

# 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.**

**2nd Sunday of Easter  
(Divine Mercy Sunday)  
(B)**

**7th April 2024**

*Alleluia*

**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 MASSES**

**At St Francis Xavier Church**  
**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**12.00 noon**

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



**Feast Days**

**The Annunciation of the Lord**  
*Monday*

**St Stanislaus**  
*Thursday*

*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: **Emerson Julie Darragh** daughter of Jacob and Megan; **Lilah Kate Stevenson** daughter of Benjamin and Ashleigh; **Mateo Cesar** and **Mila Jayne Banzer** children of Cesar and Sarah.



**'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'**  
**Courtney Wells and Brenton Hyde**  
**on their Marriage at St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.**  
**on Saturday 6th April.**  
*Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.*

**DAYLIGHT SAVING ENDS THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY 7TH APRIL**

*Turn your clocks **back** 1 hour*



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY ~ TODAY**  
**7th April 2024 ~ 2.00 pm Holy Family Church,**  
**Lennox Head.**

Everyone is welcome to our  
Divine Mercy Commemoration this  
afternoon. For further information please phone Marie 0409 887 677



**'PARISH 'CUPPA'**  
**This Sunday 7th April,**  
following the 9.00 am Mass, in the grounds of  
St Francis Xavier Church.  
**All welcome.**



**'We would like to take this time to THANK'** everyone at Ballina and Lennox Head who were involved in the ceremonies for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter, especially Deacon Anthony, our Altar Servers and Acolyte Phil, our Readers, our Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, our organist in both Churches together with our parish choirs, our Sacristans, Monica and Michelle who arrange the flowers in our churches, Kathy our laptop operator, and those who warmly welcomed people into our church. To all who attended our Easter ceremonies, **thank you.**

*Father Peter and Father Anselm.*

**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\***

**Administrator of Ballina Parish:** Father Peter Padsungay  
**Assistant Priest:** Father Anselm Okeke  
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**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**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**www.sfxballina.org.au**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

**SCHOOLS:**

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

**AGED CARE:**

Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

**ROSTER: 3rd Sunday of Easter, Year B: 13th/14th April, 2024**  
**Readings: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Psalm 47; 1 John 2:1-5; Luke 24:35-48**

	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Bryan Marriott Pauline Fingleton</i>	<i>Emma McFadden Marie Sullivan</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan Richard Goss</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Gemma Duffy</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Matt Ritchie</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Peter Bowen</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Mary Goss Ron Hughes</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Colleen Gray, Mary (Gay) Topham, Ken Hawkins, Peter Tiernan,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Don King, Carolina Bordin, Bob Townsend, Mary Jack, John Condon, Nancy Grant

**AND ALSO FOR:** *John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, Armando Bordin, 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:** , Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Fève (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Sydney*), Geoff Johannes, Mary Howard, Robert Ireland, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tasmania*), Kathleen Young, Loretta and John Heaton, Hugo Long (*infant*), Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Peter Mazzer, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, John McCoy, Noeline Conyngham Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Keightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Michael Hains, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Abby Barrie (*Tasmania*), Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John and Conchita Schroder, 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**

<b>9th April</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>9th April Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>12th April</b>	<b>Friday 12.45 to 3.00 pm Mother Teresa Room</b>	<b>Friday Lunch Alpha Series</b>
<b>7th April</b>	<b>Sunday Daylight saving ends</b>	<b>Turn your clocks back 1 hour</b>
<b>7th April</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Cuppa grounds of our Church</b>
<b>7th April</b>	<b>Sunday 2.00 pm Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
<b>10th April &amp; 24th April</b>	<b>Wednesday 8.00 am</b>	<b>menALIVE Lennox Head</b>
<b>15th &amp; 29th April</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Taizé 45 min of praise meditation &amp; music uninterrupted</b>

**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**

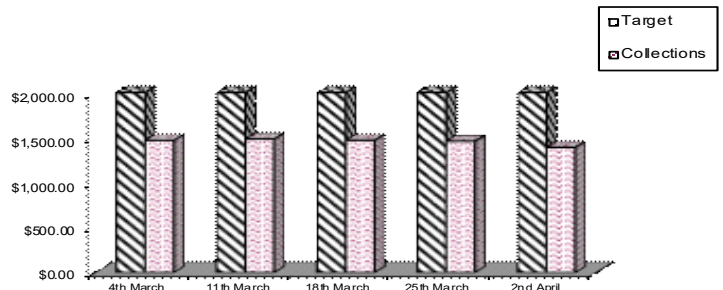
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,097.40
<b>Second Collection</b>	Loose Plate	\$ 774.30
<i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,390.65
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



## COMMUNITIES OF LOVE AND FAITH

*L'Arche* is an international federation of communities where people with and without an intellectual disability share life and build community together. *L'Arche*, a French word for 'the Ark', seeks to create homes rooted in the Christian gospel but open to all, where people live a simple life of work, care, prayer and celebration.

