

# St Francis Xavier

## Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land, 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 (C)**

**10th July, 2022**

**'WELCOME'**

**Weekend Mass Times  
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church**

**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm**

**Sunday — 9.00 am**

**Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head**

**Holy Family Church**

**Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm**

**Sunday—7.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**

**at St Francis Xavier Church**

**Tuesday to Friday  
12.00 noon**

**RECONCILIATION**

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

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**Feast Days**

**St Benedict, abbot,  
Monday**

**St Bonaventure  
Friday**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Saturday**



## Turning a blind eye is not the Christian way

You sometimes see it in a person's eyes. They are trying their very best to put up a brave front. To tell the world and to convince themselves that everything is fine. However, all is not well. They are one small step away from falling apart and breaking down.

Mental health and wellbeing have for a long time taken a back seat and, in some cultures, and societies are still considered taboo. Many people struggle to talk or share about a loved one who has had a breakdown and it's even harder if they have had or are going through a breakdown.

This makes supporting them or their loved ones challenging and difficult.

In the gospel reading of the Good Samaritan, a traveller is attacked by brigands. It wasn't his fault that he was robbed and assaulted. The same can be said for people with mental health issues. Very few people choose to go near them. Like the priest and the levite who walked past, the question that comes to mind, "What can I possibly do to help this person? Perhaps it's better for someone else to come along to help them."

But what if no one else comes along? And what if no one else notices the warning signs of the impending breakdown? Jesus poses this question, "Which of these three do you think proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?"

The one who took pity," was the reply. It was a strong movement of the heart and the soul that moved the Samaritan into action. Though he didn't have the time to care for the traveller and return him back to health, he left the man in the care of the innkeeper.

So, perhaps when we notice someone doing it tough mentally, we don't need to be like the Samaritan to shoulder the primary responsibility, but we can assist in other ways. Keeping the hotline for Beyond Blue or Lifeline on

hand or attending a workshop on mental health first aid.

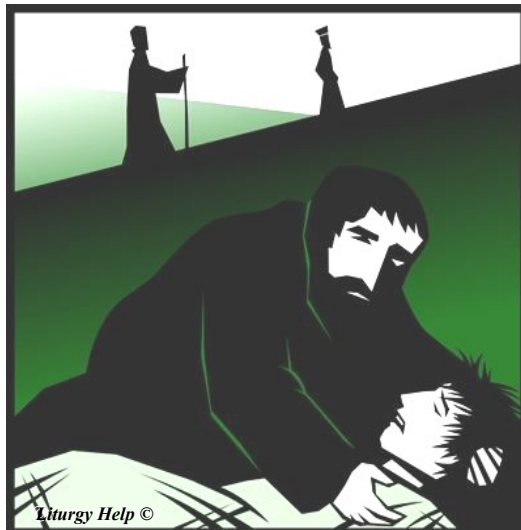
In December 2021, the first insights from the National Study of Mental Health and Wellbeing 2020-21 were released. It showed that 15% of Australians experienced high or very high levels of psychological distress. For those between the ages of 16 and 34 this increased to 20%. That's one in every five young

Australians.

To be like the Samaritan to help a person in distress takes courage, and as Christians we are called upon to help those in need. We don't always need to do the heavy lifting, but we also can't ignore another person's suffering.

Mark Chia CSsR

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Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.**

**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

**Pastoral Associate:** John Kearney Email: [john@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:john@sfxballina.org.au)

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Bianca McInnes Email: [bianca@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:bianca@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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Max Badewitz, Barry Wappett,

**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, Kathleen Kelly, 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:** John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, Trish Begley, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (Sydney), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (Sydney), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, Dorothy Preddey (Sydney), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Danny Reynolds (Caloundra), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, John Heaton, Dymphna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (Dubai), Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (Aunty) Julia Paden, John Moreland, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care. (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise the parish office if you wish names to remain or be removed if good health as been restored.)

### THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

**BAPTISMS:** Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

**CONFIRMATION:** TBA

**RECONCILIATION:** 30th August, 2022

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 18th September, 2022

**WEDDINGS:** In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

**ANointing OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office if anointing is required.

**FUNERALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

**HOSPITAL:** If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

#### PLACES OF WORSHIP ~ KEEPING US SAFE.

- Hand sanitiser is provided at entrances to our Churches
- Masks are not mandatory, but encouraged in our churches
- Receival of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing is allowed
- Social distancing not mandatory, but encouraged
- Density limits are not mandatory
- If unwell please stay home until you feel well again.

