

# 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.

**20th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (C)**

**14th August, 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**

**The Assumption of the**

**Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday**

**\*\*Mass 9.30am\*\***

**St Bernard**

**Saturday**

## The peace that stays with us

Bearing in mind that Luke begins his gospel with stories surrounding the birth of Jesus and the angels joyfully singing – Glory to God in the highest heaven, and PEACE to people who enjoy his favour – it is not unreasonable for us to answer the Lord's question with "Yes".

So, how do we cope with today's uncomfortable gospel and the other texts in the liturgy this Sunday, which do not make for easy reading? The short answer is with "difficulty". The longer answer calls for a little reflection on the world into which Jesus was born and the world which persists to this day: a world in which there is so much violence and division, a great deal of which we feel helpless to influence, let alone resolve.

Luke provides the context for telling us about Jesus' comments: he is aware of his impending Passion and goes on to remind the people that while they have learnt how to provide weather forecasts, they are not so clever when it comes to resolving their problems and disputes. How often in recent years have we bemoaned our lot as we have battled with the challenges of COVID-19 or the global fall-out from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the associated threats of further divisions and conflicts across the world? Suffering and evil are part of the human story from the very beginning, so how do we deal with this paradox?

Firstly, we should never isolate passages of

Scripture, but seek to understand the whole gospel message. In his gospel, John also quotes Jesus on this subject: "Peace I leave to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you." Therein, I suggest, lies the key. Peace is God's gift to us and, just as for Jesus, it does not do away with suffering and death, it enables us to overcome them.

The tragedy of human history is that we have sought to manufacture peace by compromising our integrity. Jesus warns us this is

doomed to failure and that we may even have to suffer breakdowns in our relationships with those who are closest to us to if are to experience his peace.

In conclusion, I suggest you note the example of Pope Francis: he has met with division and opposition throughout his life. He continues to agonise over the divisions in the Church and across the world. However, he invites us not to

give up on loving and never to tire of being tenderly compassionate and forgiving.

On the night he was elected, he asked for some quiet time to ponder and pray. Later he would share with us the wonderful experience of peace that came upon before he went out to give his blessing to the city of Rome and the world. He says that peace has never left him. May you and I experience the same.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR

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

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**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

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**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

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**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Maureen Donovan, Marie Karam (*Casino, sister of Father Peter*), Owen Sharman, Joy Baccay, Bev Foley, Isley Smith (*mother of Amanda Falvey*), Jack Chapman (*Kempsey, father of Phil and Fr Tom*), Len Rix (*Brisbane*), Karen Aitken (*Sydney*) Shaun McCosker (*Harrington*), Geoffrey Brown (*Griffith*), Irene Cassar-Daley, Colleen Anderson,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Kevin Doherty, Aurelia Gardiman,

**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 Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (*Sydney*), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (*Sydney*), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Rose Norris, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, John Heaton, Dympna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Pat Evans, *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

### 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.

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.

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection).  
Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.

*Father Peter and Father Anselm*

**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.

**DIF PAYS 1.05% PER ANNUM as of 1st August, 2022**  
**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


First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 776.00
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 279.05
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,643.15
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00

Date	Target	Collect
11th July	\$2,009.00	\$1,643.15
18th July	\$2,009.00	\$1,643.15
25th July	\$2,009.00	\$1,643.15
1st August	\$2,009.00	\$1,643.15
8th August	\$2,009.00	\$1,643.15

# Parish Notices

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

**ROSTER: 21st Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 20th/21st August**  
**Readings: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30**

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	Holy Family School Holy Family School	Mark Biddle Richard Goss	Maxine Cole Jim O'Kane
<b>EMHC</b>	Holy Family School	Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	Helen Cooney
	<b>Lennox Head</b> <b>5.00 pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Lennox Head</b> <b>Sunday 7.30 am</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	Paul Milgate—Mick Vella	Damien Kennedy	

**FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**  
**of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**  
**THIS MONDAY 15TH AUGUST**  
**MASS — 9.30 AM**  
**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**  
**BALLINA**



## SINCERE SYMPATHY



Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Isley Smith** who has sadly passed away. Requiem Mass was held on Thursday 11th August in Holy Family Church, Lennox Head.



Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Bev Foley** who has sadly passed away. Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 16th August at **10.00 am** in Holy Family Church Lennox Head.



To the family of **Len Rix** our parish offers our sincere sympathy in his passing.

To the family of **Jack Chapman** our parish offers our sincere sympathy in his passing.

## EMMAUS SONG

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Come journey with us walk with us, listen to our story  
 Our hopes, our dreams, our struggles, our joys,  
 our story of life  
 We share with you as we journey, Jesus our God

## Refrain

May our hearts be warmed  
 And strengthened by your presence here  
 In your holy word  
 And bread of life in the love we share  
 May we go forth on our journey with you  
 Come journey with us, talk with us, tell us of your story  
 Open our minds to understand, the mystery of  
 Your life with us Your risen life, Jesus our God. /R  
 Come journey with us, stay with us, make us one with you  
 In the blessing of bread, the breaking of bread,  
 may we truly know  
 Your life in us your love for us, Jesus our God. /R



## CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 22nd August at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina.

**CROWLEY AUXILIARY INVITES YOU TO A WINE AND CHEESE EVENT ~ Thursday 25th August 3.00 to 4.30 pm** with live Celtic music by 'Kinsale' \$20.00 pp, RSVP by 19th August. This event is subject to Covid status at the time. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **You will be most Welcome!**



## PARISH VITALITY SURVEY

The Parish Vitality Survey is a short confidential survey that seeks input from parishioners about their parish. It provides you with the ability to have a say about your church, what we do well, where we can do better and how we can sustain and strengthen our parish communities. The survey will provide valuable insight into the Diocesan Review currently underway across the Lismore Diocese. The survey opens online at [lismorediocese.org](http://lismorediocese.org) on the 18th August for a period of two weeks. The survey will also be available to complete in hard copy.



## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28th AUGUST, 'RESPECT'

### CONFRONTING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE.

This year's Social Justice Statement, **Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence.

**Billings LIFE** are presenting a free webinar entitled **"Fertility Literacy in the Digital World ~ the best use of fertility tracking apps"** on Monday 22nd August at 7.30pm AEST. Presenters from Australia, Mexico and NZ will review 3 fertility tracking apps.

See the Billings LIFE website or Facebook page for details and registration. website: <https://www.billings.life/en/> Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/10MLh9IHI>



**ASPIRE: Young Adult Spiritual Formation with Bishop Greg via Zoom this Monday 15th August 5.00 to 6.00 pm.** For Ages 18-35 years old Contact Sr Di, cm 0405 327 1 53 or email [youth@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:youth@stcarthages.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:** Monday 11.00 am Anawim Room enquiries to Narelle King via the Parish Admin Centre  
**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday  
**Sisterhood:** Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building Contact Leanne Robbins via Admin Office.  
**Parish Youth Group:** 7.00 pm Saturday evening following the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Upper Room Parish Admin Centre.

Contact Bianca McInnes 6681 1048  
**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029  
**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: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10;***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:****(R): Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry. **(R.)**

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,  
from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock  
and made my footsteps firm. **(R.)**

3. He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear  
and shall trust in the Lord. **(R.)**

4. As for me, wretched and poor,  
the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help,  
O God, do not delay! **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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: Lk 12:49-53***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**MONDAY— SOLEMNITY — 9.30 AM MASS**  
**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Entrance Antiphon :** A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

**Responsorial Psalm : (R)** The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.

**Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me.



**A Part-time position (15hpw/2dpw) for a Diocesan Director for the Catholic Mission** based within the Diocese of Lismore NSW has become available. The position will involve the delivery of a community education and mission engagement programs; forming active partnerships with parishes, community groups, minority and cultural groups and the national schools network; and facilitating a sustainable program of fundraising. If you would like additional information, please access the following link: Applications for the role of **Diocesan Director** for the **Diocese of Lismore** are being accepted now. Position becomes available from 28th November 2022. See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission> for the Advertisement and the Position Description.



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