*L'Arche* was founded by Jean Vanier 60 years ago (August 1964), in the small northern French village of *Trosly-Breuil*. He welcomed two men with intellectual disabilities who were living nearby in a large institution. From these humble and simple beginnings, *L'Arche* has grown into more than 150 communities present in 37 countries.

In a world too often divided and broken, *L'Arche* communities seek to be a sign of reconciliation and welcome, hope and peace, openness and support. *L'Arche* communities recognise and respect the fundamental dignity of every human person, loved and cherished by God.

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles gives us a picture of how the first Christians lived in community. Firstly, the community was faithful to prayer and worship. The celebration of the Eucharist was at the heart of their life, uniting them in worship and service. Secondly, the community was a place of love, care and nurture. In an atmosphere of welcome and inclusion, people were able to grow, and respond to God's presence and action in their lives.

Thirdly, the community had a deep sense of sharing, especially with those who had little. There was no amassing of resources or property for exclusive personal use. The community lived simply and without extravagance.

A parish is a good example of a Christian community. Drawn together around the table of the Lord, people of every nation, culture and language gather to support and sustain each other in faith, hope and love. As one people we worship, pray, give thanks and partake in the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Nurtured and nourished, we are sent to bring Christ to the world and to live a life of service.

Within the life of a parish, other, smaller communities (groups) of witness, sharing and togetherness also exist. For example: liturgy and music, social justice, bereavement and hospitality, St Vincent de Paul Society, parish council and many others.

We're not created to be alone. We created to "be with" other people in a spirit of love and support, valuing the unique gifts of each person, striving together to deepen and strengthen our relationship with God and with the world. Thomas was absent from his community when Jesus came and stood among the disciples. He struggled with his doubt alone. Only when he re-joined his community and encountered the Risen Christ, was he able to make his profession of faith – "My Lord and my God!"

David J Hore CSsR  
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### CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

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

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



### PROJECT COMPASSION ~ Thank you

for your continued support for Project Compassion—past, present and future. Don't forget to return your envelopes. These can be placed on the collection plate in both churches and money boxes can be brought into the Parish Office.



### The Catholic Diocese of Lismore

**Safeguarding Office:** Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please speak to your priest or the Safeguarding Office 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.

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

**DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX ~ Saturday 27th April ~ 6.30 pm.** Parishioners, children and teenagers are most welcome to enjoy each others company and share a meal.

**EASTER DUES ARE BEING RECEIVED AT THIS TIME:** The Easter offering is an offering to the Bishop and clergy of the diocese. In the same way as all in receipt of an income have an obligation to support the works of the Church through the Planned Giving Program, it is a responsibility of all of us to support the clergy, keeping in mind that they need to eat too. We offer this support by giving to the 1st collection on Sundays and through the Christmas and 'Easter Dues'. Those with Planned Giving envelopes will find a special envelope in the box, and others could place an offering in an envelope and write 'Easter Dues' on the outside. Thanks for your support. The offering does not go to individual priests, but is added to the overall Clergy Fund collections for the whole year for the whole diocese.

## ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation  
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

18 - 35 years old

24 April  
22 May  
19 June  
24 July  
21 August  
10 September  
9 October

**5:30 - 6:30 PM**

**ZOOM MEETING ID:  
299 665 7662**

For more information, contact:  
youth@lismore.catholic.org.au  
02 6626 0253

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



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**First Reading: Acts 4:32-35;***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:  
‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:  
‘His love has no end.’ **(R.)**

2. The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-6 ;***A reading from the letter of St John*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ  
has been begotten by God;  
and whoever loves the Father that begot him  
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children  
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us;  
this is what loving God is –

keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult,  
because anyone who has been begotten by God

has already overcome the world;  
this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;  
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,  
not with water only, but with water and blood;  
with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

**Alleluia!****Gospel: John 20:19-31***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.’

‘As the Father sent me,  
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK’S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 9th APRIL**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us rejoice and be glad and give glory to God, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead, and so enter into his glory, alleluia.

**WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, and have appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, alleluia.

**THURSDAY 11th APRIL ~ FEAST OF ST STANISLAUS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** This Saint went as far as death, handing over his life to destruction for the work of Christ, alleluia.

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever loses his life for the sake of the Gospel will save it, says the Lord, alleluia.

**FRIDAY 12th APRIL**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You have redeemed us, Lord, by your Blood, from every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us into a kingdom, priests for our God, alleluia

**Communion Antiphon:** Christ our Lord was handed over for our transgressions and was raised again for our justification, alleluia.

**DID YOU KNOW?** ~ The period from Easter Sunday to Pentecost is known as the Great Fifty Days and is an integral part of the Lent-Easter-Pentecost cycle. ~ There is an ancient tradition that Thomas preached the gospel as far east as India. ~ In Aramaic, the language spoken by Jesus, the name of Thomas means ‘twin’.

• Repeat Thomas’ great acclamation of faith often: ‘My Lord and my God’

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