



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.**

Saints Peter & Paul Sunday (C)

29th 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 THIS WEEK
TUESDAY AND FRIDAY ONLY
12.00 noon Ballina**

**NO PARISH MASS ON
WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY**

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 Thomas, apostle
Thursday

St Elizabeth of Portugal
Friday

We invite everyone to our faith community.

**NO 12.00 NOON MASS THIS WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY
AND THURSDAY 3RD JULY**



BAPTISM : Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:

Marlow and Zoe Kate Bordin children of Matthew and Jessie;

Lucy Enid Toogood daughter of Matt and Hayley;

Rusty Daniel and Andie Lisa Hines children of Guy and Samantha;

Jagger James Isaac son of Martin and Nicole.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CONNECT NEWSLETTER

Do not forget to pick up your **FREE** copy of the parish 'CONNECT' from our Churches or download from the Parish website . Keep up to date with all our Parish activities.

DEATH NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Father Michael Brady** who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held **on Thursday 3rd July 2025**

at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Tweed Heads at 11.00 am.



PETER'S PENCE SUNDAY: 'Peter's Pence' Sunday is this weekend 28th/29th June. This is the annual offering to our Holy Father, Pope Leo XVI, for the works of charity supported by the Holy See. Envelopes are available in the church pews.



PARISH 'THANK YOU CUPPA' FOR FATHER ANSELM
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
This Sunday 29th June, following the 9.00 am Mass.
Everyone is welcome.



**Charismatic Healing Mass 3.00 pm ~ Next Sunday~
6th July, 2025 ~ Celebrant Father Erick Quinteros
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.**

**BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
2025 WINTER APPEAL ~
NEXT WEEKEND 5th/6th JULY**



Envelopes will be available. Every dollar can make a difference.

Online details: BSB: 062 000, Account No: 1988 9862,

Ref No : 43450. Donations can also be left at the Vinnies Shop 7 Martin Street, Ballina. Thinking of becoming a Ballina SVdP Conference Volunteer, phn Rosette Leo (co-ordinator) 0490 258 139.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR
are available for collection at the back of the both Churches.

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

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

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

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Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; **Email:** admin@sfxballina.org.au

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:
SCHOOLS:**

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

St Francis Xavier Primary: Principal: Mr Tony Hunter - 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

Holy Family Primary: Principal: Mr Murray Deeps - 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Xavier Catholic College: Principal: Mr Lee MacMaster - 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

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

AGED CARE:

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

14th Sunday Year C: 5th/6th July 2025 Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12,17-20				
	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Jeanette Wilkins John Jarzynski	Jean Mackay Angela Beglin	Gemma Duffy Wendy Hughes	Warwick Manning Tony Hunter
EMOHC	Mick Vella Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Deacon Anthony Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
Offertory Procession			Amy Derrick & Frank	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Kearns, Dympna Sheehy, Father Michael Brady, Graeme Douglas, Michael McNamara, Barry McIntosh, Richard Donnelly, Maureen Flanagan, Father Peter Karam, Sr Aileen Larkin RSM, Dr David Cody OAM,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: George Pardon, George Saaib, Betty McNiff, Sharon Lee McNiff-Parkes, Margaret Grant, Anne Moreland 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: Loretta Gardiman (Sydney), 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 LeFève (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 Kneightly (Inverell), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family,

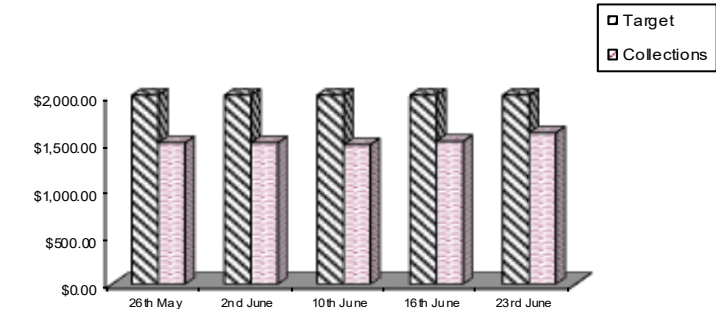
UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025		
30th June	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
1st July	Tuesday 10.00 am	‘Cherry’ Coffee
1st July	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face <i>Lennox Head</i>
3rd July	Thursday 2.00 pm	Season 3 The Chosen MTR
5th/6th July	Saturday & Sunday	Vinnies Winter Appeal
6th July	Sunday 9.45 am & 11.45 am	Parish Cuppa Church Grounds
6th July	Sunday 3.00 pm	Charismatic Healing Mass
13th July	Sunday 5.00 pm	Youth Mass
14th July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music
28th July	Mondays 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm	Bible timeline Adam to Jesus
28th July	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting

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	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,152.35
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 312.85
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,602.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



Our early Church martyrs

In this week's gospel reading (Matthew 16:13), Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?". The disciples offer various answers, including that some believe Jesus to be John the Baptist, Elijah, or Jeremiah.

