

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.

4th Sunday of Easter (A)
(Good Shepherd Sunday)

30th 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

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon

RECONCILIATION

9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church



Feast Days

St Joseph the Worker
Monday

St Athanasius
Tuesday

Sts Philip and James
Wednesday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

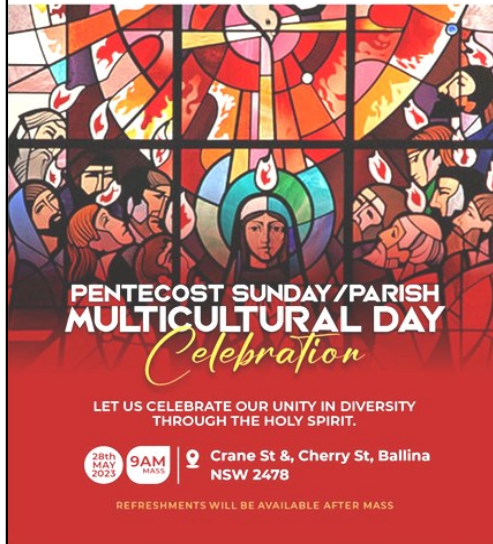
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.



BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Alexander Robert Vasta** son of Michele and Melissa.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA



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



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

QUICK JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE

An 8 session overview of Scripture from a Catholic perspective.
Wednesdays 10-11:30 am **OR** 7-8:30 pm - beginning 10th May
Saint Teresa room, Parish Admin Building.

In this video series you will discover the amazing story that is woven through scripture.

Phone the office on 6681 1048 to register or phone Maxine on 0429 669 029 for more information.

From today's Gospel: How deep is your faith? Is it deep enough to diligently follow in Jesus' footsteps? How do you feel when you fail in your attempts to live a gospel life? How do you bounce back from failure to try again? Do you believe that Jesus Christ died for your sins? Did Jesus die for the sins of all people? Did he die to save people of other denominations? What about people who don't profess to be Christian? Is eternal salvation possible through anyone but Jesus? Do you look for worldly things to be your salvation? Can worldly things insure entry into the kingdom? Can they be a hindrance? *How can you balance your secular and spiritual lives, in other words, being in the world and at the same time following Jesus? Is with drawing from the world an appropriate way to become a better Christian? Why or why not?*

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 (acting parish administrator)

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: 5th Sunday of Easter, Year A: 6th/7th May, 2023
Readings: Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Dan Gubby Peter Fear	Jean MacKay Marie Sullivan	Margaret Tay Wendy Hughes	Maxine Cole Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Tamara Gubby		Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Offertory Procession			Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Martin Russell (*Essendon*), Stephanie Lemon (*mother of Father Anthony*) Diane Dover, Rose Ryan, Lucy Samaniego
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Danny Sheahan, Neville Butler, Tom Pyne

AND ALSO FOR: 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: Elizabeth Walsh (*Ireland*) 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, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt 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

24th April	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting
2nd May	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry Coffee Club'
7th May	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Morning Tea
10th May	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

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.

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.

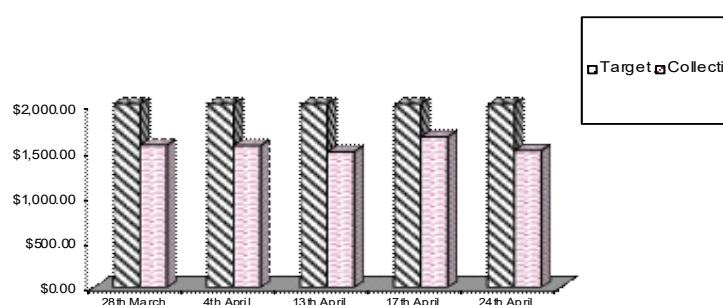
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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>	\$ 941.15
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 575.65
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,491.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00




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

INCOME		31/12/2022		31/12/2021
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Collections	98,796		95,595	
Less Transfer to School Building Fund	55,279	43,517	56,204	39,390
Contributions to Administration				
Costs by				
Parish Business Enterprises		96,530		94,100
Donations & Bequests		32		
Facility Hire		130		380
Interest Received		69,342		3,472
Moriah House Rent	100,383		92,133	
Moriah House Expenses	90,101	10,282	89,328	2,805
Rental Income		502,792		504,629
Sheraton House Rent	97,271			
Sheraton House Expenses	23,284	73,987		
Other Income		6,180		6,110
TOTAL INCOME		802,792		650,886
EXPENDITURE				
Catechist & Pastoral Expenses		25,600		26,359
Church Requisites		48,099		37,299
Depreciation		55,960		65,965
Electricity		7,326		5,517
Diocesan Quotas		1,000		15,372
Hot Meal Centre Income			199	
Hot Meal Centre Expenses			204	5
Insurance		47,327		44,478
Motor Vehicle Expenses		4,972		4,807
Parish Office Expenses		502,516		496,178
Planned Giving Expenses		1,600		1,405
Rates		38,070		35,790
Repairs & Maintenance		148,689		360,651
Sheraton House Income			52,282	
Sheraton House Expenses			23,000	(29,282)
Telecommunications		11,096		14,292
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		892,255		1,078,836
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(89,463)		(427,950)

Deficits are funded from Parish business enterprises and reserves.

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.


CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY
ANNUAL MOTHERS' DAY
LUNCHEON Thursday 11th May,
 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.



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DIOCESAN INVESTMENT FUND

The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) is not subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 nor has it been examined or approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Deposits with the DIF are guaranteed by CDPF Limited, a company established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for this purpose. We welcome your investment with the DIF rather than with a profit oriented commercial organisation as a conscious commitment by you to support the Charitable, Religious and Educational works of the Catholic Church. Neither the DIF nor the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore are prudentially supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority; contributions to the DIF do not obtain the benefit of the depositor protection provisions of the Banking Act 1959; the DIF is designed for investors who wish to promote the charitable purposes of the DIF.

First Reading: Acts 2:14, 36-41
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Peter 2:20-25;
A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 10:1-10

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

FEAST OF ST ANTHANASIUS ~ TUESDAY 2nd MAY

Entrance Antiphon: In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ, alleluia.

WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY ~ FEAST OF STS PHILIP AND JAMES

Entrance Antiphon: These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory, alleluia.

Communion Antiphon: Lord, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us. Whoever has seen me, Philip, has seen the Father also, alleluia.

THURSDAY 4th MAY

Entrance Antiphon: O God, when you went forth before your people, marching with them and living among them, the earth trembled, heavens poured down rain, alleluia.

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

FRIDAY 5th MAY

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.

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.