**Thank you.**

#### THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE 2022 FLOOD APPEAL



**The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.**

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account: BSB: **037-889** Account No: **1061 5829**  
Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal**  
To donate from other countries please use this [PayPal link](#). This link can also be used within Australia.  
Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email: [appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au).

**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 (1st collection).

Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.

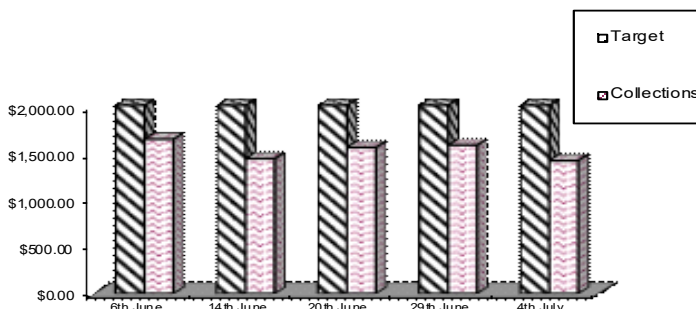
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

#### DIF PAYS 0.45% 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](http://www.dif.org)

#### THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 573.55
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 306.05
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,412.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



#### SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH BALLINA - PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

If you are a new parishioner to Ballina or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, cards are available for completion at the Parish Administration Office. Your details will be processed and a tracking number provided. Contact SFX Parish Admin office on 6681 1048 Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution and monthly deductions by Credit Card.

# Parish Notices

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



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:  
**Cooper Neil King** son of Jayden and Jane.

**PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2021/22** Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish administration office ~ 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

## 2022/2023 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes that have not been collected from the back of the Church are now available from the Parish Reception Office.



## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 2022 WINTER APPEAL

Thank you for supporting the fundraising appeal recently. If you missed the chance but still want to contribute, there are envelopes at the Church entrances. If you prefer direct deposit please use the following information: **Every dollar can make a difference .**

**BSB: 062 000**

**Account No: 1988 9862**

**Ref No : 43450**

**Please give generously!**

**Thank you.**



## Our Lady of Mount Carmel Saturday 16th July

The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16th July. It is a day of thanksgiving to Mary, the patroness of the Carmelite Order, for the benefits she had accorded to it through its difficult early years.

Mass will be held at the Carmelite Monastery at **10.00 am** Saturday 16th July, following the Mass there will be enrolment of the scapular.  
*All are most welcome to attend.*

## HEALTH AWARENESS

Please refer to page 2 for the Keeping us Safe guidelines. Masks are no longer mandatory, however with covid and the massive spike in the winter flu, you are still encouraged to wear a mask when attending Mass .



## CROWLEY AUXILIARY

*Invites you to*

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY



**lunch & trivia**

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

**Thursday 28th July**

**Crowley Education Centre 12.00 pm to 2.00 pm**

**\$27.50 per person ~ BYO Wine**

**includes Christmas style Roast Lunch and Christmas Pudding Dessert.**

Please book and pay via cash or card at Crowley reception by **Monday 25th July.**

**Please note:** This event will proceed subject to COVID status at the time.



**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 ministry, please send your donations to:

**<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>**



## NEW PARISHIONER?

If you are a new parishioner of St Francis Xavier Parish, **we welcome you to our community.** Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048.

**Remember: 'Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing'. St Teresa of Calcutta** <https://mycatholic.life>



## TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or email: [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Virtual Weekend 'Live your Best Life In Love'

The virtual weekend is conducted by Zoom allowing you to attend from the comfort of your own home. Date: 19th -21st August 2022. Mass will conclude the weekend. Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au) or contact booking couple Mercy and James Bvirakare, mobile 0409 183 676 What is required to attend virtually: A computer/laptop with video (camera + microphone). A good internet connection. If you have small children, you will need to find care for them during the day. Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)



## 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. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please 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

**Marian Cenacle:** Monday 11.00 am Anawim Room

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday

**Sisterhood:** Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building

**Parish Youth Group:** In recess for the two weeks of school holidays.

**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room,

**Prayer of the Church and Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

**Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head:** 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

**Welcome to our prayer gatherings.**



**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14;***A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

1. 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.)**

2. As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(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. **(R.)**

4. For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Col 1:15-20;***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Lk 10:25-37***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER  
TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY—THURSDAY**

**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.

**FRIDAY—FEAST OF ST BONAVENTURE**

**Entrance Antiphon** I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

**Communion Antiphon:** It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ 1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS:** 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. Thank you.



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