



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH  
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*

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR A

PARISH NOTICES

24th MAY 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 MASS  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
12.00 NOON

ADORATION FRIDAY  
11.00 AM TO 11.45 AM  
**EUCCHARIST28**

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

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### FEAST DAY

Our Lady Help  
of Christians

Monday



*The Church honours with special love Mary,  
the mother of God, throughout the month of May.*



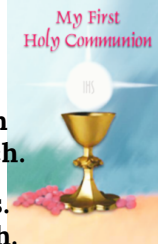
### 'WELCOME' 2026 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES AND THIER FAMILIES TO OUR 5.30 PM PARISH VIGIL MASS

We welcome each candidate and their family to our  
weekend Vigil Mass.

Children of our parish will receive their First Holy Communion on  
Sunday 14th June at the 9.00am Mass, in St Francis Xavier Church.

Please keep our First Holy Communion Children in your prayers.  
'PRAY FOR ME' cards can be taken from the basket in the Church.

*Thank you.*



### CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY MEETING

THIS Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3.00 pm  
Education Centre at Crowley Care.



Please consider attending as you will  
be assisting the Aged Care Centre.

All welcome

### PARISH 'CUPPA'

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June, following the  
9.00 am and 11.00 am

Masses in the grounds of St  
Francis Xavier Church.

All are welcome

### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Today throughout the world we celebrate the birthday of the Church.  
In our parish we will enjoy the many cultures within our faith community.  
Following the 9.00 am Mass today we will share cultural food and admire the  
colourful traditional dress from international countries.



*All parishioners are welcome to this annual parish event.*

**YOU are most welcome to join our PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE THIS Sunday  
from Lennox Head Church at 12:30 pm OR from Sharp's Beach car park at  
2.00 pm OR from Lighthouse Beach car park at 4.00 pm.**

**We plan to arrive at St Francis Xavier Church at 5.00 pm where lifts back to  
your cars will be available.**

**THE FINAL NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE will take place at this weekends  
Masses. This weekend will ask you which age group you fall in: 0-17, 18-29, 30-49,  
50-69, 70+**

**At the end of the survey, the results will be collated, submitted and the findings will  
be published at a future date.**

*Thank you for you cooperation.*

### UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2026

- **Monday 25th May 10.30 am Cenacle Anawim Room**
- **Crowley Auxiliary Meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May 3.00pm**
- **Tuesday 26th May 10.00 am Cherry Coffee**
- **Devotion to the Holy Face Tuesday 26th May 10.00 am Holy Family Church**
- **Taize Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 12.00 noon**
- **Ladies Rosary Tuesday 2nd June 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438 435 566**
- **menALIVE Wednesday 3rd June 8.00 am Rise Cafe Lennox Head**
- **Forum with Father Erick Friday 5th June 2.00 pm MTR Parish Admin**
- **Parish Cuppa Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June following 9.00 am and 11.00 am Masses**
- **First Holy Communion Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 9.00 am Mass**

Trinity Sunday Year A: 30th/31st May 2026

Readings: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Psalm Daniel 3:52-56; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

	5.30 pm Vigil Mass	7.30 am Mass LH	9:00 am Mass	11:00 am Mass
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 2nd Reader	XCC XCC	Marie Sullivan Damien Kennedy	Richard Goss Tony Hunter	Warwick Manning Maxine Cole
EMOHC	XCC Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Gifts			.....	
Sacristan	Monica Anderson	Marie Sullivan	David Derrick	Lea Lane
Announcer	Peter Bowen	Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay	Bernadette McQuillan
Laptop	XCC		Jo Hurley	Maxine Cole

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Dr Sally Towns (Brisbane), Eldon Wright, Helen Johnston, Andrew Wotton, Audrey Lovett

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Michele Thorman, John McCoy, Frank Cumiskey, Bernadine van Nispen, Shirley Parr, Jean Shay, Cecilia Condon, Aub Sainsbury

**AND ALSO FOR:** Jozefa Jarzynski, Danzil Seabrook, Grant McCoy, Philippe Picquet, Dympna Sheehy, Phillip Dykes, Marj and 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 Kerlake, 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:** Jan Buning, Ros Spiteri, Mele Taufaeva, Julia Paden, Samantha Anderson, Brian Dye, Andrea Bernabey, Caceres family, Gustavo Caceres, Daniel Freeman, 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*

