

# 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.**

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

**1st May, 2022**

*Alleluia*



*The Church honours  
with special love Mary,  
the Mother of God,  
throughout the month  
of May.*

**'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**

**St Athanasius  
Monday**

**Sts Philip and James, apostles  
Tuesday**

## Sharing a meal with Jesus

Sitting down to a nice meal with family and friends is important in cultures worldwide. Often, a lot of thought and effort goes into the preparation and planning of the menu. In many households, the dishes for significant family gatherings often consist of old favourites.

These dishes, with their presentation, aroma and taste can stimulate a sense of nostalgia, taking a person back to their childhood or triggering a fond memory of a loved one that sadly is no longer around.

In today's gospel, Jesus is preparing a meal for his disciples. The location by the shores of the Sea of Tiberias (the Sea of Galilee) would have been very familiar to the disciples as it was on these very shores that Jesus fed the crowd of five thousand earlier in his life and ministry. They would have recalled an earlier event when they had fished for hours with no luck. Jesus appeared and told them to drop the net again and before long their boat was overflowing with fish.

Therefore, the setting is a familiar one with Jesus sitting down with his disciples for a meal and providing the bread, the charcoal fire and the fish. However, not all is the same. Something has changed and that is the person of Jesus himself. While Jesus used to be like the disciples, living and eating amongst them, there is now a distinct difference. Jesus has risen from the dead. He was crucified on

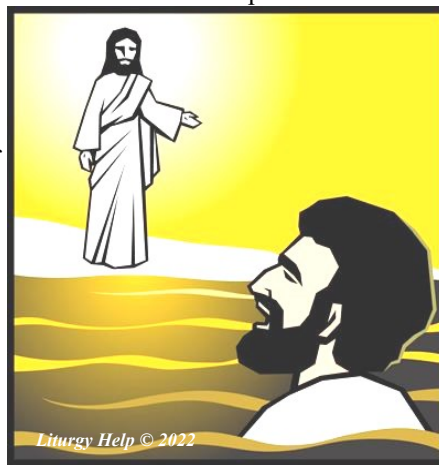
Good Friday, he overcame death and sin and on Easter Sunday he rose from the tomb.

Through his death and resurrection, Jesus revealed himself to be true Man and true God and was completely unrecognisable to his disciples. Jesus was not just a man anymore. The disciples recognised Jesus by eating with him by the sea of Tiberias.

They first had to open their hearts, minds and spirits to the risen Jesus and, importantly, be open to his offer to share a meal and his invitation to continue his ministry to spread the Good News of the Kingdom of God.

As disciples of Jesus in the world today, we too are offered a similar invitation. For us to recognise the truly risen Jesus in the midst of our lives. And like the disciples in today's gospel, we are not asked to bring anything other than to have an open mind, an open heart and an open spirit.

We need to trust in Jesus and cast the nets of our faith far and wide and to understand the great sign that Jesus is working in and through us each day and each moment. We are invited to the meal that Jesus prepares for us and to live our lives following in the Good News of God's Kingdom of love, mercy and compassion.



Mark Chia CSsR  
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Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.**

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**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

**Administrator of Ballina Parish:** Father Peter Padsungay

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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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Grant McCoy,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Danny Sheahan, Neville Butler, Tom Pyne, **AND ALSO FOR:** Todd Sheahan, Mark Butler, 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 and Conchita Schroder, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (Sydney), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Helen Johnston, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (Sydney), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, Dorothy Preddey (Sydney), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Gregory Thomas, Danny Reynolds (Caloundra), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, John Heaton, Dymna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (Dubai), Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (Aunty) Julia Paden, John Moreland, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, 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.)

## 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:** 9th June, 2022

**RECONCILIATION:** TBA

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** TBA

**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.

**FUNREALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

**HOSPITAL:** If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

### 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.**

### THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE 2022 FLOOD APPEAL



**The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.**

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account: BSB: **037-889** Account No: **1061 5829** Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal** To donate from other countries please use this [PayPal link](#). This link can also be used within Australia. Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email: [appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au).

