

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.

**21st Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

21st 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, Wednesday, Friday
12.00 noon**

***NO* 12.00 NOON MASS
ON THURSDAY**

RECONCILIATION

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

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Feast Days this week

**The Queenship of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Monday

St Bartholomew, apostle

Wednesday

St Monica

Saturday

Instruments of God's work

In "Walking in a Relaxed Manner", Sister Joyce Rupp described how despite months of training and preparation, she never anticipated how difficult her 825 km walk on the Camino would be. She was often at the mercy of the weather and challenged by the rugged terrain.

At many points of the journey, she felt tired, discouraged and frustrated. Nevertheless, she was supported and inspired by the goodwill, prayers and support of fellow pilgrims and other ordinary people she met on the Camino. Everyone from those who ran the "albergues" (pilgrim hostels) to the residents of the villages they passed through extended extraordinary kindness, care and concern towards herself and her fellow pilgrims. She learnt to meet every experience with a deep awareness of divine accompaniment, and in unity with her fellow pilgrims.

This spirit of courage and faith is reflected in today's gospel where Jesus asks his disciples to enter by the narrow gate. He advises his disciples to avoid taking an easy option. This was not misguided advice to seek out pain, for the clue about good discipleship lies in another phrase in today's gospel: that the last shall be first and the first last.

In Jesus's time, those who were preferred last by society were those of little consequence: people on the margins, those without power and status in society, women, children etc. Despite their station in life, Jesus regards them with love. There are many instances of him reaching out to touch, heal and bless those who society spurned. Indeed, Jesus

does not reject or exclude them but regards them as being first in God's kingdom.

There is an additional dimension of God's love for the vulnerable. He also embraces the broken parts of each of us; parts which we might dismiss or be ashamed of. Instead of feeling diminished by our sometimes painful circumstances, we are invited to trust in his love for us. He is tender with our failings and frailties. We are invited to walk life's sometimes excruciating path in the awareness that

he shares our burden intimately and is even able to transform us through it.

St Thomas Aquinas's teaching: "Gratia non tollit naturam, sed perficit" - grace does not destroy nature, but perfects it, holds tremendous insight. Grace builds on and fulfils nature; for God who is never outdone in generosity, takes the humble offering of our life and weaves it into the fabric



of his plan for redemption.

Spanish cellist Pablo Casals, already a renowned musician in 1913, bought a 180-year-old cello made by luthier Matteo Goffriller who was not widely known at the time. He chose this instrument as it had been tempered by years of playing. It spoke in a warm, rich voice. He often said he used his cello to speak for the soul of his country.

In God's hands, all of us, no matter our station, can be his instruments: to proclaim the riches of his mercy, providence and unending love.

Sophie Clements
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We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

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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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

ROSTER: 22nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 27th/28th August
Readings: Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24; Luke 14:1,7-14

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Parish Youth Group Parish Youth Group	Wendy Hughes Annette Reen	Warwick Manning Helen Cooney
EMHC	Parish Youth Group	Gary Reen Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Sue Hetherington Tye Hetherington	Kevin Lewis	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Maureen Donovan, Marie Karam (*Casino, sister of Father Peter*), Owen Sharman, Joy Baccay, Bev Foley, Isley Smith, Jack Chapman Len Rix, Karen Aitken, Shaun McCosker, Geoffrey Brown,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Katrina Day, Don Hains,

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: Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, 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.)

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

August 22nd	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Aux Meeting
August 23rd	Tuesday 10.00 am	Ladies morning tea
August 25th	Thursday 3.00 pm	Wine & Cheese Crowley Care
August 30th	Tuesday 5.00 pm	1st Reconciliation
September 4th	Saturday/Sunday	Sick and Retired Priests Appeal
September 4th	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
September 18th	Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am	1st Holy Communion
December 17th	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent 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 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**

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.

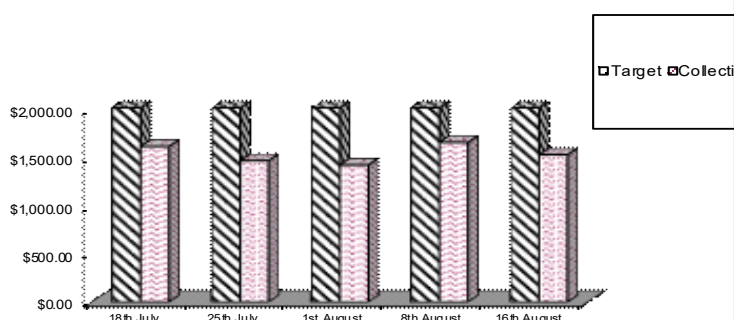
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 **ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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

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	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 746.30
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 361.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,516.40
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



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: **Esther May Crawford** daughter of Benjamin and Emily.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Maureen Donovan** who has sadly passed away.

Requiem Mass was held on Tuesday 16th August in St Francis Xavier Church

PLEASE NOTE

NO 12.00 NOON MASS

THIS THURSDAY 25TH AUGUST

This is due to circumstance beyond our control.

We apologise for this disruption to our weekday Mass.



LADIES ~ TEA/COFFEE?

Ladies of our parish you are invited to gather for **tea/coffee and a morning of friendship. 10.00 am this Tuesday 23rd August at Cherry Street Bowling Club.**

No booking required.

Please accept this invitation, and hopefully it will become a monthly gathering.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our parish children are now preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Reconciliation will be celebrated on Tuesday 30th August in St Francis Xavier Church.

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Sunday 18th September in St Francis Xavier Church.

Children completing their First Holy Communion will be eligible to enrol as Altar Servers for the parish.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council will meet this Wednesday 24th August at 4.00 pm in the Meeting Room of the Parish Administration Centre.

PARISH 'CUPPA'

in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church
Sunday 4th September (Fathers' Day)
following the 9.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very welcome.



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



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **This 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

This 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 and COVID etiquette will apply (face masks, hand sanitising and 1.55m social distancing).

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **You will be most Welcome!**



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH COMMUNITY GROUP

'A little gem by the sea'

We have all missed spending time with fellow parishioners after Mass.

To reclaim this loss, you are invited to join Holy Family parishioners for a meal at the Lennox Head Bowling Club after Vigil Mass on Saturday 27th August.



PARISH VITALITY SURVEY NOW AVAILABLE

The Lismore Diocese Parish Vitality Survey is a short pulse survey that provides you with an opportunity to have your say about your church, what we do well, where we can do better and how we can sustain, support and strengthen our parish communities as we look ahead to the next five years.

The survey is **anonymous online**, takes about 10 minutes to complete and is open from now until 30th August 2022. We are interested in hearing from anyone in the diocese who identifies as Catholic. Some of the questions, however, focus on those who attend Mass and are already active in their parish.

There is also a place for you to write a message to Bishop Greg to let him know of our challenges and your ideas regarding the opportunities in your parish and the diocese.

From Thursday 18th August, the survey can be accessed via the diocese website

<https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

Hard copies of this survey are at the back of both Churches. If you require assistance in completing the survey please call by the Parish Office.



NEXT SUNDAY

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.

2022 -23 Social Justice Statements will be available from the back of our two Churches.

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.

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

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

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: Isaiah 66:18-21;
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): Go out to all the world and tell the Good News!

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! **(R.)**
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5-7

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears

fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 13:22-30

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.'

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.'

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER
TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon : Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Communion Antiphon: The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

WEDNESDAY— FEAST OF ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle

Entrance Antiphon: Proclaim the salvation of God day by day; tell among the nations his glory.

Communion Antiphon: I confer a kingdom on you, just as my Father has conferred one on me, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, says the Lord.



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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