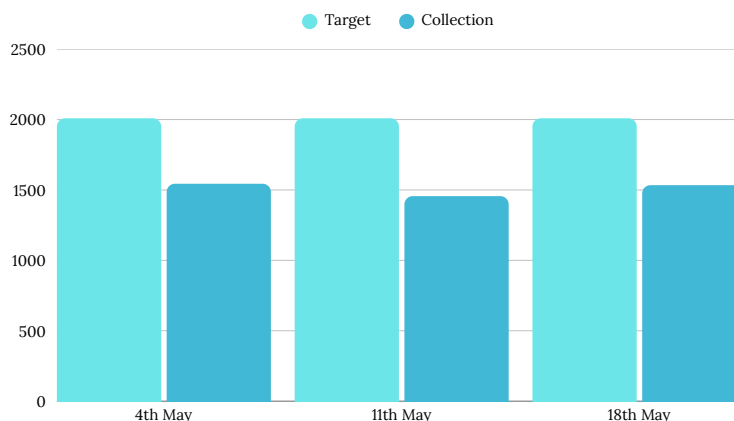
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARATELY AT MASS COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to 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 3.65% PER ANNUM - 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
1st Collection	Support clergy	\$983.40
2nd Collection Support of the Parish	Loose Plate	\$343.05
	Planned Giving	\$1,534.90
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



**Diocesan Investment Fund**

**INTEREST RATE—3.65%** FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND OUR CURRENT INTEREST RATE, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE [WWW.DIF.ORG.AU](http://WWW.DIF.ORG.AU) OR CONTACT US ON 1800 802 516

## EVERY DAY IS A PENTECOST

At Pentecost, Jesus' confused disciples were gathered and locked in a room. Fear and suspicion filled the air. There was more perspiration than inspiration! The disciples were afraid that they would suffer the same fate as their Master. They listened and waited for the mob to arrive. They hoped that no one would discover their hiding place.

In contrast, there's the powerful image of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is not halted by locked doors or locked hearts. The Spirit is not excluded from the vulnerable parts of people's lives. When the Spirit came upon the disciples, it wasn't like a gentle breeze, but more like a cyclonic wind that flattens everything in its path.

The Spirit fires the disheartened disciples with new energy, enthusiasm and authority. The divine wind swept them off their feet, and drove them out of hiding. The divine fire set them ablaze with zeal for God's Kingdom and empowered them for their mission. They go out into the world, and fearlessly proclaim the gospel with its message of peace and forgiveness.

At first the crowd is confused, "because each one heard the disciples speaking in his own language". Something had happened to change the disciples' outlook and behaviour. The crowd's second reaction is amazement: "are not all these people who are speaking Galileans." Yet everyone understood what the disciples were saying.

When that happened, there was communion, whereas before there had been misunderstanding and division. The disciples' 'broke through' to people, and spoke a deeper and more personal language that's actually in all of us, and which so rarely gets spoken. It's a language in search of meaning and understanding. It's music in search of a melody. It's words in search of a story. It's a blank canvas in search of beauty and creativity. It's the language of the Holy Spirit.

The blaze that began at Pentecost has continued across the centuries, growing, spreading, scorching. At times, humanity has tried to avoid or escape it; and tried to ignore the beauty and disturbance of the Spirit's power and energy. We've tried to tame or dilute it into a cosy, domesticated faith, rather than subject ourselves to the Spirit's transforming and purifying fire.

But, try as we might, the Spirit blows where it will. The Spirit cannot be captured or contained; it's not conservative or liberal, it's not 'us or them.' The Spirit is free. The Spirit is everywhere, and is especially alive in us; sending us out into the world like the disciples and empowering us to bring peace and forgiveness wherever life takes us. Every day is a Pentecost.

David J Hore CSsR © Majellan Media 2026

## 'WELCOME' home Father Peter

We trust you have had a wonderful rest and enjoyed your time away.

We look forward to seeing you around the parish over the coming weeks.

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

## VOCATIONS VIEW

**Do you know a Catholic man, aged between 18-35, whom God may be calling to the priesthood?**

**Perhaps God is asking you to be the voice to prompt that man to consider the quiet whisper he already hears in his heart.**

**Ask someone if they have considered the call.**

[vocations@lismore.catholic.org](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org)

## FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Entrance Antiphon:** The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit of God dwelling within us.

**Communion Antiphon:** As the Father loves me, so I also love you; remain in my love.

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY AND FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.



**National Reconciliation Week - 27th May to 3rd June 2026 - is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to recommit ourselves to reconciliation.**

**Reconciliation Australia turns 25 this year and our 25th anniversary presents a renewed invitation to all of us to lift our actions and commitment for major change.**

**Reconciliation Australia will continue to prioritise engagement with Australia's multicultural and linguistically diverse communities.**

<https://www.reconciliation.org.au>

**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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au). The May Newsletter is now available.



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

**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: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

*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 20:19-23**

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,  
they are forgiven:

for those whose sins you retain,  
they are retained.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**PARISH CONTACTS**

**Parish Administration Centre:** 53-57 Cherry Street Ballina Phn 02 6681 1048 P.O. Box 46 Ballina 2478  
email: admin@sfxballina.org.au Office hours Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.30 pm

**Parish website:** [www.sfxballina.org.au](http://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