

# 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.**

### Palm Sunday (C)

**13th April, 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

### FOR HOLY WEEK

**TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY  
12.00 noon Ballina**

### RECONCILIATION

**9.00 am Saturday**

**St Francis Xavier Church**



*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

### PARISH NOTICES

#### THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM HOLY THURSDAY ~ MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

**6.00 pm ~ Ballina** followed by Adoration

#### GOOD FRIDAY ~ LITURGY

**3.00 pm ~ Lennox Head**

**3.00 pm ~ Ballina**

#### HOLY SATURDAY ~ VIGIL

**6.00 pm ~ Ballina**

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#### EASTER SUNDAY MASSES

**7.30 am ~ Lennox Head**

**9.00 am & 11.00 am ~ Ballina**



#### 2025 CHRISM MASS:

*The Chrism Mass will be held at St Carthage's Cathedral, THIS Monday 14th April at 7.00 pm.* During this Mass the Priests and Deacons gather around the Bishop who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. It is also a time where the clergy renew their vows. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Mass that celebrates the priesthood, the sacraments and our unity as a Diocese.

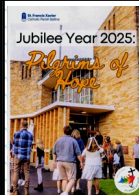


**Reintroduction of the Second Collection Plate**  
We are pleased to announce that the second collection plate will recommence **on Easter weekend.**

The **first collection** continues to support the clergy—not individual priests, but the diocesan clergy fund. The **second collection** directly supports the needs of our parish, ensuring we can continue our mission and maintain our parish community.

This practice was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic, but its return is vital to sustaining our parish. Your generosity and ongoing support are deeply appreciated.

**TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 14TH APRIL 12.00 NOON SFX CHURCH**  
*Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation through Meditation, Music and Silence*



#### JUBILEE 2025 ~ PILGRIMS OF HOPE

**A FREE booklet is available in the foyer of our two Churches for your information regarding the Jubilee Year 2025.**

**Please take one and find out what is happening in our Church for this wonderful Holy Year of celebration.**

**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 Anselm Okeke

**Deacon:** Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

**Pastoral Associates:** Kailani Tiernan/Pauline Fingleton

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Kailani Tiernan Email: [ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au)

Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto: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](http://www.sfxballina.org.au)**

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

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

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

**Easter Sunday Year C: 19th/20th April, 2025**  
**Readings: Acts 10:34, 37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9**

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Trish Bazar Pauline Fingleton Mick Vella Maxine Cole Epistle</i>	Damien Kennedy Angela Beglin	Richard Goss Wendy Hughes	Clare McKendry Mary McKendry
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Peter Bowen Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Kailani Tiernan</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			.....	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Keith Donnelly, Elizabeth Townsend,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Marie Myers, Peter Mazzer, Philippe Picquet, Bob Townsend, John Condon, Cec Penhey, Robert Hosie Jnr, Mick O'Brien,

**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:** Sr Mary McFadden PBVM, Pope Francis, Maureen Borthistle (*Dalby*), Kevin Sullivan, Sr Moria (*Bathurst*), Father Bob Bossini (*Fairfield*), 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, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Feve (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham,, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Knightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Ronald Windle, Jones &

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025**

<b>14th April</b>	<b>Monday 10.30 am</b>	<b>Marian Cenacle Anawim Room</b>
<b>14th April</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Taizé</b> <i>45 min of simple praise, meditation &amp; music</i>
<b>15th April</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>16th April</b>	<b>Wednesday 8.00 am</b>	<b>menAlive Lennox Head</b>
<b>25th April</b>	<b>Friday 9.00 am Mass</b>	<b>Anzac Day</b>
<b>27th April</b>	<b>Sunday 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Lennox Head</b>
<b>28th April</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>4th May</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am &amp; 11.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Cuppa Grounds of Church</b>
<b>8th May</b>	<b>Thursday 11.30 am</b>	<b>Annual Mothers' Day Lunch Crowley Care</b>

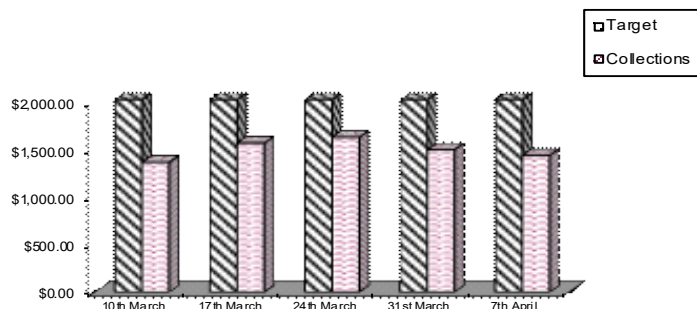
**THANK YOU to all Parishioners** for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE 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 4.15% 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 609.50
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 323.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,419.50
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





## NEW APPOINTMENTS

From: Bishop Greg

Date: 4th April 2025

The following appointments have been made by Bishop Homeming and will commence 1st June 2025:

Parish appointments:

Father Felix Ekeh,  
Parish Priest, Clarence Valley Parish;

Father Joe Holloway,  
Parish Priest, Kyogle Parish;

Father Anselm Okeke,  
Parish Priest, Wauchope Parish

Father Erick Quinteros,  
Assistant Priest, Ballina Parish



**PROJECT  
COMPASSION**

## Palm Sunday 12th-13th of April

As Project Compassion 2025 draws to a close for another year, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude for your generous support throughout this Lenten Season.

This year, we shared the inspiring stories of 3 individuals whose lives have been transformed through your compassion and generosity.

*But the work isn't done yet.* There is still time to donate! Together, we can *Unite Against Poverty* and help transform lives this Lent.