**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.

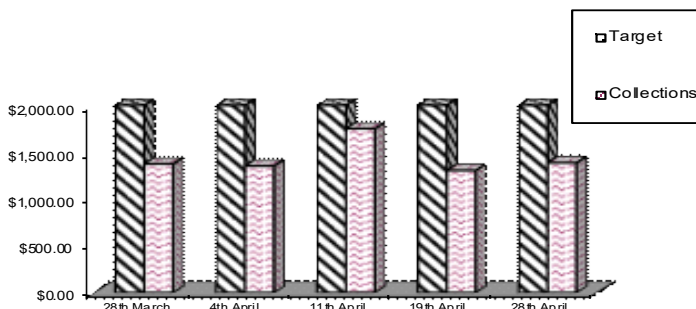
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

### DIF PAYS 0.45% 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

### THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 679.30
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 278.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,386.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



### SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH BALLINA - PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

If you are a new parishioner to Ballina or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, cards are available for completion at the Parish Administration Office. Your details will be processed and a tracking number provided. Contact SFX Parish Admin office on 6681 1048 Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution and monthly deductions by Credit Card.

# 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: **Jasper Scott and Quinn Mable Peterson** children of Bjorn and Peta.



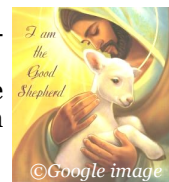
**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Grant McCoy** who has passed away. Grant's Funeral Service will be held this Monday 2nd May, at 11.00 am, in St Francis Xavier Church.

**Caritas Australia** would like to **THANK YOU** for supporting Project Compassion 2022. Please return your envelopes. These can be placed in the collection boxes in both churches and money boxes can be left at the Parish Office.



**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION 2021**  
**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 8th May for the future education of priests in our Diocese.  
Envelopes will be available on the seats of the churches. These can be placed in the collection boxes at any of the Masses or returned the following weekend.



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH - BALLINA ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

### PARISH FUND

INCOME		31/12/2021		31/12/2020
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Collections	95,595		89,988	
Less Transfer to School Building Fund	<u>56,204</u>	39,390	<u>53,285</u>	36,703
Contributions to Administration Costs by Parish Business Enterprises		94,100		104,465
Cash Flow Boost Subsidy				79,556
Donations & Bequests				3,143
Facility Hire		380		185
Interest Received		3,472		10,098
JobKeeper Subsidy				79,500
Moriah House Rent	92,133		90,883	
Moriah House Expenses	<u>89,328</u>	2,805	<u>93,149</u>	(2,266)
Rental Income		504,629		485,969
Other Income		6,110		5,630
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>650,886</b>		<b>802,983</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Catechist & Pastoral Expenses		26,359		56,897
Church Requisites		37,299		46,938
Depreciation		65,965		81,037
Electricity		5,517		8,510
Diocesan Quotas		15,372		(7,895)
Hot Meal Centre Income	199		3,730	
Hot Meal Centre Expenses	<u>204</u>	5	<u>13,946</u>	10,216
Insurance		44,478		43,766
Motor Vehicle Expenses		4,807		5,308
Parish Office Expenses		496,178		460,945
Planned Giving Expenses		1,405		81
Rates		35,790		37,250
Repairs & Maintenance		360,651		146,844
Sheraton House Income	52,282		171,185	
Sheraton House Expenses	<u>23,000</u>	(29,282)	<u>281,193</u>	110,008
Telecommunications		14,292		11,683
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,078,835</b>		<b>1,011,588</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>(427,949)</b>		<b>(208,605)</b>

Deficits are funded from Parish business enterprises and reserves.



**First Reading: Acts 5:27-32;***A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.

His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life.

At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

3. The Lord listened and had pity.

The Lord came to my help.

For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Rev 1:9-3,17-19;***A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 21:1-19;***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together.

Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It

is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it.

Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'

'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God.

After this he said, 'Follow me.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**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**
- By completing a form that allows your bank to deduct your gift from your account into the account of the Parish, available from the Parish Office or, place your envelopes in the baskets provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience. Thank you.



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