

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.**

**3rd Sunday of Easter
(A)**

23rd April, 2023

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—9.00 AM**

**WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon**

(for this week only)

RECONCILIATION

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

Anzac Day

Tuesday

*****MASS 9.00 am*****

Feast Days

St Mark, Apostle

Wednesday

St Peter Chanel

Friday

St Catherine of Siena

Saturday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Finn Koa** son of Benjamin and Holly; **Henry Byron Boyd** son James and Emma; **Finn Kasper Saban** son of Daniel and Talia.



**CROWLEY CARE
AUXILIARY**
Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be held **This Monday 24th April at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **You will be most Welcome!**



**MEN'S GATHERING
'STAY CONNECTED'
THIS SATURDAY
29th APRIL 2023
10.00 AM—1.00 PM
BISHOP GREG**
will address participants from 10.30 am St Francis Xavier School Hall. Entry by Crane Street. **Bring a friend.** Register by this Monday 24th April to assist with catering - contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or email admin@sfxballina.org.au **Men of our parish and beyond are very welcome to attend this event.**

Caritas Australia would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2023.

**ANZAC DAY~ THIS TUESDAY
25TH APRIL, MASS
ST FRANCIS XAVIER
CHURCH AT 9.00 AM
'We will remember them'.**



SINCERE SYMPATHY
Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Diane Dover** who has sadly passed away. A funeral Prayer Service will be held this Wednesday 26th April at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

DIVINE MERCY: **Thank you** to everyone who attended the Divine Mercy Commemoration last Sunday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lennox Head. Father Anselm sincere gratitude to you for being our priest and leading the Liturgy.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL
NEXT** Sunday 30th April for the future education of priests in our Diocese. Envelopes will be available on the seats of the churches. These can be placed on the collection plates at any of the Masses or returned the following weekend.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY ~ TUESDAY
25th APRIL:** The Parish Administration Office will be closed for the Anzac Day public holiday. If you are in need of a priest please phone 0423 445 639.

PARISH 'CUPPA'
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, Sunday 7th May, following the 9.00 am Mass. **Everyone is very welcome.**

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 (long service leave)

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

Pastoral Associate: John Kearney Email: john@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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

ROSTER: 4th Easter Sunday, Year A: 29th/30th April, 2023
Readings: Acts 2:14,36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Abbie Beecher Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Emma McFadden Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Leanne Robbins</i>
EMOHC	John Jarzynski		<i>Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell</i>	Maurice Gahan
Offertory Procession			<i>Jo Hurley Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Stephanie Lemon (*mother of Father Anthony*) Diane Dover, Rose Ryan, Lucy Samaniego

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Marie Flood, Barry Schneider, Grant McCoy

AND ALSO FOR: *Scott Tuckwell & family, Kath and Kevin Hankinson, 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, 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: Virginia Kohlbach and family, Anne Jackson, Michael Hains, Ronald Windall, Jones & Skimmings family members, Abby Barrie (*Tasmania*) Tanya White, Isabel Margarita Jorquera, Carlos Solar, Joan Flew, Tony Smith, Hugo Long (*infant Brisbane*), Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Aoife Stephenson *1 yr (Brisbane)*, David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dymphna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty Julia* Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, 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.*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

Due to Anzac Day	'Cherry' Coffee Club Morning Tea	will not take place for this week only.
24th April	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting
25th April	Tuesday 9.00 am	Anzac Day Mass 
29th April	Saturday 10.00 am	Men's Gathering with Bishop Greg
2nd May	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry Coffee Club'
7th May	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Morning Tea
<i>Beginning 10th May for 8 weeks</i>	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am 7.00 to 8.30 pm	Journey through the Bible
28th May	Pentecost Sunday	Parish Multi-Cultural Day celebration (further information to follow)

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 Presbyterian 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.

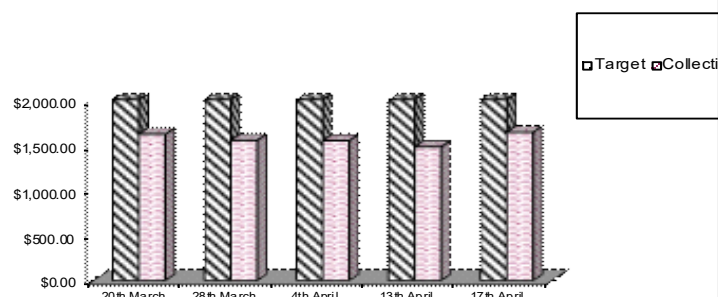
- **By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- **By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218**
- **Please 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 3.20% 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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,061.65
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 614.60
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,639.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



PARISH SCHOOLS

The governance of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Lismore has changed. The Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Limited (DLCSL) was established to govern, conduct and administer the support services for primary and secondary Catholic schools within the Diocese. The restructure was in response to the changed environment of compliance around schools. The schools continue to provide quality Catholic education to the community. For further information please see the brochures available at the foyer of the Church.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON

Thursday 11th May, 2023

Crowley Activity Centre

12.30 pm to 3.30 pm

\$48.00 per person

BYO Drinks

Please RSVP and pay at Crowley reception of via phone on 1300 139 099

by Thursday 4th May

Please provide any special dietary requirements.

