rsm, Aileen Reen, Dr Norman Rogers, Vic Norris, Peter Weston, Cenon Ibrrientos, Daunta Grima, Silvio Climich, Vittorio Bognia

AND ALSO FOR: John McCoy, 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: Kellie Savage, 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

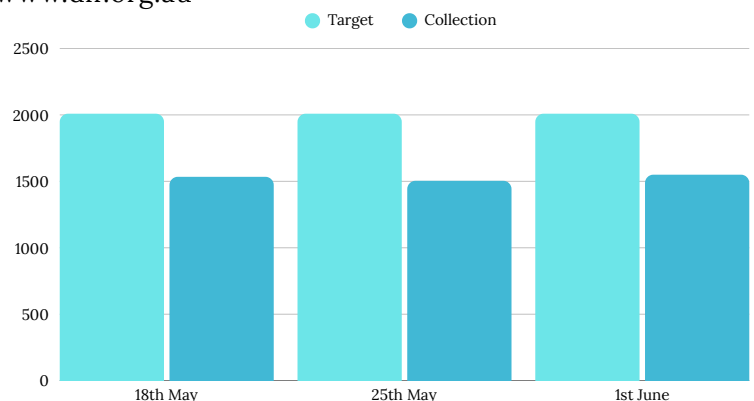
COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY By making an EFTPOS 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 3.90% PER ANNUM as of 1st June, 2026- 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	\$1,082.00
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$373.25
	Planned Giving	\$1,550.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Diocesan Investment Fund

Interest Rate—3.90% (eft 1/06/2026) For further information and our current interest rate, please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516

PARTAKING IN THE LIVING BREAD

The Eucharist not only keeps alive the memory of what Christ has done by giving his life for us. More profoundly, the Eucharist manifests the ever-present experience of what Christ and the Spirit continue to do for us throughout our lives.

This week's first reading (Deuteronomy) connects the celebration of the Eucharist to the Exodus event of Israel's liberation from slavery in Egypt. Again, the Israelites do not just remember what God has done for them in the past – liberating them, and feeding them in the desert with “manna from heaven” – but celebrating the way God continues to be with them throughout all of life's trials, tribulations, hopes and joys. Everything we have – food, shelter, love, friendship and personal talents – are gifts given to us by God to share with others.

In St Paul's Letter to the people of Corinth, we are told the gifts of bread and wine are the very body and blood of Christ enabling us to be in communion with the Trinitarian God. Moreover, Paul's emphasis on “one loaf” means, in the words of the hymn, “we though many are truly one.”

Hence the importance of the sign of peace we offer to one another each time we celebrate the Eucharist. In the gospel, we hear Jesus speak of the “living bread that comes down from heaven.”

Pope Francis told us that “the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect, but medicine and nourishment for the weak!” In saying this he is not suggesting we should go to the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he is also reminding us that all of us, without exception, come to the Eucharist as sinners in need of God's healing grace and mercy.

Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others. First, he says, we need to relate to people, sharing in their joys, hopes, sorrows and sufferings. Furthermore, this should enable us to reach out to the poor, sick and marginalised people, seeing in them the face of Christ.

Second, experiencing God's forgiveness in the Eucharist should enable us to see ourselves as “forgiven sinners” who are empowered to reach out in forgiveness to others. In this way the Eucharist enables us to overcome pride and division.

Third, the Eucharist should enable us to become active disciples of Jesus Christ. While we Christians do not claim to be better than others, we nonetheless recognise our particular mission is to make Christ known and loved through a spirit of prayer, action and care for all our brothers and sisters, most especially those in need.

In the words of Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot, Christ is “the still point of the turning world.” It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine. For He is indeed truly present among us as the very life of the world.

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FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES
TUESDAY 9TH JUNE AND WEDNESDAY 10TH JUNE

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

THURSDAY 11TH JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST BARNABAS, APOSTLE

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed is this holy man, who was worthy to be numbered among the Apostles, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith

Communion Antiphon: I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE ~ FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.



Safeguarding



Safeguarding means the measures and actions taken to prevent, respond to and report abuse, exploitation and harm and, in doing so, protect the welfare and human rights of people involved in, or affected by, Diocesan activities, ministries and services.

Inclusive of all ages, abilities and cultures.

June Newsletter now available
in the foyer of the Church

Safeguarding Office:

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PRAYER GROUPS IN OUR PARISH

Prayer of the Church and Rosary: Saturday
9.00 am St Francis Xavier Church

Christian Meditation: Saturday 9.00 am
Anawim Room

CCR: Monday 1.45 to 4.00 pm Anawim Room

Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.00 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

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

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

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

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

SEQUENCE:

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:

**Sequence (continued)**

Oft in the olden types foreshowed;

In Isaac on the altar bowed,

And in the ancient paschal food,

And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,

Still show to us thy mercy sign;

Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;

So may we see thy glories shine

In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,

Our present food, our future rest,

Come, make us each thy chosen guest,

Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest

With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 6:51-58

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;

and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord

PARISH CONTACTS

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SCHOOLS

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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