



# 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 Ascension of the Lord (C)

# Alleluia

**1st 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**

+++++  
Feast Days

**Sts Marcellinus & Peter  
Monday**

**St Charles Lwanga &  
Companions,  
Tuesday**

**St Boniface, bishop  
Thursday**

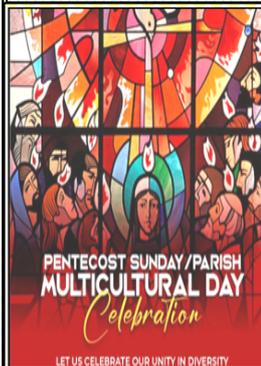
*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

'WELCOME' to our Parish  
Father Erick.  
We hope your time with us will be happy and rewarding.

**'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 Saturday 21st June  
in St Francis Xavier Parish Church  
at the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

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.*



### PENTECOST MULTICULTURAL MASS AND CELEBRATION

**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.



**Charismatic Healing Mass ~ Pentecost Eve  
2.00 pm ~ Saturday ~ 7<sup>th</sup> June, 2025  
Celebrant Father Erick Quinteros  
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.**

**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](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**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

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

**Pentecost Sunday Year C: 7th/8th June 2025**  
**Readings: Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; Romans 8:8-17; John 4:15-16,23-26**

	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Bryan Marriott John Jarzynski</i>	Michael Piccoli Amanda Deeps	Nicole Sullivan Margaret Tay	Warwick Manning Brendon Clarke
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Cheryl Bowen Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maxine Cole</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Greg, Katie &amp; Family</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Dr David Cody, (*Hobart, formerly of Ballina*), Michele Thorman Frank Grotowski, Dot Egan, Jenny McCormack Len Moore,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Josefa Jarzynski, John McCoy, Bill McDermott, Andrew Ellis, George Young, George Paden,  
**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'Fevé (*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 Nobbs, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden,

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025**

<b>1st June</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am &amp; 11.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Cuppa</b>
<b>2nd June</b>	<b>Monday 10.30 am</b>	<b>Marian Cenacle Anawim Room</b>
<b>3rd June</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>3rd June</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00</b>	<b>Devotion to the Holy Face Lennox Head</b>
<b>5th June</b>	<b>Thursday 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Season 2 The Chosen MTR</b>
<b>7th June</b>	<b>Saturday 2.00pm</b>	<b>Healing Mass SFX Church</b>
<b>8th June</b>	<b>Sunday 9.am Mass</b>	<b>Pentecost Sunday Multi-Cultural Mass Celebration</b>
<b>21st June</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm</b>	<b>Parish First Holy Communion</b>
<b>29th June</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>'Thank you' Cuppa for Fr Anselm</b>

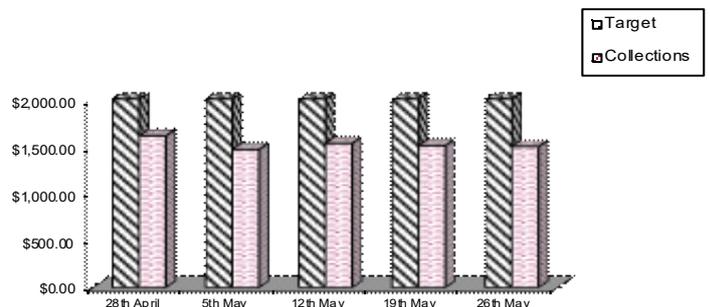
**THANK YOU to all Parishioners** for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father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

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 857.60
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 444.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,496.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



**A shared responsibility for God's mission**

The Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote famous operas such as *La Boheme*, *Madama Butterfly* and *Tosca*. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write *Turandot*, which many consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy. When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish *Turandot*, I want you to finish it." He died of a heart attack in 1924, leaving the work unfinished.

His disciples gathered all that was written for *Turandot*, studied it in detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. The world premier was in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Maestro Arturo Toscanini, Puccini's favourite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully, until Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini.

He stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "Thus far the master wrote, but he died." There was a long pause; no one moved. Toscanini then picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "But his disciples finished his work." The opera closed to thunderous applause and has found a permanent place in the annals of great operas.

The Easter season concludes the public life of Jesus, but before he returns to the Father, he gathers his disciples. He asks them to be his witnesses to the world and continue his ministry by proclaiming the good news and under the influence of the Holy Spirit calling people to newness of life.

The feast of the ascension reminds us of our collective responsibility for mission. We are baptised into the community of believers and share an identity, but life as Catholic Christians is a call to share the mission of Jesus.

We may think that mission and evangelisation are the responsibility of clergy and religious, but they are the responsibility of all the baptised. Pope Francis consistently emphasises that the Church does not engage in proselytising but grows through "attraction" and the witness of lived faith, is how we best share the gospel message and invite others to follow Christ.

Jesus is no longer physically among us, but he reminds us that he journeys with us and that the Holy Spirit accompanies us in our journey through life.

Bearing witness does not necessarily mean speaking about our beliefs, although this is what happened with the first disciples. It means integrity of life where our actions match our words. It may also mean on occasion being willing to engage in dialogue with others who do not share our belief, but who have questions. Dialogue is an essential part of witness to our belief. Like the first disciples of Jesus and Puccini's disciples, it is our task to bring their work to completion.

Michael A Kelly CSsR © Majellan Media 2025

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS** Tuesday 3rd June 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.

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



**PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, THIS Sunday 1st June, following the 9.00 am Mass and the 11.00 am Mass. Everyone is very welcome to come and meet Father Erick.**

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

**POSITION VACANT**

**St Anne's Long Day Care Centre** is seeking a cook to work on Wednesdays 7.00 am—2.00 pm to prepare and cook meals for children Birth to 5 yrs of age (76 in total attend on Wednesdays). Position to commence **Wednesday 4th June.**

Please contact Narelle Dewhurst 66875961 or [ndewhurst@stannesldcc.org.au](mailto:ndewhurst@stannesldcc.org.au) for further information.

**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*



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

**BIBLE TIMELINE**

**From Adam to Jesus ~ 8 sessions commencing 28th July to 22nd September further information to follow**

**PENTECOST PILGRIMAGE SUNDAY JUNE 8TH**

**SCAN HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION**

THE PILGRIMAGE WILL TAKE PLACE IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS  
 PORT MACQUARIE - COFFS HARBOUR - BALLINA



**Invest with peace of mind**

[www.dif.org.au](http://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: Acts 1:1-11***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.**

1. All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R)**

3. God is king of all the earth.  
Sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R)**

**Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

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

Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Luke 24:46-53***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.

'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 3rd JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As gold in the furnace, the Lord put his chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, he took them to himself; and in due time they will be honoured, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his holy ones, alleluia.

**WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE**

**Entrance Antiphon:** All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** When the Paraclete comes, whom I will send you, the Spirit of Truth who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness to me, and you also will bear witness, says the Lord, alleluia.

**THURSDAY 5th JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST BONIFACE**

**Entrance Antiphon:** This Saint went as far as death, handing over his life to destruction for the work of Christ, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever loses his life for the sake of the Gospel will save it, says the Lord, alleluia.

**FRIDAY 6th JUNE**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Christ loved us and washed us clean of our sins by his Blood, and made us into a kingdom, priests for his God and Father, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** When the Spirit of truth comes, he will teach you all truth, says the Lord, alleluia.

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

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email:

safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au.

or the Ballina Parish Administration office : Phn 6681 1048 : email admin@sfxballina.org.au

A copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter is available from the Safeguarding information stand in the foyer of the Church.

