

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.**

**16th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)**

21st July, 2024

**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 TO FRIDAY

12.00 noon

ADORATION FRIDAY

11.00 am to 11.45 am



RECONCILIATION

9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina

St Francis Xavier Church

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Feast Days

**St Mary Magdalene,
Monday**

**St James, apostle
Thursday**

**Sts Joachim & Anne
Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES



FEAST OF STS ANNE AND JOACHIM

This Friday 26th July

Our parish would like to acknowledge Narelle Dewhurst and her staff at St Anne's for their ongoing care and education of so many young children within our community. We are privileged to have such a well run facility in our parish.

'HAPPY FEAST DAY' ST ANNES LONG DAY CARE CENTRE

**Charismatic Healing Mass
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina
NEXT Saturday 27th July at 11.00
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.

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY meeting will be held **this Monday 22nd July at 3.00 pm** in the Education Centre, Crowley Care,



CANCELLED

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

TAIZÉ TOMORROW MONDAY 22ND JULY

12.00 NOON

IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music



**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS TUESDAY 10.00 AM
AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD.**

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

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 27th/28th July, 2024
Readings: 2Kings 4:42-44 ; Psalm 144; Ephesians 4:1-6; John 6:1-15

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| | 5.30 pm Saturday Vigil | 7.30 am Lennox Head | 9.00 am Ballina | Sunday 11.00 am Ballina |
| Readers | <i>Parish Schools</i> <i>Family Mass</i> | <i>Marie Sullivan</i> <i>Angela Beglin</i> | <i>Richard Goss</i> <i>Annette Reen</i> | <i>Leanne Robbins</i> <i>Warwick Manning</i> |
| EMOHC | <i>Parish Schools</i> <i>Family Mass</i> | | <i>Julie McKinnon</i> <i>Cathy Campbell</i> | <i>Maxine Cole</i> |
| Offertory Procession | | | <i>Amy Derrick & Frank</i> | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Honor Brown (Carmel O'Brien's sister) Nola Cummings, Patrick Crawley, Bill McDermott, Patricia Cecil,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Victoria Kennedy, Bill Anderson, Coralie Moreland

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'Fevre (*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 good health has been restored).

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024

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| 22nd July & 5th August | Monday 12.00 noon | Taizé |
| 23rd July | Tuesday 10.00 am | 'Cherry' Coffee |
| 23rd July Holy Family Church | Tuesday 10.00am | Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus |
| 26th July | Friday 9.30 am | Holy Family Committee Meeting |
| 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 |
| 3rd August | Saturday 8.00 am Lennox Head | Our Lady of Fatima |
| 4th August | Sunday 9.45 am | Parish 'Cuppa' Church Grounds |
| 18th August | Sunday 10.00 am | Women's Reflection Day |
| 31st August | Saturday 12.00 noon | Parish 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*

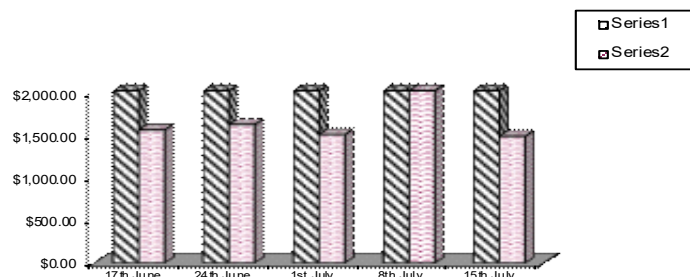
* **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218 Please use your Planned Giving number as reference.

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

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| First Collection | <i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i> | \$ 832.00 |
| Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i> | Loose Plate | \$ 419.05 |
| | Planned Giving Envelopes Collected | \$ 1,471.70 |
| Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target | | \$ 2,009.00 |



THE CALL TO BE GOOD SHEPHERDS

Two common images presented to us in the Scriptures are those of shepherds and banquets. First and foremost, God shepherds his people Israel by caring for them like sheep, keeping them from danger, and preparing a banquet for them. Many key biblical figures were originally shepherds such as the prophets Moses and Amos, patriarchs Abraham and Jacob, and it was the young shepherd, David, whom God called to be king of his people Israel. Moreover, it was this same King David who wrote today's wonderful psalm acclaiming "The Lord is my shepherd".

Unfortunately, the rulers of Israel ceased to act like shepherds turning to idolatry and resulting in all kinds of hostility among the different tribes. Eventually, this led to the annihilation of Israel by the Assyrians and the captivity of the people of Judah by the Babylonians. The prophet Micah laments that he saw "Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd" (I Kings 22:17). Today, we hear God speaking through the prophet Jeremiah pronouncing "doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered" (Jer. 23:1).

