

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
(B)
(Good Shepherd Sunday)**

21st 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, WEDNESDAY &
FRIDAY FOR THIS WEEK
12.00 noon**

**Thursday 9.00 am
Anzac Day**

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

**Anzac Day
Thursday
Mass 9.00 am**



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Feast Day

**St Mark, evangelist
Friday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

TODAY Sunday 21st 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.



**ANZAC DAY~ THIS THURSDAY
25TH APRIL,
MASS ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH
AT 9.00 AM**

'We will remember them'.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be held **THIS 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.

DEATH NOTICE



It is with deep sadness that we express our sincere sympathy to family and friends of **Michael Maloney (Mick)** who has passed away.

Mick was the manager of the Parish homeless men's shelter, **Sheraton'** for 16 years. In accordance with Mick's wishes his funeral will be held in Warialda on a date to be advised.

PENTECOST MULTICULTURAL MASS AND CELEBRATION

**SUNDAY 19TH MAY ~ 9.00 am
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**

Come dressed in the traditional clothes from your ancestral country and please bring a plate of traditional food to share for morning tea following Mass in the grounds of the Church. Please share this invitation with your family members, neighbours and friends.

Parishioners new to our parish are warmly encouraged to attend.

Everyone is very welcome to this annual parish event.

**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
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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

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: 5th Sunday of Easter, Year B: 27th/28th April, 2024
Readings: Acts 9:26-31; Psalm 21; 1 John 3:18-24; John 15:1-8

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Trish Bazar Peter Fear</i>	<i>Marie Sullivan Damien Kennedy</i>	<i>Gary Reen Annette Reen</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan Warwick Manning</i>
EMOHC	<i>Cheryl Bowen Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Greg Catie & Family</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
 John Joseph Hayter, Mick Maloney, Marie Smith (*Coraki*), Marie Myers, Peter Mazzer, Travis Semmens (*Tasmania*), Colleen Gray, Mary (Gay) Topham, Ken Hawkins,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Diane Dover, Denzil Seabrook, Marie Flood, Barry Schnieder, Bishop John Satterthwaite, Danny Sheahan,
AND ALSO FOR: *Grant McCoy, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, 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: Hugo Long (*infant*), Tony Culican, Semmens family (*Tasmania*), Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Veve (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Sydney*), Geoff Johannes, Mary Howard, Robert Ireland, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tasmania*), Kathleen Young, Loretta and John Heaton, 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 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, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas,*

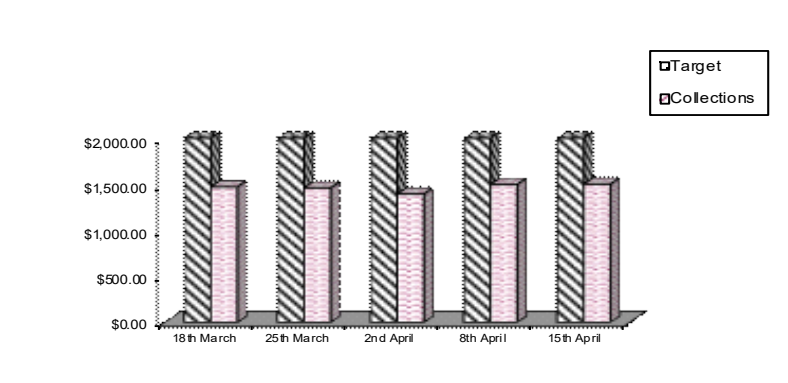
UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024		
22nd April	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Aux Meeting
23rd April	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
23rd April Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
24th April & 7th May	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
25th April	Thursday 9.00 am	Anzac Day Mass
26th April 27th April	Friday 9.30am Meeting Saturday 6.30 pm Dinner @ Club Lennox	Holy Family Lennox Head Committee
4th May	Saturday 8.00 am	Our Lady of Fatima Lennox Head
5th May	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Morning Tea
19th May	Pentecost Sunday 9.00 am	Multicultural Mass & Celebration

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>	\$ 767.40
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 351.35
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,500.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



THE GOOD SHEPHERD'S PROMISE: Today's readings highlight how knowing Christ can change people. The first reading shows how the Resurrection and the presence of the Holy Spirit transformed Peter. Now, he heals as Jesus did and preaches as Jesus preached.