**Please donate today.**

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413



## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 27th April 2025 Holy Family Church, Lennox Head. 2.00 pm.

In 1930s, Our Lord Jesus himself requested, through St Faustina, that a Feast of Divine Mercy be established and solemnly celebrated in His Church on the octave of Easter—the First Sunday after Easter.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II fulfilled the will of Christ and officially established the Universal Feast of Divine Mercy and he added a special Plenary Indulgence to Divine Mercy Sunday. To fittingly observe the Sunday of Divine Mercy, we encouraged to precede the Feast by reciting the nine-day Novena of Divine Mercy, beginning on Good Friday. (*Said privately.*) Novena Prayer Leaflets available at the Church Entrances and the Parish Office.

Further information [www.divinemercy.com.au](http://www.divinemercy.com.au)

### PLEASE CONSIDER!

Holy Family Church Lennox Head is in need of additional **Sacristans**. Duties include preparation for the celebration of Sunday Mass, and following Mass storing the holy vessels and books for the following week also opening and closing the Church. If you would like to assist your local faith community please contact Marie Sullivan 0409 887 677. Married couples or 2 individuals working together are encouraged in this ministry. Support and training will be provided.



### HOLY LAND COLLECTION GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Envelopes will be available in the pews for your convenience or if you wish you can do **Electronic Transfer:**

**Commonwealth Bank, Waverley NSW—**

**A/c Name: Holy Land Commissariat -**

**BSB 062 267—Account No 10014847**

**- Your Ref Diocese, Town, and Parish.**

Then email [admin@franciscans.org.au](mailto:admin@franciscans.org.au) the details of your electronic transfer.



### CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY ANNUAL MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday 8th May 2025, ~ Crowley Activity Centre ~ 11.30 am—3.00pm ~ \$55.00 pp ~ BYO Drinks

Please RSVP and pay via cash or card at Crowley Reception by Friday 2nd May.

Please advise of any special dietary requirements.

## ROSTER : HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

	Holy Thursday 6.00 pm	Good Friday 3.00 pm	Good Friday 3.00 pm LENNOX HEAD
Readers	Marie Sullivan Richard Goss	Pauline Fingleton Leanne Robbins  <b>The Passion</b> Trish Bazar <b>Narrator</b> John Jarzynski <b>Crowd/other</b> Jesus—Priest	Damien Kennedy Jean MacKay  <b>The Passion</b> Sue Hetherington <b>Narrator</b> Amanda Deeps <b>Crowd/Other</b> <b>Jesus—Deacon Anthony</b>
EMOHC	Pauline Fingleton	Denise Miller	Murray Deeps

**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY:** The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held on **Monday 28th April 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.



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

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS ~ Is in recess until Tuesday 6th May.**



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**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**  
*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.  
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied  
he provides me with speech.  
Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.  
The Lord has opened my ear.  
For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.  
I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those  
who tore at my beard;  
I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.  
The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the  
insults.  
So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his  
equality with God but emptied himself to assume the  
condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all  
men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is  
above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on  
earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the  
name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus  
Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the  
cross.  
Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name  
above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
king of endless glory!**

**Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56**

*The passion of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to Luke*



**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**  
**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 15th APRIL**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord, for false witnesses rise up against me and they breathe out violence.

**Communion Antiphon:** God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all.

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK 16th APRIL**

**Entrance Antiphon:** At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross: therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.

**A PLACE FOR US IN GOD'S KINGDOM**

The liturgy of Palm Sunday is designed to reflect the dramatic mood swing that accompanies the events of that day when Jesus was triumphantly welcomed into Jerusalem, only to face his rejection and crucifixion a few days later. On one occasion, I experienced the excitement, especially among the children, when a live donkey led the procession into the church. More difficult is the challenge of helping the congregation adjust to the change of mood as we read the Passion a few minutes later.

This year the Passion is from Saint Luke. Unlike the Passion of Saint John, which we read on Good Friday, the narratives of Matthew, Mark and Luke are very different. John has Jesus in control: indeed, we could almost say triumphant, as he dies on the cross, "accomplishing" all he had been sent by the Father to achieve.

By contrast, in the synoptic gospels there is little to lift the darkness surrounding the events that lead to Calvary. However, in Luke, who was a doctor and throughout his gospel concentrated on Christ's compassion for the sick and the sinner, there are a few unique encounters, which are worth noting. Firstly, we are told that large numbers of people followed Jesus as he carried his cross.

Turning the attention from himself to them, he said: "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children." Then, after he had been

nailed to the cross, he offers this remarkable prayer to his Father: "Forgive them, they do not know what they are doing." And finally comes the intense exchange with the two criminals who were being executed with him. As one begins to abuse Jesus and challenge him as to whether he is the Christ, the other rebukes him with the reminder that the two of them deserve punishment, at the same time, noting that Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then comes his heartfelt request: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom," and the most wonderful promise in reply: "Today, you will be with me in paradise."

As we enter Holy Week, I suggest that we guard against being overwhelmed by the darkness of the events that surround Christ's Passion or even the darkness we may be experiencing in our own lives and times. Certainly, across the world there is a great deal of tension and anxiety as people view the rise of extremist views along with the dangers of climate change that are beginning to threaten the very existence of our planet. The pope has declared this year a Jubilee Year in which we see ourselves as pilgrims in hope.

Accordingly, I suggest we listen attentively to the Lord, praying to his Father to forgive us, with the promise – also to be found in St John – that he is going to prepare a place for us in his Kingdom, where there will be room for us all!

*Timothy J Buckley CSsR © Majellan Media 2025*

**St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish** promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our parish community.

