

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.**

**11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

18th June, 2023

**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**

RECONCILIATION

**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church**



Feast Days

**St Aloysius Gonzaga
Wednesday**

**Sts John Fisher &
Thomas Moore
Thursday**

**The Nativity of
St John the Baptist
Saturday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Kalisha Linh Turner** daughter of Kalo and Nhien; **Theodore Richard and Oziki Robert Michael Willott** sons of Luke and Victoria.

**‘CONGRATULATIONS’
CLAUDIA LOZANO, OLIVER LOZANO,
BRENDAN BEDDING, GEOFF JOHANNES
AND LUKE WILLOTT**



***Received into the fullness of Communion with the Catholic faith
this Sunday.***

God continually calls new members to His family, the Church. Our parish community is blessed today with the presence of Claudia, Oliver, Brendan, Geoff and Luke who are now full members of the Catholic Church.

Love and prayers from all the parish.

*Following the 9.00 am Mass there will be a ‘Welcome Morning Tea’.
Everyone is invited to stay and meet the new members of our faith community.*

PETER'S PENCE SUNDAY

‘Peter's Pence’ Sunday will take place next weekend 24th/25th June. This is the annual offering to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the works of charity supported by the Holy See.
Envelopes will be available in the church pews.



ST ANNE'S LONG DAY CARE CENTRE, SKENNARS HEAD

URGENTLY seeking Early Childhood Educators to work full time or part-time. Please contact Narelle Dewhurst – 6687 5961 or email: narelle@stannesldcc.org.au



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY: The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 26th June 2.00 pm,** Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre.
You will be most Welcome!

*Please note the change of time to **2.00 pm** for the winter months.*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the 2023/24 Financial Year are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches in alphabetical order.

PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS Saturday Evening Dinner in Lennox Head
Club Lennox 6.30 pm Saturday 24th June No need to book ~ Everyone is welcome.

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 (long service leave)

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke (acting parish administrator)

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

Pastoral Associate: John Kearney Email: john@sfxballina.org.au

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

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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

ROSTER: 12th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A: 24th/25th June, 2023
Readings: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Psalm 68; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Abbie Beecher Dan Gubby</i>	<i>Jean Mackay Angela Beglin</i>	<i>Annette Reen Gary Reen</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Maxine Cole</i>
EMOHC	<i>Tamara Gubby</i>	<i>Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Mary Goss Ron Hughes</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Judy Conson,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Reba Smidt, Richard Nagle, Maria Potter,
AND ALSO FOR: Bernardien van Nispen, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Bill & Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all faithful departed.

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Bill Duffy, Neville Johnston, John Keightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Elizabeth Walsh (*Ireland*) Virginia Kohlback and family, Michael Hains, Ronald Windall, Jones & Skimmings family members, Abby Barrie (*Tasmania*) Tanya White, Isabel Margarita Jorquera, Carlos Solar, Joan Flew, Tony Smith, Hugo Long (*infant Brisbane*), Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Aoife Stephenson (*Brisbane*), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunt* Julia Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Please advise if a name is to be removed if good health has been restored).

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

20th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club
21st June	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am 7.00 to 8.30 pm	Journey through the Bible St Teresa Room
24th June	Saturday 6.30 pm	Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox
26th June	Monday 2.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Monthly Meeting
1st/2nd July	Weekend Masses	St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
2nd July	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa' (SVdP to host)
23rd July	Sunday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Women's Reflection Day
10th September	Sunday 12.00 noon	Parish Spring Lunch Cherry Street Bowling Club

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.

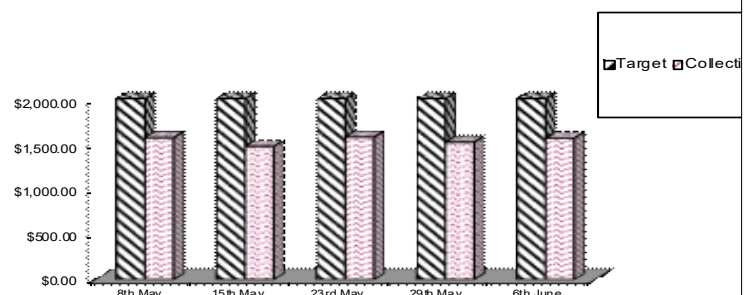
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218
- Please ensure you **use your Planed Giving number as reference**, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.

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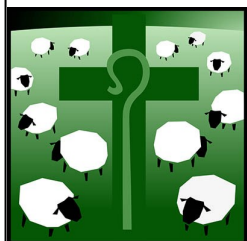
BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, L J Hooker 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 -
 Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

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



A MISSION THAT INCLUDES ALL PEOPLES



Our call to be “missionary disciples of Jesus” is based on the Exodus experience of the Jewish people. Yes, God enables the Jews to be liberated from slavery, but much more is at stake. God addresses Moses like an earthly king pledging to confer on Israel the dignity of a “priestly kingdom” and a “consecrated nation”. The Israelites, on their part, are called to pledge themselves to God’s law which is about to be given them in the Ten Commandments.

