



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA

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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

EASTER SUNDAY Year A

PARISH NOTICES

5TH APRIL 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
EUCARIST28

11.00 AM TO 11.45 AM

RECONCILIATION
9.00 AM SATURDAY

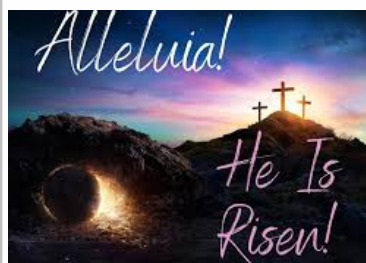
PARISH ADMINISTRATOR
Father Peter Padsungay

ASSISTANT PRIEST
Father Erick Quinteros

DEACON
Rev Assoc Professor
Anthony Gooley

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE
Mr Brendon Clarke

PARISH BUSINESS
MANAGER
Mr Michael Penhey



HAPPY EASTER



WISHING YOU A JOYFUL EASTER

As we celebrate the hope and renewal of Easter, we extend our warmest blessings to all who form the life of our parish community – our parishioners, friends, ministers, prayer groups, volunteers, parish staff, parish schools, and the members of our Finance and Pastoral Councils.

May the light of the Resurrection bring peace to your homes, strength to your days, and renewed faith to your hearts.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and joyful Easter.

Fr Erick and Fr Peter



A sincere WELCOME to our Parish Family for all of you who are visiting and joining us for Masses and other Liturgies.

Have a prayerful, enjoyable and safe Easter with your families and friends.



DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS TODAY SUNDAY 5TH APRIL
Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour

PARISH 'CUPPA' TODAY Sunday 5TH APRIL following the 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses, in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church. Everyone is very welcome.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next week is Sunday of Divine Mercy. Come and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Exposition and quiet moments for prayer and adoration. Reconciliation will be available.

Personal Divine Mercy Images will be blessed.

Bring a 'treat' for a 'cuppa' afterwards
Holy Family Church 2.00 pm to 3.15 pm.



YOUR FREE COPY OF THE CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE
IS NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE CHURCH ENTRANCE

MONDAY 6TH April is a public holiday. The Parish office will be closed.
We will re-open on Tuesday 7th April at 8.30 am
If you are in need of a priest over the Easter break call 0423 445 639

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- Monday 13th April 10.30 am Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
- Tuesday 7th April 10.00 am Cherry Coffee
- Monday 13th April TAIZE at 12.00 noon St Francis Xavier Church
- menALIVE Wednesday 8th April 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head
- Ladies Rosary Tuesday 7th April 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566
- Friday 10th April 2.00 pm MTR Forum - Q & A with Father Erick
- Divine Mercy Sunday 12th April Holy Family Church Lennox Head 2.00 pm

2nd Sunday of Easter Year A: 11th/12th April 2026
 Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; Peter 13-9; John 20:19-31

| | 5.30 pm Vigil Mass | 7.30 am Mass LH | 9:00 am Mass | 11:00 am Mass |
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| 1 st Reader 2nd Reader | Bryan Marriott John Jarzynski | Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps | Nicole Sullivan Richard Goss | Warwick Manning Maxine Cole |
| EMOHC | Trish Bazar Phil Chapman | Sue Hetherington | Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell | Tony Hunter |
| Gifts | | | Amy Derrick Livia Kenk | |
| Announcer | Mick Vella | Sue Hetherington | Richard Goss | Bernadette McQuillan |
| Laptop | Helen Lockton | | Jo Hurley | Maxine Cole |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Sr Fran Kuhn rsm, Dionisia Arcan (*Phillipines*), Glenn Cox, Joy Long, George Cox, Paul Land,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Colleen Gray, Mary Topham, Mary Jack, John Condon, Nancy Grant

AND ALSO FOR: Narelle King, Elne Verdeflor, Gino Bordin, Peter Tiernan, Dympna Sheehy, Jack & Marie Flood & family, Cooper, Lynch & Howard families, 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.

