



St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

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



**St Francis Xavier Church,
47 Cherry Street, Ballina.**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street, Lennox Head.**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (C) (Corpus Christi)

22nd June, 2025

Weekend Mass Times Ballina

St Francis Xavier Church
Saturday Vigil— 5.30 pm
Sunday — 9.00 am
Sunday — 11.00 am

Lennox Head
Holy Family Church
Sunday — 7.30 am

WEEKDAY MASS
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon Ballina

ADORATION FRIDAY
11.00 am to 11.45 am



RECONCILIATION
9.00 am Saturday
St Francis Xavier Church

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Feast Days

**The Nativity of
St John the Baptist**
Tuesday

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday

**The Most Immaculate Heart
of Mary**
Saturday

We invite everyone to our faith community.



'Congratulations'

*to all the children from
St Francis Xavier Parish who
receive their First Holy Communion
this Saturday evening.*



BAPTISM : Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:

Poppy Maree Collins daughter of **Timothy and Nikayla;**
Anwyn Joy and Dorothy Alice Morgan daughters of
Anthony and Emma.



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Michael McNamara** who has sadly passed away.
A Requiem Mass will be held **on Thursday 26th June, 2025**
at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.

PETER'S PENCE NEXT SUNDAY: How you can help: Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the **Peter's Pence Collection.** Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help to build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come. Envelopes will be available in the church pews.



PARISH 'THANK YOU CUPPA' FOR FATHER ANSELM
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
Next Sunday 29th June,
following the 9.00 am Mass.
Parishioners if attending please bring
a plate to share. Everyone is welcome.



Charismatic Healing Mass
3.00 pm ~ Sunday~ 6th July, 2025
Celebrant Father Erick Quinteros
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:
SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Erick Quinteros

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

Pastoral Associates: email: pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au

Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: admin@sfxballina.org.au

Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - **Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478**

www.sfxballina.org.au

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

St Francis Xavier Primary: Principal: Mr Tony Hunter - 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

Holy Family Primary: Principal: Mr Murray Deeps - 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Xavier Catholic College: Principal: Mr Lee MacMaster - 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

St Anne's Long Day Care Centre: Director: Mrs Narelle Dewhurst - 6687 5961 - 42 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

Sts Peter & Paul Year C: 28th/29th June 2025 Readings: Acts of the Apostles 12:1-11; Psalm 33; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19				
	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	XCC XCC	Michael Piccoli Damien Kennedy	Wendy Hughes Julie McKinnon	Brendon Clarke Warwick Manning
EMOHC	XCC Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Sue Hetherington	Oanh Hong Letran Cathy Campbell	Kailani Tiernan
Offertory Procession			Kathy Andrews Diana Evans	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Graeme Douglas (*Singapore*), Michael McNamara, Barry McIntosh, Richard Donnelly, Maureen Flanagan, Father Peter Karam, Sr Aileen Larkin RSM, Dr David Cody OAM,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Noreen Goff, Marj Hobbins, Judy Conson, John Timmins

AND ALSO FOR: Phillip Dykes, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Fabian Okeke, 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: Alisha Nobbs (*Brisbane*), Severina Nady Verdeflor, Gloria Greguric, Anne Louise Dillon (*Melbourne*), Steven Kennessey & family, Maureen Borthistle (*Dalby*), Kevin Sullivan, Matt Ritchie, Issac Kruger, Craig Cunneen Annemarie Higgins, Michael Hains, Kellie Savage, Lorraine Ball, Helen Johnston, Beryl Reed, Daphne Sweeney (*mother of Sr Kathryn*), Vince Newman, Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David LeFève (*London*), Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham,, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Knightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs,

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

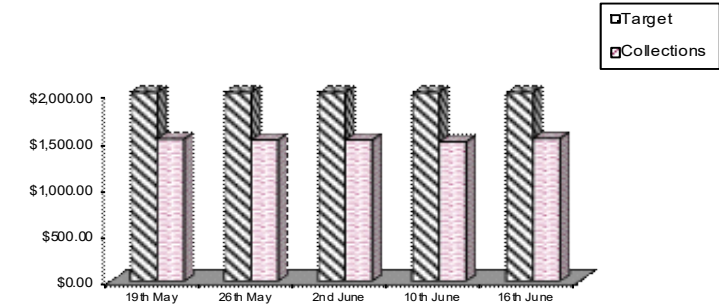
23rd June	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Aux Meeting
23rd June	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
24th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	‘Cherry’ Coffee
24th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face Lennox Head
25th June	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
26th June	Thursday 2.00 pm	Season 3 The Chosen MTR
29th June	Sunday 9.45 am	‘Thank you’ Cuppa for Fr Anselm
5th/6th July	Saturday & Sunday	Vinnies Winter Appeal
6th July	Sunday 3.00 pm	Charismatic Healing Mass
13th July	Sunday 5.00 pm	Youth Mass
28th July	Mondays 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Bible timeline Adam to Jesus

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 Presbyterian 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 SEPARTELY 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 - BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, **L J Hooker**
87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,108.00
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 350.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,512.50
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



The Bread and Wine Narrative

Bread and Wine are the staples of the life of faith. They are also, simply, staples of life. As staples of life, they signify good living, the celebration of abundance. As staples of faith life, they signify strangely, by being sacrificed, offered to God in thanksgiving, as the crown of abundance, the celebration of God's faithfulness.

