



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 Trinity Sunday (C)

15th 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

St Aloysius Gonzaga
Saturday

We invite everyone to our faith community.



BAPTISM : Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **August Roy Northcott** son of Joshua and Tara.



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Maureen Flanagan** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held **this Monday 16th June, 2025 at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.**

A LITTLE ABOUT MYSELF

I was born in El Salvador in 1969. In March 1987 my family and I were so pleased to arrive in Australia as refugees.

Unfortunately my father was in danger of death at his work place, receiving death threats on a regular basis.

In 1989 under the guidance of Father Geoffrey Jarrett I entered a seminary in Melbourne and I was ordained to the priesthood on Anzac Day 1998 in Wagga Wagga. In the Diocese of Wagga Wagga I served in different parishes within Wagga, as well Albury, Leeton and Griffith.

In 1991 I discovered that I was suffering from renal failure due to a condition from birth.

In September 2010 I arrived at Coffs Harbour to work in the Diocese. I had requested Bishop Jarrett to move to the Diocese of Lismore as my whole family lives in Brisbane.

On the night I arrived at Coffs Harbour Father Peter Padsungay welcomed me with a big smile.

In 2011 I suffered complete renal failure and had to move to Lismore for medical care. I received dialysis for six years at St Vincent's until a kidney transplant on 12th January 2017.

For the past 12 years I have worked in the Parish of Kyogle, after serving two years at the Cathedral Parish.

When Bishop Homeming requested that I move to Ballina to assist Father Peter, I was completely shocked and greatly surprised. However, as I had celebrated a number of Healing Masses in Ballina before, I knew it was a wonderful place, but really busy in comparison to Kyogle.

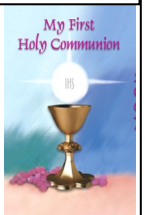
I am now enjoying this new 'adventure' and looking forward to getting to know everyone in the Parish.

Father Erick Quinteros

'WELCOME' 2025 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

We welcome each candidate and their family to our weekend Masses.

Children of our parish will receive their
First Holy Communion next Saturday 21st June in St Francis Xavier Parish Church at the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.



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

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
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Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY:

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

SCHOOLS:

St Francis Xavier Primary: 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

Holy Family Primary: 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Xavier Catholic College: 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

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

AGED CARE:

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

Body and Blood of Christ Year C: 21st/22nd June 2025
Readings: Genesis 14:18-20; Psalm 109; 1 Cor 11:23-26 ; Luke 9:11-17

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>1st Holy Communion</i>	Murray Deeps Amanda Deeps	Gary Reen Brendon Clarke	Mary McKendry Clare McKendry
EMOHC	<i>1st Holy Communion</i>	<i>Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Annette Reen Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Flanagan, Father Peter Karam, Sr Aileen Larkin RSM,
 Dr David Cody OAM, Michele Thorman,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: John Moreland, Reba Smidt, Richard Nagle,

Maria Potter,

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 Le'Veve (*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, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

16th June	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
17th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
17th June	Tuesday 10.00	Devotion to the Holy Face Lennox Head
19th June	Thursday 2.00 pm	Season 2 The Chosen MTR
21st June	Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm	Parish First Holy Communion
23rd June	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
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
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**

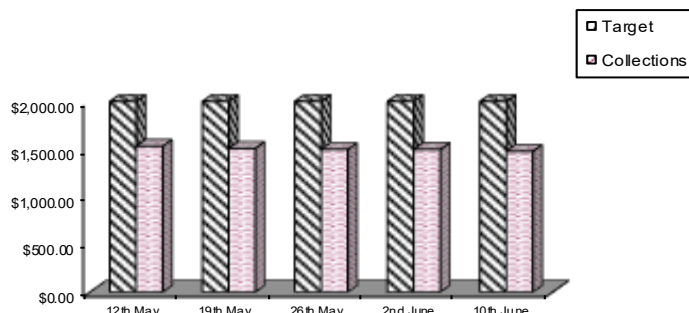
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARTELY AT MASS COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit 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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,019.85
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 283.30
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,477.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



Being open to others

Catholics and many other Christian communities believe in *one* God, who is Father, Son, and Spirit. St Augustine expressed the understanding this way: God is *Lover, Beloved*, and the *Love between them*.

Augustine's expression, Father/*Lover*, Son/*Beloved*, and Spirit/*the Love between them*, provides a way for us to gaze into the heart of God – a relationship. If we're created in the image and likeness of God, then what animates and identifies us as persons is also relationship.