However, when Jesus presses further, asking, "But what about you? Who do you say I am?", it is Simon Peter who responds emphatically, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

This confession of faith is a pivotal moment in the gospels. Peter, inspired by divine revelation, recognises Jesus not just as a prophet but as the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God. Jesus' response to Peter's declaration is both affirming and momentous. He tells Peter, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven." Jesus then declares that Peter is the rock upon which He will build His Church: "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

The name "Peter" itself comes from the Greek word *petros*, meaning "rock," which establishes a direct connection to Jesus' words. The passage continues with Jesus giving Peter the "keys of the kingdom of heaven," granting him authority to bind and loose on earth, as it will be in heaven. This confers a unique leadership role on Peter in the early Church, establishing his primacy and special role among the apostles. The roles of Saints Peter and Paul in the early Church are central to understanding the growth and spread of Christianity. Both apostles are foundational figures, each contributing uniquely to the establishment of Christian teaching and community.

Peter is often considered the first pope of the Roman Catholic Church, based on the belief that Jesus entrusted him with the authority to lead His Church. Peter's leadership and his martyrdom in Rome further solidify his position as a central figure in Christian tradition.

Peter's role as the rock upon which the Church is built signifies stability, continuity, and faithfulness in Christ's mission. The Church sees Peter's authority, symbolised by the keys of the kingdom, as essential in guiding the faithful and preserving the integrity of Christian teaching.

While Peter was the leader of the early Church, Paul was the great missionary who brought Christianity to the Gentiles. He too was martyred. Paul's letters (Epistles) form a significant portion of the New Testament, shaping Christian doctrine, ethics, and theology. His conversion from Saul, a persecutor of Christians, to Paul, an ardent missionary, serves as a powerful testimony to the transformative power of Christ. Paul's deep theological insights, especially concerning grace, salvation, and the nature of the Church, made him instrumental in spreading Christianity beyond its Jewish roots.

Though Peter and Paul had different missions, their combined efforts were crucial to the growth and establishment of the early Church. Their martyrdoms – both in Rome, under the reign of Emperor Nero – are commemorated each year on June 29th.

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FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Peter Kearns** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held **at 3.00 pm on Wednesday 2nd July 2025 at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head.**



TWO INSPIRING DAYS WITH MITCH

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KINGSCLIFF PARISH

 **Date:**
Wednesday,
16th July

 **Time:**
9:00 AM –
11:00 AM

 **Includes**
Morning Tea

 **Location:**
Kingscliff Parish

BALLINA PARISH

 **Thursday,**
17 July
Upper Room

 **Time:**
9:00 AM –
11:00 AM

 **Includes**
Morning Tea

 **Location:**
Ballina Parish

To register phn Parish Office 6681 1048

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



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First Reading: Acts 12:1-11*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**

3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **(R.)****Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES
TUESDAY 1st JULY ~ ~FRIDAY 4th JULY 2025

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**THURSDAY 3rd JULY 2025 ~ FEAST OF ST THOMAS, APOSTLE** *no mass at SFX***Entrance Antiphon:** You are my God, and I confess you; you are my God, and I exalt you; I will thank you, for you became my saviour.**Communion Antiphon:** Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.**PARISH YOUTH MASS TO BEGIN IN JULY**

Once a month beginning **Sunday 13th July** our parish will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church. Youth aged from 12 to 17 years are welcome to celebrate and encourage their families and friends to come to this Mass and celebrate with the faith filled youth of our parish.

Everyone is welcome**Vocations Ministry:** Thank you to all who have volunteered as **Vocations Prayer Champions**.

At 9.00 am we have 77 people at prayer and at 6.00 pm we have 39 people. You can sign up to be a Vocations Prayer Champion at vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au Pray one glory be, one hail Mary and one Our Father for an increase in priestly vocations. **This month ask someone** if they have considered a vocation as a priest, deacon or religious. Ask them to contact Vocations Ministry Lismore via the email above or phone 02 6681 1048.

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. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or vulnerable people at risk.