Bread means sustenance; wine means celebration, a movement beyond mere survival into the surplus of festival. Grain and grape are transformed through human activity into life-giving (bread) and life-celebrating (wine) elements. And when these staples of life are brought to God, he catches them up into an all-new level of life. Let's now call it divine life. So human life is completed by surplus, by moving beyond itself, first from survival to celebration, and then, by carrying up that movement onto the plane of the ultimate, into sharing in the divine life God made us for and calls us to.

Of course, I'm talking about what happens at the altar, the table of feasting that joins heaven and earth, unites God and humanity. Incredibly, our understanding of bread and wine goes back to the origins of faith, to the life of Abraham.

This week's first reading is the first place, in fact, that bread and wine appear in Scripture. Melchizedek, whom Abraham gives a tenth of his surplus and who brings out bread and wine, is a priest-king of Salem (the future Jerusalem, the capital city of David's kingdom about a thousand years later), who serves "God Most High." Abraham recognises the God of this priest-king as the very God who called him out of Babylon ("Ur of the Chaldeans") and who made a singular promise that his family line would carry forward God's own purpose to bless all nations.

It's a strange story. Who is this priest-king? Why does Abraham give him a tithe? What's up with the bread and wine? The place of this story within the wider narrative of the Abraham story underlines its strangeness. It just breaks through into a narrative about Abraham's miraculous war victory against five kings and his refusal to share any of the spoils with another king.

Melchizedek sticks out like a sore thumb. But he is never heard of again in the story. He is, however, pinned to David in a very important Messianic Psalm (110, fittingly used as the responsorial). And the letter to the Hebrews in the New Testament has an entire chapter (7) pinning Melchizedek to Christ.

Given the prominent place of bread and wine in the agrarian and liturgical life of ancient Israel, it seems like this episode with Abraham (like so much in his story) is meant to be a pregnant heading for all that is to unfold in his descendants' story. The bread and wine of Melchizedek are only fully understood, in all their strangeness, at the altar of Jesus Christ, where that promise to Abraham, carried forward through the old sacrificial system, is realised. W Chris Hackett © Majellan Media 2025



2025 Multi Cultural Sunday
Visit the parish website for more photos

MID-NORTH COAST FLOOD APPEAL

Bishop Greg has launched an appeal to support those affected by severe flooding across the Mid North Coast. Donations can be made on line through the Diocesan website 'Mid North Coast flood Appeal' under 'Fund to support': lismorediocese.org/donations All donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes can be placed on the collection plates at Mass marked 'FLOOD APPEAL'. *Thank you*

PARISH 'CUPPA'
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
Sunday 6th July, following the
9.00 am Mass.
and the **11.00 am Mass**
St Vincent de Paul members will host the
9.00 am July cuppa as they launch
the 'Vinnies Winter Appeal'
Everyone is very welcome.

PARISH YOUTH MASS TO BEGIN IN JULY

Once a month beginning **Sunday 13th July** our parish will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church. Youth aged from 12 to 17 years are welcome to celebrate and encourage their families and friends to come to this Mass and join with the faith filled youth of our parish.
Everyone is welcome

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2025/26 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.

APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

Adam Spencer on behalf of the Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Limited has announced that **TONY HUNTER** has been appointed Principal of St Francis Xavier School Ballina
'CONGRATULATIONS' TONY

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY:
The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held **Monday 23rd June 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.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS Tuesday 24th June 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.



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The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) is not subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 nor has it been examined or approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Deposits with the DIF are guaranteed by CDF Limited, a company established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for this purpose. We welcome your investment with the DIF rather than with a profit oriented commercial organisation as a conscious commitment by you to support the Charitable, Religious and Educational works of the Catholic Church. Neither the DIF nor the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore are prudentially supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority; contributions to the DIF do not obtain the benefit of the depositor protection provisions of the Banking Act 1959; the DIF is designed for investors who wish to promote the charitable purposes of the DIF.

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing: 'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.' And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.**

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master: 'Sit on my right: I will put your foes beneath your feet.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord will send from Zion your sceptre of power: rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**
3. A prince from the day of your birth on the holy mountains; from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **(R.)**
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change. 'You are a priest for ever, a priest like Melchizedek of old.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after

supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death

*The Word of the Lord.***Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

Alleluia!**Gospel: Luke 9:11-17***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 24th JUNE, 2025 ~ FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Entrance Antiphon: A man was sent from God, whose name was John. He came to testify to the light, to prepare a people fit for the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Through the tender mercy of our God, the Dawn from on high will visit us.

WEDNESDAY 25th & THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

FRIDAY 27th JUNE 2025 ~ 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.

*Join us on a journey***BIBLE IN 8 WEEKS**
FROM CREATION TO JESUS**THE BIBLE FROM CREATION TO JESUS****Weekly Sessions****Monday 28th July – Monday****22nd September 5:30–7:00 pm****Mother Teresa Room****Register Parish Office 6681 1048****More information contact****Richard Goss 0418 356 527****VINNIES WINTER APPEAL WEEKEND ~ 7TH/8TH JULY**

Would you like to know more about **volunteering** to take Holy Communion to **aged care home residents**? Please join the aged care volunteers for a coffee on Tuesday 24th June at 3.00pm at the Bowling Club. Contact Pauline 0438 435 566 for further information.

Safeguarding**Early years****Kids****Young People****Adults****Families****Older Australians**

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.

Safeguarding Office:**P: 02 6621 9444 (Chancery)****E: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au**