

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
(B)**

14th 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



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: **Indi Borges** daughter of Gabriel and Mohana; **Woody John and Rudi James Van Geffen** sons of James and Emily; **Boh Wilde Fisher** son of Peter and Renee; **Chilli Edward Jenkins** son of Evan and Amanda.

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

NEXT Sunday 21st 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.



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.*

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.



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.



'A little gem by sea'

MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX

Parishioners are welcome to the next of our monthly dinners to be held on **Saturday 27th April at 6.30 pm**. This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and delicious food. Children and teenagers are most welcome. *This is an initiative of the Holy Family Lennox Head Committee.*

TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 15TH APRIL
12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

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

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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

ROSTER: 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B: 20th/21st April, 2024
Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Mick Vella Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Murray Deeps Amanda Deeps</i>	<i>Wendy Hughes Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Warwick Manning John Jarzynski</i>
EMOHC	<i>Pauline Fingleton Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Madeline Pride</i>	<i>Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Margaret Ellis</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Cathy Andrews Diane Evans</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Smith (*Coraki*), Marie Myers, Peter Mazzer, Travis Semmens (*Tasmania*), Colleen Gray, Mary (Gay) Topham, Ken Hawkins, **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Grant McCoy, Phillip Picquet, Bob Townsend, John Condon, Cec Peheny, Robert Hosie Jnr, Mick O'Brien, **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: Tony Culican, Semmens family (*Tasmania*), Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Feve (*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, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, John McCoy, Noeline Conyngham, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Keightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlback 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, Dymrna 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*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024

15th & 29th April	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé <i>45 min of simple praise, meditation & music</i>
16th April	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
16th April Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
19th April	Friday 12.45 to 3.00 pm <i>Mother Teresa Room</i>	Friday Lunch Alpha Series
22nd April	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
24th April & 7th May	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
25th April	Thursday 9.00 am	Anzac Day Mass
26th April 27th April	Friday 9.30am Meeting Saturday 6.30 pm Dinner @ Club Lennox	Holy Family Lennox Head Committee

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**

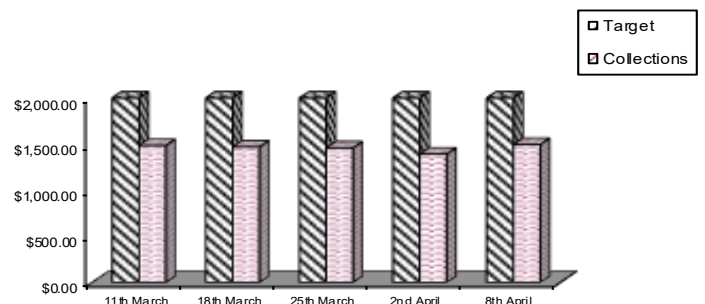
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card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

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 791.55
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 395.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,495.05
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



CALLED TO BE PROPHETIC WITNESSES

To his Nazi captors, Polish priest and Conventual Franciscan friar Maximilian Kolbe was prisoner number 16670. But to Franciszek Gajowniczek, his fellow inmate in Auschwitz, Maximilian was much more and his sacrifice would change his life forever.

In late July 1941, a prisoner escape in Auschwitz prompted the deputy camp commander to order the deaths of 10 men to deter future escape attempts. When Maximilian heard Franciszek, who was one of the ten selected, cry out for his wife and children, he volunteered to take his place. Franciszek was reunited with his wife after the war and lived to be 93. He said that, as long as he lived, he would tell everyone about Maximilian's courageous act of love.

Jesus's dying and rising again, like Maximilian's act of sacrifice and love, was not only a moving act of humanity; it was also a prophetic witness of God's redemptive love.

The gospel reading today describes a vivid post-Resurrection appearance of Jesus. The disciples met Jesus on the road but only recognised him in the breaking of the bread. Then, quite dramatically, they see him standing in their midst and they were both terrified and overjoyed to see him again. He invites them to touch his hands and feet. He eats a piece of fish which they give him.

At Easter, we enter into the mystery of the death and resurrection of Jesus. God, in his love for us, yearns to draw us into his presence for all eternity. It is a profound paradox that his gift of eternal life and love entailed the ultimate sacrifice of an excruciating death on the cross.

For each of us, taking up our cross also means we are utterly vulnerable to pain, suffering and death. Nevertheless, with the grace of One who has also walked this path, we find strength to do the same. St John of the Cross likened suffering to being like a log in the fire. We are consumed by his love and are forever transformed by the experience. Our suffering becomes transformative if we yield ourselves entirely to God.

Yet, our faith is not only a source of grace in own individual suffering and death. It is a prophetic witness for all time. Jesus reminds his disciples that everything that was written about him in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms has now been fulfilled, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached to all nations, beginning with Jerusalem.

We are called to rise with Jesus to a new life. In communion with our faith companions and all the saints from ages past, present and future, we are also called to be prophetic witnesses to his redemptive love. Clothed in our baptismal garments, anointed by holy oil, and redeemed by blood, let us proclaim this Easter promise to everyone. He is risen indeed.

Sophie Clements
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SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Peter Mazzer** who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass was held at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore on Thursday 11th April.

'HAPPY BIRTHDAY'

Our parish community wishes
JULIA PADEN

A wonderful year ahead with much love
and good health.

Julia has celebrated her 86th birthday recently.



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.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Marie Myers** who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held at St Kevin's Church Bangalow, on Wednesday 17th April, at 1.00 pm.



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.



SILENCE IN THE CITY RETREAT for women only

Saturday 4th May 8.00 am to 12.30 pm,
Carmelite Monastery, 591 Ballina Road, Goonellabah.
\$25 pp. Hosted by Jo Hayes OSB.

Bookings essential to:
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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: Every Monday at 10.30 am—Anawim Room, Parish Admin Centre, Phn 6681 1048

Taizé: Every second Monday SFX Church 12.00 noon

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday

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

Ballina CCR: Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

You are 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 3:13-15, 17-19;
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses. 'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. **(R.)**
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. **(R.)**
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5;

A reading from the first letter of St John

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him',

and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

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: Luke 24:35-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 16th APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: Sing praise to our God, all you who fear God, both small and great, for now salvation and strength have come, and the power of his Christ, alleluia

Communion Antiphon: If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Christ, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY 17th APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: Let my mouth be filled with your praise, that I may sing aloud; my lips shall shout for joy, when I sing to you, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord has risen and shone his light upon us, whom he has redeemed by his Blood, alleluia.

THURSDAY 18th 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.

FRIDAY 19th APRIL

Entrance Antiphon: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: The Crucified is risen from the dead and has redeemed us, alleluia.

DID YOU KNOW? The disciples referred to in this gospel are the two who had been fleeing from Jerusalem towards Emmaus when they encountered Jesus on the road. They returned to be witnesses of their encounter with the risen Christ.

- Luke also wrote the Acts of the Apostles. His gospel is the story of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem to the cross and resurrection. Acts is the story of the gospel spreading from Jerusalem to 'all the nations'. A unifying theme in Luke is that of 'journey'.

MAKING CONNECTIONS 'Their joy was so great they could not believe it.' How are you feeling now about what has happened to you in these last weeks?

- Exchange memories of times of great joy or revelation in your life. Have you ever experienced a wave of relief and delight after a period of tension or sorrow?
- 'You are witnesses to all this.' How will you witness to Christ in your life this week?

Today's Psalm response could be repeated this week. *'Lord let your face shine on us'*.

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