

# St Francis Xavier

## Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land—past, present and emerging, the Bundjalung people.



**St Francis Xavier Church,**  
47 Cherry Street, Ballina

welcome

**Holy Family Church,**  
94 Ballina Street, Lennox Head.

**15th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)**

**16th July, 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**

**WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY  
MASS 12.00 noon**

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



**Feast Day**

**St Mary Magdalene**  
**Saturday**

**We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.**

### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Did you know? The beginning of World Youth Day (WYD) Lisbon 2023 is less than one month away!

- 313,000 pilgrims from 151 countries have registered so far — **4 from St Francis Xavier Parish — Sophie, Kailani, Bianca and John.**
  - The supply of over 3 million meals is expected.
  - 500 volunteers exclusively from the area of Health, will provide first aid.
  - Of the 737 Bishops registered 29 are Cardinals. There are also 2,600 priests registered to administer the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confessions will be held in the five official languages of the meeting: Portuguese, English, French, Spanish and Italian.
- Please keep the four young adults from our Parish who will be attending World Youth Day in your prayers.

Before our pilgrims depart they will receive a blessing at 5.30pm Mass this weekend

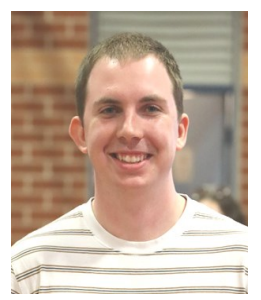


Sophie

Kailani



Bianca



John

### LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION THIS TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 12.00 NOON

**For parishioners who attend Mass at St Francis Xavier Church each Tuesday please note that this Tuesday 18th July it won't be a Mass that is offered - it will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.**

### SEASONAL ILLNESS AWARENESS

Please continue to be mindful and respectful of each other and do not attend Mass if you are unwell or have any cold/flu-like symptoms. Any questions please contact the Parish Office on 6681 1048.



### POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY 2023

**A Eucharistic life :** Pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

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**\*AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639\***

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**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](mailto:john@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

**[www.sfxballina.org.au](http://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: 16th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A: 22nd/23rd July, 2023**  
**Readings: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Psalm 85; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43**

	<b>Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>John Jarzynski Trish Bazar</i>	<i>Damien Kennedy Emma McFadden</i>	<i>Richard Goss Nicole Sullivan</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Maxine Cole</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Pauline Fingleton</i>	<i>Kevin Sullivan</i>	<i>Adam Sullivan Denise Miller</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Jo Hurley Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Todd Robinson (*Casino*), Peter Thurtell, George Pardon, Paolo Micallef (*Italy*), Inez Susanne Jones, Marj Hobbins,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Nora Buckley, Anne Moreland, Bill Shay, Bonnie Donnelly, Hilary Dwyer, Hector McNiff jnr, Hector McNiff snr, Betty & Sharon McNiff

**AND ALSO FOR:** John Patrick Moreland, 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,*

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023**

<b>18th July</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee Club</b>
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Sunday 10.00 am – 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Women's Reflection Day</b> <i>'Finding God in the chaos of life'</i>
<b>24th July</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Taizé SFX Church</b>
<b>24th July</b>	<b>Monday 2.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Auxiliary Monthly Meeting</b>
<b>27th July</b>	<b>Thursday 12.30 to 3.30 pm</b>	<b>'Christmas in July' Luncheon</b> Crowley Activity Centre
<b>29th July</b>	<b>Saturday 6.30 pm</b>	<b>Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox</b>
<b>6th August</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish 'Cuppa'</b>
<b>10th September</b>	<b>Sunday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Parish Spring Lunch</b> 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**

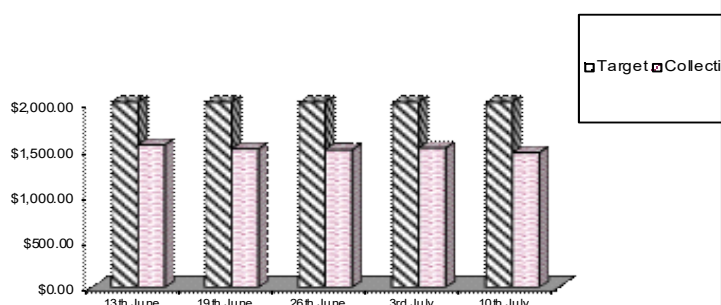
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

- 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,036.30
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 664.20
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,454.25
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



## PARISH NOTICES



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **William Logan and Elki Amelia Bellato** children of Dane and Lyndal.

**'Congratulations'** to **Nate Phillip Wilson Legge** son of Dylan and Lyndal who will be welcomed into our faith community this week.



**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](mailto:narelle@stannesldcc.org.au)

**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 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.*

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY** CONNECT AND REFLECT WITH THE MGL'S

*'Finding God in the chaos of life'*

**NEXT SUNDAY 23RD JULY ~ 10.00 am to 3.00 pm**

Morning tea and lunch provided.

#### **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 **THIS Wednesday 19th July** or scan the QR code to register your attendance.

**Ladies, please bring a friend to our Reflection Day.**



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY:** The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 24th 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.

### **CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY**

*Invites you to*

### **'CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON'**

*Join the Crowley Auxiliary for a delicious lunch and fun afternoon!*

*Thursday 27th July ~ Crowley Activity Centre 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm*

*\$30.00 per person ~ BYO Drinks*

*Tickets include: Christmas style Lunch and Dessert.*

*1 x entry into the lucky door prize and live entertainment.*

RSVP and pay via cash or card at Crowley reception by **this Thursday 20th July**.  
*Please provide any dietary requirements.*



### **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.*



**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](mailto: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: Isaiah 55:10-11;***A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.***

1. You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23;***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it

was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower, all who come to him will live for ever.

***Alleluia!***

**Gospel: Matt 13:1-23***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**

**TUESDAY 18th, WEDNESDAY 19th, THURSDAY 20th, FRIDAY 21st JULY ~**

**Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL****DID YOU KNOW?**

- A parable is a simple human story with a profound meaning.
- Parables were a familiar way of teaching in the time of Jesus and some images had set meanings. For example, a vineyard, sons or servants represented Israel, while a master, king or father represented God.
- Chapter 13 of Matthew's Gospel contains numerous parables describing the kingdom of heaven.
- Matthew's Gospel uses the term 'kingdom of heaven' rather than 'kingdom of God' because his audience is largely Jewish converts to Christianity and the Jewish people avoid using the holy name.
- The Sea of Galilee is also known as Lake Gennesaret and as Lake Tiberius. Jesus' base for his preaching ministry in the region was at the town of Capernaum on the northern shores of the lake. Peter had a house in this town.
- Archaeological excavations in Capernaum have revealed a house which was revered from very early times as 'the house of Peter.'

**MAKING CONNECTIONS**

• What are the rocks and thorns in our world which may cause the word of God to choke and wither? In the modern world, what are the things which make it difficult for the word of God to take root and flourish? How can believers 'cultivate their soil' to help the seed of faith grow? Share your reflections with others.

- Try to be rich soil this week, not just for the word of God but also for those around you. Listen attentively to your family and work colleagues.

Try to discern what God is saying to you in the events of everyday life. Say this prayer each day:

*Lord, may the seed of your word fall into deep soil in me  
May it not return to you without yielding its fruit in me.*

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