Two further promises are made: God will punish the misdeeds of the unfaithful leaders who do not act like shepherds; and God will bring back the scattered flock under the guidance of new shepherds who will feed and care for them (Jer. 23:3-4). God also goes a step further announcing He will shepherd Israel by "gathering the lambs in his arms and carrying them close to his heart" (Isaiah 40:11).

It is Jesus who most perfectly enacts this prophecy of the shepherd leader through his ministry of teaching and healing, his call to discipleship and communion, sharing bread with the hungry, dining with sinners and being the "Good Shepherd (who) lays down his life for his sheep" (Jn. 10:11). So, Jesus the Good Shepherd is also "the Lamb of God" giving his very life that we may live.

Much of Jesus' ministry is expressed through parables and events that emphasise table-fellowship: God's reign is likened to a great banquet where all are invited; Jesus feeds the five-thousand through the miracle of loaves and fish, and the Prodigal Son is greeted on his return with a mighty feast. We also know that Jesus provides his disciples at the Last Supper with a ritual of remembrance and thanksgiving that we re-enact when we celebrate the Eucharist.

Pope Francis consistently speaks of Christ the Good Shepherd as the model of Christian service and leadership. In particular, he calls on priests and pastors to be "shepherds living with the smell of the sheep". We need to heed St Paul who warned Christians to overcome division and hostility, repent of sinfulness, and receive the Good News of grace and peace.

All Christians are called to be shepherds of God's mercy.

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

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

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.

MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX :

Parishioners are welcome to the next of our monthly dinners to be held **this Saturday**

27th July at 6.30 pm.

This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and delicious food. *Young and old and everyone in between are most welcome.*



PARISH 'CUPPA'

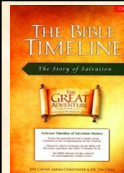
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
**Sunday 4th August, following the
9.00 am Mass.**

Everyone is very welcome.



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office:

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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.



ABSENT FROM THE TABLE

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

is undertaking a research project aimed at investigating why some Catholics do not participate in regular weekly Sunday Mass (Sunday Mass includes the Saturday Vigil). The project will provide in-depth information about contemporary religious practices and beliefs of Catholics in Australia. The insights would enable parishes, movements, and school communities to respond to the trends in participation in the Church, update the Church's awareness and understanding of the present-day context, and enable responses and collaboration around the underlying factors for non/dis-engagement.

If you have a catholic family member or friend who may be interested in this, please invite them to take part in this research. The link below can be typed into your browser to access information about the project, and to enter the survey itself.

<https://bit.ly/AbsentFromTheTableSurvey>

The survey will close on Tuesday, 20th August 2024.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH WOMEN'S REFLECTION DAY

*'Finding Peace ~ Franciscan Spirituality
with Caroline Thompson*

**Sunday 18th August, 2024 10 am to 3pm
in St Francis Xavier Primary School Hall**

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

To register please contact the Parish Office

6681 1048 by Monday 12th August

Go to: <https://bit.ly/SFXWRD24>

or scan the QR code



SAVE THE DATE

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LUNCH

Saturday 31st August, 2024

Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina

Main meal, sweets, tea/coffee

More information to follow



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First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6;
A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks! ‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff,
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34
A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES
TUESDAY 23rd JULY, WEDNESDAY 24th JULY,

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

THURSDAY 25th JULY ~ FEAST OF ST JAMES, Apostle

Entrance Antiphon: As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother mending their nets and he called them.

Communion Antiphon: They drank the chalice of the Lord, and became the friends of God.

FRIDAY 26th JULY ~ FEAST OF STS JOACHIM & ANNE

Entrance Antiphon: Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.

Communion Antiphon: They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

• **DID YOU KNOW?** The image of the shepherd is often used in the Hebrew Scriptures to describe the relationship between God and his people Israel. They are the flock whom he will gather and protect.

• Our use of the term ‘pastoral’ comes from this image of Christ as the shepherd of his flock.

• Jesus regularly took time to be alone, to pray and to contemplate God. Here he invites his followers to do the same.

• This is the only place in his gospel where Mark refers to the disciples as ‘apostles’.

• **MAKING CONNECTIONS:** Have you ever felt overwhelmed by the many competing demands on your time and your attention? How do you find solitude and quiet in the midst of this busyness?

• Have you ever felt like a ‘sheep without a shepherd’? A little lost and unsure?

• How eager are you in pursuing Christ? Are you hurrying towards faith?

• Make time this week to be alone to reflect on your journey; to rest before God.