

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.**

**12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

25th 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

***NO 11.00 AM ADORATION
ON FRIDAY 30TH JUNE***

**There will be Friday
12.00 noon Mass.**

RECONCILIATION
9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church



Feast Days

**St Irenaeus,
Wednesday**

**Sts Peter and Paul
Thursday**

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: **Daisy Mae and Hugo James Fisher-Stamp**, children of Luke and Melissa; **Antonio Peters-Serrato** son of Mitchell and Mileidith.



'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'

Caitlin Whitting & Brendan Bedding
on their Marriage at St Francis Xavier Church, this weekend.
Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Judy Conson** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held this **Friday 30th June at 10.00 am** in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

Lennox Head Committee advises **there will not be a community meeting** this Friday 30th June, 2023 at 9.30 am in the Sacred Heart Room, Lennox Church.

PETER'S PENCE THIS SUNDAY: How you can help: Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the **Peter's Pence Collection**. Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help to build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come. Envelopes are available in the church pews.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY: The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **THIS 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.

New for the Parish: All are welcome to share in **Taizé** at St Francis Xavier's Church every fortnight on Mondays at 12 midday, from 10th July. Sharing the spirit of kindness, simplicity and reconciliation, through prayerful Meditation, Music and Silence. Come as you are.



PARISH 'CUPPA'
Next Sunday 2nd July
following the 9.00 am Mass.
Hosted by SVdP members
Everyone is very welcome.



SINCERE SYMPATHY
Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **John Moreland** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass was held on Thursday 22nd June.

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: 13th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A: 1st/2nd July, 2023

Readings: 2Kings 4:8-11,14-16; Psalm 88; Romans 6:3-4.8-11; Matthew 10:37-42

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Matt Ritchie Jeanette Wilkins	Sue Hetherington Damien Kennedy	Margaret Tay Wendy Hughes	Warwick Manning Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Yvonne Head	Kevin Sullivan	Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Offertory Procession			Cathy Andrews Diane Evans	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Marj Hobbins, John Moreland, Judy Conson, Elizabeth Walsh (Ireland),

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, Virginia Kohlbach 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, Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (Sydney), Aoife Stephenson (Brisbane), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt Julia Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, 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

27th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club
28th June	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am 7.00 to 8.30 pm	Journey through the Bible St Teresa Room
2nd July	Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday	'A new life in Christ'
1st/2nd July	Weekend Masses	St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
2nd July	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa' (SVdP to host)
2nd to 9th July	Naidoc Week	'For our Elders'
23rd July	Sunday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Women's Reflection Day 'Finding God in the chaos of life'
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 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 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.

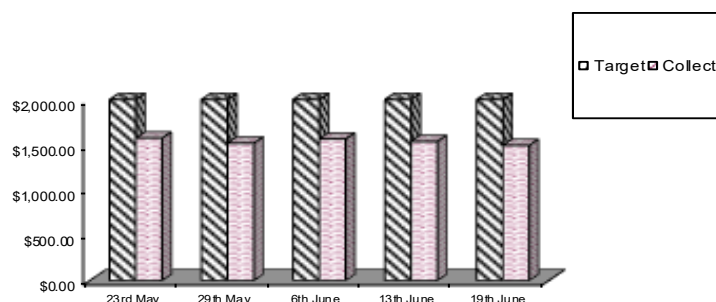
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- 2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish 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.

DIF PAYS 3.20% 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	\$ 848.20
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 396.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,493.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



WE ARE PRECIOUS IN GOD'S EYES



When I was a young boy shopping with my mum, she would remind me when we entered a shop to look but not to touch. She would say, "Those things are expensive. They break easily." Her words have always stayed with me. Expensive items are not to be handled, as high cost equates to fragility. This is a pertinent experience for our everyday lives. When I used to drive an old, damaged car, I didn't really care where I was parked or who was parked next to me. However later, when driving a much newer and more expensive vehicle, I was very careful not to park near the supermarket trolleys or next to an old, battered car like the one I had before. I treated the newer car like a fragile item that could shatter and break. I was so cautious that, in my mind, I bubble-wrapped my car.

So, it is with our lives. Newborn babies are fragile and immensely precious. I have heard young dads and mums share stories about how they held their newborns in their arms or in the palm of their hands and marvelled at their preciousness. As we grow up, our parents naturally try to bubble-wrap us to protect us from dangers around us. Eventually, as we grow and journey through life, the bubble-wrap falls away. But the preciousness of our lives is still there and doesn't detract from the reality that each of us is precious.

That is the message Jesus shares with his disciples in today's gospel passage. "Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why? Every hair on your head has been counted. So, there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows."

Like everyone, I have had hard knocks in my own life. Some of those personal blows were difficult to bounce back from. But, as I recall those times, I remember the pain on my parents' faces; it said it all. If they could have taken my place and spared me the hurt, they would have. And that love and support is what gave me the strength to stand up again. My parents' response provides a glimpse of the love and care that God has demonstrated to us through the life and sacrifice of His son, Jesus. Their love for me exemplifies the immense love God has for each one of us.

God doesn't want us in bubble-wrap: to be seen and not touched. God wants us to live our lives to the full and to do the work we are called to do, helping to build a better world. Jesus encouraged his disciples not to be afraid. We are precious in God's eyes. Even though we can be fragile, precious and vulnerable, God values and loves us and is always by our side.

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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

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

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

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY

'Finding God in the Chaos of Life' with the Missionary of God's Love Sisters
Sunday 23rd July, 2023 in St Francis Xavier Primary School Hall
after celebrating 9.00 am Mass. Morning tea and lunch will be provided.
To register please contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 by Wednesday 19th July.



BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 2023 WINTER APPEAL ~ NEXT WEEKEND 1st/2nd 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. **Thank you.**

HEARING GOD'S CALL: For Catholics, the celebration of the Mass is the centre of their life of faith. Mass is also called Eucharist, a Greek word which means 'to give thanks'. The Eucharist is the heart and soul of the Catholic Church. Without the Eucharist there would not be a Catholic Church.

Catholic Enquiry Centre

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

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

Marian Cenacle: Every Monday at 11.00 am—Anawim Room, Parish Admin Centre, Narelle King Phn 6681 1048

Taizé: Beginning Monday 10th July SFX Church 12.00 noon every fortnight following

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: Jeremiah 20:10-13;*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Lord in your great love answer me.**

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother's sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. **(R.)**

2. This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15;*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human

race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord,
and you also will be my witnesses.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mat 10:26-33***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the
Lord.

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 27th JUNE AND FRIDAY 30th JUNE**

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

WEDNESDAY 28th JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST IRENAEUS

Entrance Antiphon: The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.

Communion Antiphon: Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

THURSDAY 29th JUNE ~ FEAST OF STS PETER AND PAUL

Entrance Antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

Share stories of people who have 'the strength of their convictions'. What does this mean?

- Has there ever been a time when you have had to go against prevailing opinion to stick up for someone or to defend truth or justice? How did it feel? What was the outcome?
- What makes you afraid as you move towards committing yourself to Christ and his church?
- Do you avoid speaking about your journey to faith in case others may think you are 'odd'?
- 'Think of times when you may be tempted to deny Christ: by actions that do not reflect what you really believe; by silence when something really needs to be said; by failing to challenge an injustice. Try this week to witness publicly to your faith, even in simple ways, like saying grace before meals.
- Repeat this phrase often this week.

*'Do not be afraid; I am with you.'**www.cam.org.au/summit*