

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.**

**14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

9th July, 2023

**'Apostleship of the Sea'
Sunday**

**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 Benedict, abbot
Tuesday

St Henry
Thursday

St Camillus de Lellis
Thursday

St Bonaventure
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: **Harrison Rogers** son of Matthew and Jessica; **Leo Jobe Wilson** son of Jason and Amy.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH BALLINA
WARMLY INVITES YOU TO CONNECT AND
REFLECT WITH THE MGL'S



Lunch and morning
tea will be provided.
Please register for
catering purposes.

Women's Reflection Day
Sunday, July 23

Celebrate together at 9 am Mass or join us at St Francis Xavier Primary
School Hall at 10 am for morning tea and Reflection Day with the
Missionary of God's Love Sisters - *Finding God in the Chaos of Life*

To reserve your spot phone the SFX Parish Office
on 66811048 or go to <https://bit.ly/SFXMGLS> to
register online by Wednesday, July 19 2023

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

Christmas
**IN JULY
LUNCHEON**

Thursday 27 July
Crowley Activity Centre
12.30pm - 3.30pm
\$30 per person
BYO Drinks

Please RSVP and pay via cash or card
at Crowley Reception by Thursday 20 July

Please also provide any special dietary
requirements

TICKETS INCLUDE:
CHRISTMAS STYLE LUNCH AND DESSERT
1 X ENTRY INTO THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT



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



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: 15th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A: 15th/16th July, 2023
Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Romans 8:9, 18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Bryan Marriott Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Angela Beglin Jean Mackay</i>	<i>Wendy Hughes Julie McKinnon</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan Warwick Manning</i>
EMOHC	<i>Mick Vella</i>	<i>Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Margaret Tay Denise Miller</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Amy Derrick Frank</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Peter Thurtell, George Pardon, Paolo Micallef (*Italy*), Inez Susanne Jones, Marj Hobbins, John Moreland, Judy Conson, Elizabeth Walsh (*Ireland*),

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Joe Byrne, Thea Harper

AND ALSO FOR: 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: Michael Lyons (*Sydney*), Bill Duffy, Neville Johnston, John Keightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, 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, Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Aoife Stephenson (*Brisbane*), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dymna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* 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.*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

10th July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé SFX Church
12th July	Wednesday 7.00 to 8.30 pm (Final Session)	Journey through the Bible St Teresa Room
18th July	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club
23rd July	Sunday 10.00 am – 3.00 pm	Women's Reflection Day 'Finding God in the chaos of life'
27th July	Thursday 12.30 to 3.30 pm 	'Christmas in July' Luncheon Crowley Activity Centre
29th July	Saturday 6.30 pm	Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox
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**

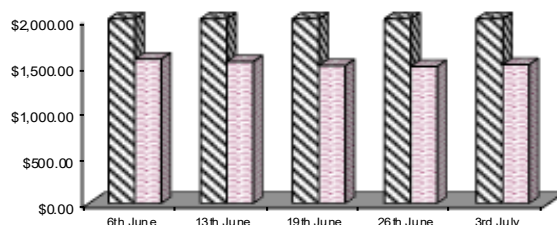
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

- 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.

DIF PAYS 3.70% PER ANNUM ~ EFFECTIVE FROM 1ST JULY 2023
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>	\$ 755.95
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 346.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,504.35
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



□ Target □ Collect



BEING OPEN TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: Failure, shame, regret, are just some of the burdens we're all familiar with. 'Speak with someone today' says a website for women suffering from domestic violence and there's a number to ring. Speak with someone, so that we don't end up isolated, with no one to turn to. As did an asylum seeker recently when two St Vinnies people visited her to give her some vouchers. There was nothing else they could do, but she began to tell her story, to briefly lay down her burden, so they pulled up a chair and listened. They sat with her there, in that moment the three of them becoming human together. In that moment, almost unawares, they began to know God more intimately. It wasn't of their doing but they were open to it. It's grace, in this instance, acting through this woman. It's how the Spirit works in our lives.

In the gospel these are the simple truths which Jesus praises the Father for having revealed to his disciples and we begin to realise that we're not the ones in the know, we're the little ones, like children, in this.

So, we begin to know the Father more intimately through being drawn into relationship with Jesus; by shouldering his yoke and learning from him. It's a little like a trainer whose task is to help get you fitter and subsequently feel more alive. The reason we do it is to get fitter, or to better contribute to a team, but then we discover we're better able to contribute to the building up of the local church, week by week drawn into being part of something bigger.

In the second reading Paul affirms that it's not through our own efforts that we're able to do this. It's only as we learn what it is to be human from Jesus, that we begin to know the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives; and through Jesus we come to know the Father. Again, something like this happened with the St Vinnies visitors. They found it's the Spirit that will give life to our 'mortal bodies'. Turning away from the love of God, is to turn towards what will be our undoing - as Paul says, away from life towards death.

As ever, the choice is ours. Being open to the Spirit in our lives we begin to realise we're not on our own, but that Jesus is alongside us, is with us, helping to lift our burdens, shouldering the yoke as he takes the lead, and we're no longer exhausted through trying to save ourselves.

For, as we hear in the first reading, this king comes riding on a donkey, not a war-horse, proclaiming peace. He has entered into our failure and shame, into the stuff of our lives, and in him we will find rest and re-creation for whatever lies ahead. In the words of the psalm, 'How good is the Lord to all'.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **George Pardon** who has sadly passed away. A funeral prayer service will be held this Thursday 13th July at 10.00 am, in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2022/23 Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish administration office ~ Opening hours 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.



ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH SPRING LUNCH
Sunday 10th September, 2023 ~ Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina
12.00 for 12.30 pm \$20.00 pp Tickets on sale soon
Roast Meal, sweets, tea/coffee.
Drinks from the bar not included in ticket price.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY REGISTRATION

To register and assist with catering please add your name, contact details and dietary requirements to the clip board at the entrance to the Church or contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 by Wednesday 19th July or scan the QR code to register your attendance. Ladies, please bring a friend to our Reflection Day.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 'WINTER APPEAL' Envelopes can be placed on the Mass collection plates, or dropped into the Parish Admin Office or the Vinnies shop front in Martin Street. **'Every \$ counts.'** *Thank you.*



APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA: Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church.

It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this Catholic ministry, please send your donations to: <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

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: Zechariah 9:9-10;
A reading from the prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:
'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**



Second Reading: Romans 8:9, 11-13;
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matt 11:25-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Should my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 11th JULY ~ FEAST OF ST BENEDICT~

Entrance Antiphon: There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

WEDNESDAY 12th, THURSDAY 13th, AND FRIDAY 14th JULY

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Can you tell of an occasion when you felt God near? Where do you or have you experienced God's presence? Where do you find your rest? Share your reflections.
 - In your everyday life, what causes you to be 'burdened'? What weighs you down? How or who removes burdens from you and lightens your spirit?
 - From whom do you learn in your life? What can we learn from Jesus?
 - The word humility comes from the Latin for 'soil'. Humility is not about being shy or quiet or taking a back-seat; it is about recognising our origins and not becoming so 'learned and clever' that we get too big for our boots. To be like 'mere children' is to have that sense of wonder and awe at things bigger than ourselves.
- What are the experiences which produce a response of awe in you?
- In your life, within your family or workplace, do you know someone who is burdened and weighed down by cares and concerns? Can you find ways to ease that burden this week?
 - Pray the blessing from the first verse of Psalm 144 throughout the week.

*I will give you glory, O God, my king.
I will bless your name forever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name forever.*