Tickets include:

Delicious 3 course meal

1 x entry into the lucky door prize

Live entertainment

Please see church notice board for menu details.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY CAKE STALL

THIS SATURDAY 29TH APRIL

9.00 am to 12.00 noon

BUNNINGS, BALLINA.



We are looking for keen bakers to bake for this worthwhile fundraising event!

All monies raised by the Crowley Auxiliary contribute towards Crowley projects that benefit residents, clients and staff.

Please drop your contributions in a clearly marked container with a list of ingredients for packaging and labelling.

COLLECTION AFTERNOON

Friday 28th April @ Crowley Activity Centre

Not keen on baking but would still like to help the Auxiliary? Visit Ballina Bunnings on April 29th and buy up **BIG!**

SINCERE SYMPATHY



Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to Father Anthony Lemon and his family in the passing of **Stephanie Lemon**.

Requiem Mass will be held at Sacred Heart

Catholic Church Murwillumbah at 11.00 am on Wednesday 26th April, 2023.

LAP PROGRAM



Holy Family Catholic Primary School is looking for any interested parishioners who are willing to give up an hour of their time each week, to work with children on a one to one basis. No skills are necessary, just a little time, care and concern.

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) was successfully implemented at Holy Family for the first time in 1998 and we would like to recommence the program after the Covid break. LAP is an excellent program which provides a meaningful way for parents and other adults to participate in the support Of students. We are presently asking for parishioners to volunteer to spend 45 minutes to an hour a week with a child doing something which interests the adult and child. This could be reading together, gardening, cooking or playing chess. LAP is about sharing positive experiences.

The program is based on five simple principles:

- It is always one to one
- Is about relationships
- Builds confidence and self esteem
- Takes a creative approach to learning
- Promotes parent and community participation



If you are interested, please contact the school office on 6687 5311 or email rennae.reilly@lism.catholic.edu.au

Thank you for your support of our school.

From today's Gospel: Is Jesus divine or human? Which aspect of Jesus do you most closely identify with? When you pray, which image of Jesus do you see?

Do you think of Jesus as a personal friend? How much do you trust him? How much do you think he loves you?

Does your relationship with Jesus make a difference in your day-to-day life? Can you remember a time when you might not have been as close to him as you are now?

- *If Jesus were to live among us today in human form, where would you find him? What injustices would he be resisting? Who would be opposing him? Would his presence make a difference in the world?*

Can your presence make a difference in the world? How? What does it take to convince you to go out and make that difference?

Gospel Action: Try to recognise Jesus as your saviour in those around you this week. Go out of your way to be Jesus for someone who needs to know he or she is loved.

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 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1045

Sisterhood: Mondays 11.00 am St Teresa Room, Parish Admin

Parish Youth Group: In recess for school holidays.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday **Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, Admin Centre contact Maxine Cole 0429 669 029

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

Welcome to our prayer gatherings.

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.



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First Reading: Acts 2:14, 22-33*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me.

So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope

that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.

You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man

Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' **(R.)**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Peter 1:17-21;*A reading from the first letter of St Peter*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God. The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak!

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 24:13-35***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short,

their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES ~~~ 9.00 AM~~~ TUESDAY 25TH APRIL ~ ANZAC DAY

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours.

Communion Antiphon: Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends, says the Lord.

12.00 NOON ~~ WEDNESDAY 26TH APRIL ~ FEAST OF ST MARK

Entrance Antiphon: Go into all the world, and proclaim the Gospel to every creature, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord, alleluia.

12.00 NOON ~~THURSDAY 27TH APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: Let us sing to the Lord, for he has gloriously triumphed. The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Christ died for all, that those who live may live no longer for themselves, but for him, who died for them and is risen, alleluia.

12.00 NOON ~~ FRIDAY 28TH APRIL ~ FEAST OF ST PETER CHANEL

Entrance Antiphon: Perpetual light shine on your Saints, O Lord, and life without end for ever, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit, alleluia.