



# 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.**

### Pentecost Sunday (C)

*Alleluia*

**8th 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 Blessed Virgin Mary,  
Mother of the Church  
Monday**

**St Barnabas, apostle  
Wednesday**

**St Anthony of Padua  
Friday**

*We invite everyone to our faith community.*



**BAPTISM :** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Arlo Mitchell and Ayla Frankie Bryant** children of Mitchell and Reanna.

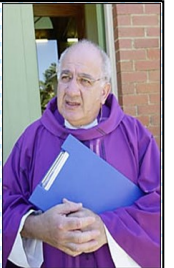


**FUNERAL NOTICE:** Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Father Peter Karam** who has sadly passed away.

Father Peter has been a highly respected priest of the Diocese for 58 years. He was ordained in St Mary's Church, Casino on the 23rd July 1967.

A Requiem Mass will be held **next Saturday 14th June, 2025 at 2.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.**

*'Eternal Rest grant unto him O Lord. May he rest in Peace'*



#### '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 on Saturday 21st June in St Francis Xavier Parish Church.



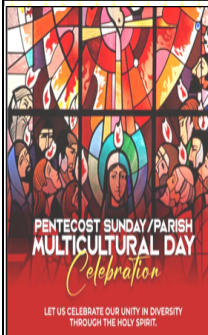
#### PENTECOST MULTICULTURAL MASS AND CELEBRATION

**TODAY SUNDAY 8TH JUNE ~ 9.00 am  
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**

Come dressed in the traditional clothes from your ancestral country and please bring a plate of traditional food to share for morning tea following Mass in the grounds of the Church.

Please share this invitation with your family members, neighbours and friends. Parishioners new to our parish are warmly invited to attend.

*Everyone is very welcome to participate*



**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.*

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY:** This **Monday 9th 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.

**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](mailto:pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au)

**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

**Holy Trinity Sunday Year C: 14th/15th June 2025**  
**Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15**

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Mick Vella Yvonne Head</i>	Courtney Hyde Emma McFadden	Richard Goss Wendy Hughes	Leanne Robbins Maxine Cole
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Trish Bazar Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Maddy Pride</i>	<i>Tony Nilon Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Gemma Duffy</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Ron Hughes Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Father Peter Karam, Sr Aileen Larkin RSM, Dr David Cody, (*Hobart, formerly of Ballina*), Michele Thorman, Frank Grotowski, Dot Egan, **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME:** Aileen Reen, Dr Norman Rogers, Mavis Timmins, Vic Norris, Peter Weston, Cenon Ibrrientos, Danuta Grima, Silvio Climich, Vittorio Bogna,

**AND ALSO FOR:** *Nancy Ross, Tegan White, 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 LeFevre (*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 members, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025**

<b>10th June</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>10th June</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00</b>	<b>Devotion to the Holy Face <i>Lennox Head</i></b>
<b>11th June</b>	<b>Wednesday 8.00 am</b>	<b>menAlive <i>Lennox Head</i></b>
<b>12th June</b>	<b>Thursday 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Season 2 The Chosen <i>MTR</i></b>
<b>21st June</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm</b>	<b>Parish First Holy Communion</b>
<b>23rd June</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>29th June</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>'Thank you' Cuppa for <i>Fr Anselm</i></b>
<b>5th/6th July</b>	<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b>	<b>Vinnies Winter Appeal</b>
<b>28th July</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Bible timeline Adam to Jesus</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 Erick**

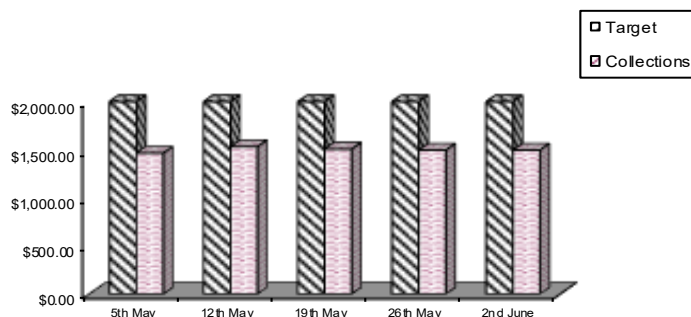
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARATELY AT MASS COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to 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 - 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>	\$ 971.80
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 332.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,496.50
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





## The Holy Spirit in all of us

Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the events of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples who were gathered. They were alone, waiting and wondering. Jesus had ascended into heaven. Now, at Pentecost, there was the coming of the Advocate, the Paraclete, as promised by Jesus at the Last Supper before his death.

The Feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

On this day the Church came into being and, gifted with and inspired by the Holy Spirit, it now began its mission to proclaim "the marvels of God" (Acts 2:11) to the whole world.

The Book of Acts speaks in dramatic terms of the actual event of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. There was a mighty wind and tongues of fire and, much to everyone's astonishment, suddenly the disciples "were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech" (Acts 2:4).

St Paul, in his Letter to the Romans, then reminds us that, as followers of Christ, the Holy Spirit has made a home and dwells in each of us. St Paul describes how this indwelling radically transforms our very identity. It means that we are not just followers of Christ but beloved children of God and, as children, we are heirs! We are heirs with Christ, sharing the blessings of his resurrection.

St Paul urges us to live by the Spirit, for "everyone who is moved by the Spirit is a son of God" (Rom 8:14). It is the Spirit in us who teaches us to pray, "Abba! Father!"

Today's readings culminate with a text from John's Gospel reminding us of the role of the Holy Spirit in our personal daily lives and in the life of the Church. The Holy Spirit is an advocate who will guide us and remind us of all that Jesus taught. Jesus promises that "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you" (Jn: 14:26).

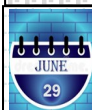
But John's Gospel tells us something even more profound when Jesus promises that "if anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and *we shall come to him and make our home with him*" (Jn 14:23).

This is grace: it is God, the Trinity of three divine persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, making their home in us, abiding in us, and, little by little, transforming us and conforming us ever more closely into God's image. Little by little we more clearly see the world and everything in it as God sees it. And the fruit of this grace in our lives is good works ... works for the coming of the Kingdom, works of compassion, hospitality and love.

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**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS** Tuesday 10th June 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.

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



**SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 29TH JUNE**  
**'Thank you' Morning tea from our Parish for**  
**Father Anselm, following the 9.00 am Mass.**

**Please note: TAIZE** will be in recess for the month of June. Date of return to be advised

### 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](http://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*

**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.

### PRAYER GROUPS IN OUR PARISH

#### **Christian Meditation**

**Group:** Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries please contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday.

**Prayer of the Church & Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am Ballina

**CCR:** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm

in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029.

**Taizé:** Every second Monday SFX Church from 12.00 noon.

**Marian Cenacle:** Monday 10.30 am Anawim Room.

**Parish Youth Group:** 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Upper Room Parish Admin Building **Sunday evenings.**

**Ladies Rosary:** 1st Tuesday of the month 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438435 566

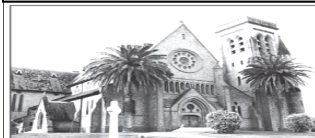
**You are welcome.**

**REFLECTION :** We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic in-breaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

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**First Reading: Acts 2:1-11***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.)** Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!  
 Lord God, how great you are,  
 How many are your works, O Lord!  
 The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

2. You take back your spirit, they die,  
 returning to the dust from which they came.  
 You send forth your spirit, they are created.  
 and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!  
 May the Lord rejoice in his works!  
 May my thoughts be pleasing to him.  
 I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:8-17***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the

unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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

Come, Holy Spirit; fill the hearts of your faithful  
 and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: John 14:15-16,23-26***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John*

Jesus said to his disciples

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.  
 I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate  
 to be with you for ever.  
 If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will  
 love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with  
 him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.  
 And my word is not my own; it is the word of the one who  
 sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the  
 Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my  
 name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I  
 have said to you.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 10th JUNE AND THURSDAY 12th 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 .

**WEDNESDAY 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 13th JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you:  
 He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

**Our Parish say's**

**to our parish community  
 for supporting and  
 promoting safeguarding.**