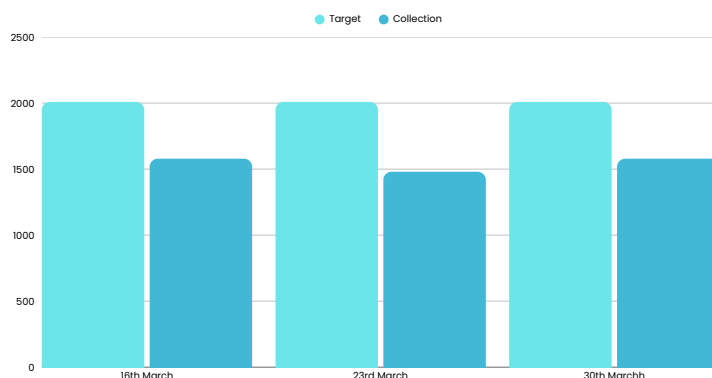
AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL: Ros Spiteri, Mele Taufaeva, Sr Patricia O'Brien PBVM, Julia Paden, Samantha Anderson, Brian Dye, Andrea Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Caceres, Daniel Freeman, Gloria Bordin, Nancy and Joan Obonyo, Nate Doolan, Joy Schneider, Gloria Greguric, Annemarie Higgins, 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 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 3.65% PER ANNUM as of 1st April- **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 | | |
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| 1st Collection | Support clergy | \$1,330.00 |
| 2nd Collection Support of the Parish | Loose Plate | \$281.15 |
| | Planned Giving | \$1,457.50 |
| Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target | | \$2,009.00 |



Diocesan Investment Fund

• **INTEREST RATE—3.65% (EFF 1/4/2026)** FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR CURRENT INTEREST RATE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE WWW.DIF.ORG.AU OR CONTACT US ON 1800 802 516

BISHOP GREG'S EASTER MESSAGE 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters

Growing up I always preferred Christmas to Easter. Both were holiday times; Christmas was Mass followed by gifts and a lunch with family and friends. Easter seemed to be overwhelmingly religious with long Church services which were tedious and tiresome for a boy. It was only in the last years of high school that I began to understand and appreciate Easter.

Every Church feast is about Jesus and me. In the feast we are joined. Heaven and earth come together, and I am led into a deeper self-knowledge through Jesus.

Easter celebrates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ who suffered a most violent and seemingly meaningless death. From Palm Sunday we walk with Him and as we look into His eyes we recognise the plight of many people in our world today.

The last twelve months have been marked by gratuitous violence, decisions and actions which do not seem to focus on the wellbeing of others, and a mindset which is frankly selfish. As individuals we are lost in this, what is happening?

Jesus died understanding this experience, He carried it to the Cross. There is nothing in the present struggles of the world that are not in some way part of Jesus' experience, and as such everything in us today connects us with Him. He questioned the Israel of his times, and he walked with all those on the periphery. He carried our hopelessness.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead and in this we all rise with Him. We and the world are transformed. Yet, you will say nothing has changed. Everything changes if we have the eyes of faith filled hope. If my eyes change, I change and I see a world filled with love and hope.

Our new vision can change the world.

I wish you a happy and blessed Easter.

Bishop Greg



Easter Sunday
4 – 5 April 2026

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty. There is still time to donate!



UNITE 
AGAINST
POVERTY

this Lent

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.

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

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS
TUESDAY 7TH April

Entrance Antiphon: He gave them the water of wisdom to drink; it will be made strong in them and will not be moved; it will raise them up for ever, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: If you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God; mind the things that are above, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: Come, you blessed of my Father; receive the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

THURSDAY 9TH APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: They praised in unison your conquering hand, O Lord, for wisdom opened mouths that were mute and gave eloquence to the tongues of infants, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: O chosen people, proclaim the mighty works of him, who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light, alleluia.

FRIDAY 10TH APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led his people in hope, while the sea engulfed their foes, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Jesus said to his disciples: Come and eat. And he took bread and gave it to them, alleluia.

AN EASTER THOUGHT

Celebrate the promise of the resurrection this week. Take steps to insure that you are ready for judgement. Begin to make the changes necessary in your life so that, strong in the hope of the resurrection you no longer fear your own death.



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 April Newsletter is now available

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

FIRST READING: Acts 10:37-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' **(R.)**
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. **(R.)**
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-4

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord

SEQUENCE:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.

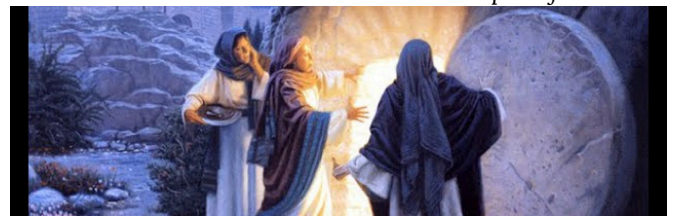
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 20:1

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.' So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord

**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