So, what does it mean to be in a relationship? In the gospel, Jesus says, "All [the Spirit] tells you will be taken from what is mine." In the next verse, Jesus also says, "Everything the Father has is mine." This means that there's really no "mine" or "yours" in a relationship. In true relationships, "mine" and "yours" become "ours". This understanding stands counter to the galloping individualism that consumes so much of contemporary society.

Being in a true relationship also means to be vulnerable. It may seem strange to think about God being vulnerable. But, look at God's vulnerability in the birth of the Son as a helpless baby in a manger, and in Jesus, the Redeemer, giving his life on the cross; vulnerability that comes from God's overwhelming and heartfelt desire to be in relationship with humanity. For us, in our relationships, when our vulnerability meets the vulnerability of another, there intimacy is found.

It's easy to relate to family, loved ones and friends. But we mustn't limit ourselves only to those we know.

To be the person that God desires us to be, we're to be *more* than simply individual persons. To discover, and live our best and truest selves, we're called to reach out beyond ourselves, and relate with others.

Rather than withhold life and love within its dynamic relationship, the Trinity generously reached out beyond itself. God's lavish love overflowed into creation. God sent the Son into the world live to live with us. God sent the Spirit to sanctify and accompany us throughout life.

A genuine community is one that is open to others and not closed in on itself. That's why in Andrei Rublev's famous 'Icon of the Trinity', the fourth side of the table is vacant, inviting us to take our place within the Trinity's relationship of unity and love. The place we most experience the truth of the Trinity is at the table of the Eucharist, when bread and wine, gifts of the Father from creation, are transformed into the life-giving body and blood of the Son, through the action of the Holy Spirit.

God is a perfect communion of persons, who share one nature, and lovingly invite us to share in their life. May we witness through our own lives and deeds, the virtues of community, inclusion, love, respect, generosity, and diversity that the Trinity inspires.

David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2025



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of

Dr David Cody OAM

who has sadly passed away.

A Funeral Prayer Service will be held

this Friday 20th June, 2025

at 1.30 pm in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.



SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

'Thank you' Morning tea from our Parish for Father Anselm, following the 9.00 am Mass.



'CONGRATULATIONS'

MARY O'BRIEN OAM

who was awarded the medal of the

Order of Australia (OAM)

over the King's Birthday weekend, for her ongoing service to Ballina RSL.

Thank you' Mary for everything you do and have done for our parish community

over many years.



MID-NORTH COAST FLOOD APPEAL

Bishop Greg has launched an appeal to support those affected by severe flooding across the Mid North Coast. Widespread damage to families and business across the parishes of Coffs Harbour, Sawtell, Bellingen, Nambucca Valley, Macleay Valley, Port Macquarie, Camden Haven, and Wauchope. 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*

The CATHOLIC WEEKLY on sale following each weekend Mass. \$2.00 each

Thank You! Our Parish 2025 Multicultural Day was a great success.



It means a lot to us and we know it does to many people who witnessed this wonderful event. To our Parish Hospitality Group, Parish Staff, Roxanne Nilon for the beautifully decorated and delicious 'Pentecost' cake, and everyone who worked so hard to ensure a successful event, may God bless you all. Your creativity and thoughtful planning created a memorable event. Let us, therefore, continue to work in peace and harmony in creating a vibrant parish filled with joy, love, and acceptance. *Father Peter and Father Erick*

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.



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.



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 17th June 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.

Invest with peace of mind

www.dif.org.au 1800 802 516



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 CDFP 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: Proverbs 8:22-31*A reading from the Book of Proverbs*

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came into being.

The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with water.

Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.

When he fixed the heavens firm, I was there,
when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
– and the waters will not invade the shore –
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,

I was by his side, a master craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of men.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

1. When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **(R.)**

2. Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **(R.)**

3. All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring patience, as we know, and patience brings perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 16:12-15*A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me,
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**TUESDAY 17th ~ WEDNESDAY 18th ~ THURSDAY 19th ~ FRIDAY 20th June**

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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****Refugee Week 15th-21st June 2025 and the CRISP**

Program. Each year, thousands of people seek asylum in Australia, fleeing their homeland to find safety for their families. Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program (CRISP) is inviting Parish groups of 5 people to form and to welcome a refugee or individual into their heart and into their community. If you would like to know more about the CRISP program, please contact our support volunteer Anne Nesbitt: anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au.



Our Parish supports and commits to embedding the;

NSW
Child Safe Standards

& the

National Catholic Safeguarding
Standards



Office of the
Children's Guardian