Guess what? The Jews were not always faithful to this new covenant that God made with them. Yet, despite this, we learn from today’s Psalm that God remains faithful and merciful; moreover, God continues to care and protect his people as a shepherd guides his flock.

The writers of the Jewish Scriptures are at pains to point out that, despite the failure of the people of the Covenant to live by the Law, God does not give up. Indeed, as the Psalmist tells us: “How good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love; God is forever faithful.” The extent of God’s faithful and forgiving love is made evident in Paul’s Letter to the Romans. St Paul tells us that God sends his own Son to live among us and die for us. A new covenant is formed to promote the offer of life and salvation not just to the Jewish people, but to all who acknowledge Jesus Christ as Lord and strive to live out their faith in loving service of others.

Importantly, this offer of a new covenant for all people does not nullify God’s first covenant made with the Jews. This highlights the importance of Jewish-Christian dialogue as a way of understanding the multiple ways God is present among all people calling them to fulness of life. Such dialogue also points to the importance of the Jewish Scriptures for our proper understanding of the God of Jesus Christ in the New Testament.

This brings us to today’s gospel by Matthew who is very much writing for a Jewish-Christian audience. Matthew had already introduced us to Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount and to some of his healing miracles. Today we see Jesus inviting disciples – we are even given names of the prominent Twelve – to assist him in his mission of the Kingdom. Such mission is in full continuity with God’s mission to Israel. Jesus even uses the words of Moses stating that “the people are like sheep without a shepherd.”

But what are we to make of Jesus’ words to the disciples to avoid “pagan territory” and “Samaritan towns” but, rather, “go to the lost sheep of the House of Israel”? We need to know that Jesus, as the Baptist before him, saw his own mission focussed on the “twelve tribes of Israel”. It is only after the death and resurrection of Jesus that the disciples are empowered by the Spirit to see their mission is for all people regardless of race, nationality or ethnicity.

Gerard Hall SM

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In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop: Bookings are now open for pilgrims to participate in the popular Australian National Pilgrimage: In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop run by Mary MacKillop Place and The Sisters of Saint Joseph of the Sacred Heart. The next pilgrimage will be running from 17th - 28th October 2023 and will visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop’s life and ministry in Victoria, South Australia and NSW.

The Pilgrimage is led by Sr Anne Bond rsj, a Sister from the Sisters of Saint Joseph, and Mr Garry McLean, the inaugural Director of the Mary MacKillop Heritage Centre, East Melbourne.

Get in early! The current prices are fixed until 30th June 2023. After this date prices may need to be negotiated dependent on oil and fuel costs.

Website: <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/retreats-spirituality/australian-national-pilgrimage>

Email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au Phone: (02) 8912 4818



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Information Session

This Monday 19th June at 7.30 pm (AEST)

Register via our website:

ctc.edu.au/information-session

For more information contact:

Dr Christopher Knauf

ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

Child Protection Issues



If your child is sad but won’t say why, you need to make sure they are safe. Children being bullied or abused may not speak out because they are scared you might get angry, or blame them.

Reassure them and explain you will work with them to fix the problem. If your child tells you something that

needs your urgent action, stay

calm, but do act!

NAPCAN PREVENT CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800

The Kids Helpline is a free 24 hour telephone counselling service for children and young people aged between 5 and 25.



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office -

Phone: (02) 6621 9444 or

Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



PHOTOS from Parish Multi Cultural Sunday can be viewed on the parish website. Go to www.sfxballina.org.au > Noticeboard> Parish Social Gathering.

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

Sisterhood: Monday 11.00 am St Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre.

Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church.

Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

Welcome to our prayer gatherings.



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First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6;*A reading from the book of Exodus*

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) We are his people: the sheep of his flock**

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. **(R.)**

2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **(R.)**

3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11;*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the

death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The kingdom of God is near; repent and believe the Good News!

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mat 9:36-10:8***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**TUESDAY 20th JUNE AND FRIDAY 23rd JUNE**

Entrance Antiphon: O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Communion Antiphon: There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

Entrance Antiphon: The clean of hands and pure of heart shall climb the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place.

Communion Antiphon: God gave them bread from heaven; man ate the bread of Angels.

THURSDAY 22ND JUNE ~ FEAST OF STS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MOORE

Entrance Antiphon: Holy men shed their glorious blood for the Lord; they loved Christ in their life, they imitated him in their death, and therefore were crowned in triumph.

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

Questions: What does it mean to you that we are called to be part of a royal priesthood?

If the primary role of a priest is to minister, then what is your primary role in the church?

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? What does Jesus ask of his disciples? Where might we find a "job description" for a disciple?

What ministries does Scripture call us to?

How can you discover what your ministry is?

How can you share your talents with others?

How can you invite others to share in ministry?

Whose responsibility is it to see that those who are called to ministry receive the training necessary for them to function fully in that ministry?

What should a parish's financial response be to those who are called to ministry in the church?

Do you think there is an injustice done when full or part-time ministers are not paid, or not paid adequately?

What do you see as the future for the Ministry of the laity? Do you see lay ministry as growing within the church community?

Gospel Action: Sit down this week and list all your talents, things that you have been trained to do, natural gifts, or things you like to do. Mark the ones that would benefit your faith community. Volunteer for at least one ministry

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