

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.**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

14th July, 2024

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

**At St Francis Xavier Church
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND
FRIDAY**

12.00 noon

**THURSDAY 18TH JULY
LITURGY WITH
HOLY COMMUNION**

RECONCILIATION

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

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Feast Days

**St Bonaventure,
Monday**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Tuesday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES



BAPTISM Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:

Hazel Adele Carter daughter of Mitchell and Laura
Imogen and James Buckley children of James and Jessica
Thomas and Patrick Saye sons of Joel and Michaela

Charismatic Healing Mass
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina
Saturday 27th July at 11.00 am
Celebrant ~ Fr Eric Quinteros



At a Charismatic Healing Mass we pray for the extraordinary power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 14:1 *"You must want love more than anything else, but strive for the spiritual gifts especially prophecy"*

After the Mass there will be opportunity for individual prayer.



Stella Maris (formerly Apostleship of The Sea)

Stella Maris, formerly The Apostleship of the Sea, is the Catholic Church's Missionary work to the Seafarers whether they be on merchant, passenger, war or fishing vessels. While the Church has always been interested in Seafarers since Christ first gathered his fishermen-disciples around him, the modern movement began in the 1890s with several isolated and independent beginnings.

The purpose of Stella Maris is to care for the Spiritual, Social, and Material welfare of all Seafarers without distinction of colour, race or creed:

SPIRITUAL – Inspired by our Catholic faith and respecting the beliefs and practices of all seafarers, we nourish their spiritual lives by being Christ for them and finding Christ in them.

SOCIAL – Concerned for the social well-being of seafarers, we provide internet and telecommunications facilities, to allow them to keep in contact with their families, and recreational activities promoting their mental and physical health.

MATERIAL – Committed to social justice for all and believing in the dignity of the human person, we support seafarers in their right to fair remuneration, appropriate onboard accommodation, safe working conditions and non-discriminatory treatment by advocacy and working with other organisations. As a missionary work, it serves ALL seafarers: *"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."* Hebrews 13:2 (NRSVCE)

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

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

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

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

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@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

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 20th/21st July, 2024
Readings: Jeremiah 23:1-6 ; Psalm 22; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Pauline Fingleton Peter Fear</i>	<i>Emma McFadden Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Gary Reen Annette Reen</i>	<i>Maxine Cole Maurice Gahan</i>
EMOHC	<i>Trish Bazar</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Greg, Katie & Family</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Nola Cummings, Patrick Crawley, Bill McDermott, Patricia Cecil, Noreen Goff,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS

TIME: Renee Beglin, Nora Buckley, Anne Moreland, Bill Shay, Bonnie Donnelly, Hilary Dwyer, Hector McNiff jnr, Hector McNiff snr, Betty and Sharon McNiff

AND ALSO FOR: *Fabian Okeke, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, 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: Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Veve (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Syd*), Geoff Johannes, Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta and John Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Knightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Michael Hains, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Syd*), David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Maree Doolan, 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*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024

15th July	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
15th July Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
17th July & 31st July	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
18th July Crowley Care Auxiliary	Thursday 12.30 pm	Christmas in July Luncheon
22nd July & 5th August	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music
26th July	Friday 9.30 am	Holy Family Committee Meet
27th July	Saturday 11.00 am	Charismatic Healing Mass
27th July	Saturday 6.30 pm	Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox
31st July	Wednesdays @ 8.45 to 10.15 am	Quick Journey through the Bible
4th August	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa' Church Grounds
18th August	Sunday 10.00 am	Women's Reflection Day

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**

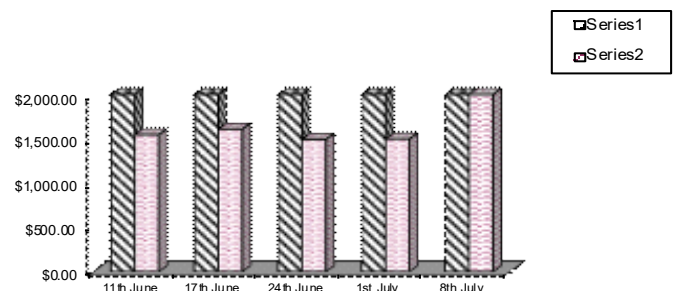
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card 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 use your Planned Giving**

DIF PAYS 4.15% 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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 2,061.00
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 369.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 2,723.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Giovanni di Pietro di Bernadone was wealthy, popular and influential. Yet, he renounced his wealth, privilege and lavish lifestyle to follow Jesus and to proclaim the good news of the Gospel. Francis of Assisi, as we now know him, embraced poverty, dressing himself in a coarse woolen tunic, the dress of poor Umbrian peasants.

In today's gospel, Jesus sent out the Twelve, selected from among his disciples. He sent out the disciples in pairs, emphasizing the importance of community. The disciples went forth together to preach the good news, drive out demons and heal people. Jesus also gave them specific instructions about travelling light: they were to bring no food, money, or even a spare tunic. They were utterly dependent on the providence of God and the hospitality of others.

Our call to discipleship is a profound call to live and love radically. In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti*, Pope Francis encourages us all to follow the example of St Francis who embraced simplicity and poverty, sowed seeds of peace and love, and walked alongside the least of his brothers and sisters. Pope Francis describes St Francis's attitude of "fraternal openness" which allowed him to "acknowledge, appreciate and love each person".

This call to live simply does not mean that being poor is in itself a virtue. In fact, poverty often exists because of unjust social structures which widen gaps between rich and poor and do not provide for those in need. Rather, we are called to be free from accruing status, possessions and self-importance, in order to commit ourselves deeply to living the gospel. This attitude grounds us in an entirely different set of values from those held by the world. It also emboldens us to strive to create just social structures which distribute wealth equitably and empower the weak.

Jon Owen, who leads Wayside Chapel, Sydney, is a contemporary example of this call to live Jesus's commission. The Wayside Chapel, which has more than 600 volunteers, supports the homeless, drug addicts, domestic violence victims and refugees. It provides showers, emergency clothing, and free meals, as well as counselling, employment support, and social activities like bingo and music jam sessions.

While studying at university, Jon felt the need to work for Urban Neighbours of Hope. He left an upwardly mobile path in life to take vows of poverty in order to work with the disadvantaged. Later, with his wife Lisa, he opened their Sydney home to those in need, including refugees, former criminals and recovering drug addicts. Jon's attitude that "no one is a problem to be solved but a person to be met" has inspired him to reach people who would otherwise remain unseen.

May the radical love of Jesus inspire all of us to make a difference in our communities and in the world today.

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SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Nola Cummings** who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held on **Thursday 18th July at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina**

**TAIZÉ MONDAY 22ND JULY 12.00 NOON
IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**



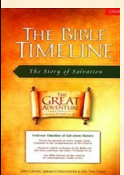
CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY meeting will be held on **Monday 22nd July at 3.00 pm** in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Please consider attending. *You will be welcome.*

HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMITTEE : The monthly meeting will be held in the Sacred Heart Room behind the Church building **Friday 26th July commencing at 9.30 am.** Contact Sue 0400 052 505 if you would like to add an item to the agenda.



MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX :

Parishioners are welcome to the next of our monthly dinners to be held **Saturday 27th July at 6.30 pm.** This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and delicious food.



QUICK JOURNEY through the BIBLE an introduction to salvation history through the Bible Timeline.

Presented by Jeff Cavins through 8 videos
**Wednesdays 31 July to 18 September
from 8.45 - 10.15 am at Anawim House,
Parish Admin Centre**

Register 6681 1048. Questions to Richard 0418 356 527
We start and end on time.



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

CHRISTMAS Luncheon IN JULY
Thursday 18 July
Crowley Activity Centre
12.30pm - 3.30pm
\$35 per person
BYO Drinks
Book Now!
PLEASE RSVP AND PAY VIA CASH OR EFTPOS AT CROWLEY RECEPTION BY THURSDAY 11 JULY
PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

ASPIRE—Young adults (18 - 35 years old) spiritual formation with Bishop Greg Wednesday 24th July 5.30 pm—6.30 pm

Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://lismorecatholic.zoom.us/j/2996657662?omn=82183637889>

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
THIS TUESDAY 16TH JULY
MASS 10.00 AM CARMELITE
MONASTERY, GOONELLABAH
(There will be no 7.00 am Mass on this day)**

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2023/24 Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish office. administration office ~ Opening hours 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.



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First Reading: Amos 7:12-15;*A reading from the prophet Amos*

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah, 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Lord show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-10*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven
in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ,
to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,
determined that we should become his adopted sons,

through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us
praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved
in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us
in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden
plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning
to act upon when the times had run their course to the end:
that he would bring everything together under Christ, as
head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

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

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of
our hearts that we might see how great is the hope to which
we are called.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 6:7-13***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in
pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he
instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff
– no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They
were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.'
And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay
there until you leave the district. And if any place does not
welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk
away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to
them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out
many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and
cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 16th JULY, WEDNESDAY 17th JULY, THURSDAY 18th JULY, FRIDAY 19th 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.

DID YOU KNOW? Jews often had to pass through pagan territory which surrounded their own lands. The gesture of shaking the dust from their sandals was a common one when Jews passed from pagan lands into the lands of Israel.

- The word 'apostle' comes from a Greek word for being sent out.

- Some Christian sects and denominations take this text as the reason they send out people in pairs on missionary activity to spread the gospel.

- The instruction to the disciples to take only sandals and a staff symbolises their complete dependence.

MAKING CONNECTIONS: Find ways to share your faith and your journey with others this week. This is taking a risk and you may be ridiculed. Are you able to rise to the challenge?

- Have you ever been thrust into a new job or had to take on a responsibility without much preparation? How did you cope? What mistakes did you make? What did you learn from this experience? Was it a valuable experience for you? Share your stories with others.

- Today's Gospel Acclamation makes a wonderful prayer for this week:

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart
that we may see how great is the hope to which we are called.*

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.

Taizé: Every second Monday SFX Church from 12.00 noon.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday.
Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am Ballina .

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

Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.30 am Anawim Room.

Parish Youth Group: 6.30 pm in the Upper Room Parish Admin Building following the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

You are welcome to our prayer gatherings.