In Peter, we see living proof of what is further explained in the second reading. Through faith in Christ, we come to participate in the relationship of love and communion that the Son has with the Father: "we are God's children now."

Knowing the Father in this way as children of God gives us access to a whole new way of living, and means being transformed into becoming more and more like him. We come to know and participate in God's way of being.

When Peter heals and preaches, he does so because Jesus lives in him, transforming Peter in his own likeness. Like Peter, we live as co-heirs, through Jesus, to the promises of God. What belongs to Jesus as the Son, namely his capacity to know the Father's heart and to do the Father's will, is also promised to us.

Becoming like God does not mean that we lose our individuality or freedom. Instead, we become more our true ourselves, each of us according to the grace and the gifts we have been given.

This is the life for which God created us: to be persons, different and diverse, each uniquely gifted, and, through love, bound together with Jesus, gathered together into one flock with one shepherd.

Like a good shepherd, Jesus has faced and overcome the mortal danger posed to his flock by the power of sin and death, against which they have no other escape. In laying down his life for his sheep, he proves that he is the true guardian, protector and carer of his flock, the Good Shepherd.

Through his death and Resurrection, Jesus claims power for himself and for all who love him over whatever impediments or difficulties befall us on our journey to the fullness of life and union with God. He assures us: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep . . . I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again." Jesus' power to take his life back up again is the power that restores us to new life and relationship with God.

Jesus opens up for humanity a whole new way of living. Whatever the hatreds, conflicts and divisions that arise between people, Jesus invites us into one fold, the flock of the Good Shepherd. He calls us to lives of faith, hope and love, under his protection and in relationship with him as the Good Shepherd.

There is no other power or god or ideology in the world that can promise this same hope for the human race that the Good Shepherd promises. Let us follow him.

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**PUBLIC HOLIDAY THIS THURSDAY ANZAC DAY—PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
PHONE 0423 445 639 IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A PRIEST. Thank you**

PARISH 'CUPPA' : in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, Sunday 5th May, following the 9.00 am Mass. Our Parish Youth members will be hosts for the day. Everyone is very welcome.

A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming OCD to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish, **52 SUNDAYS: A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS.** Available online from Coventry Press. This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass.

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 **THIS Friday 26th April commencing at 9.30 am.**
Contact Sue 0400 052 505 if you would like to add an item to the agenda.

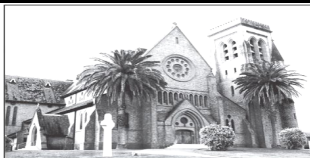
MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX
Parishioners are welcome to the next of our monthly dinners to be held **THIS Saturday 27th April at 6.30 pm.**
This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and delicious food. Children and teenagers are most welcome.
All are welcome.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions.
Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head on the Saturday 4th May at 8.00 am
Everyone welcome to attend!

World Day of Prayer for Vocations: Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for vocations to the priesthood and religious life? Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead. Encourage your children, grandchildren, or other young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister. Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call. **Pray for Vocations!:** As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations—and teaching young people how to discern God's call—is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. During this week, please encourage the young people in your life—children, grandchildren, students, and friends—to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. **Everyone Has a Divine Vocation:** "Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us. Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus! There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation! Some are called audibly by God, but the usual kind of call is internal, through the inner working of the Spirit." ~Homily by Pope Saint John Paul II



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 4:8-12;*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

(R.)

2. I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

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

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

I will thank you for you have given answer and you are my saviour.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end.

(R.)**Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2***A reading from the first letter of St John*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him
because we shall see him as he really is.

*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: John 10:11-18***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

I am the good shepherd:

the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.
The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do
not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon
as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and
scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man
and has no concern for the sheep.

I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know
me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father;
and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold,
and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one
flock and one shepherd.

The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to
take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will,
and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to
take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 23rd 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 24th 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 out and bear fruit,
fruit that will last, alleluia.

THURSDAY 25th APRIL ~ ANZAC DAY

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord. Let them rest from their labours, for their good deeds
go with them, alleluia.

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

FRIDAY 26th APRIL ~ FEAST OF ST MARK EVANGELIST

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.

DID YOU KNOW? * The Latin word for shepherd is the root of the word pastor which is often used to describe the priest
who leads the community.

* From this Latin root we also derive other terms such as pastoral associate, pastoral council and pastoral care, all of which
imply a duty of love and care towards others.

* Bishops carry a staff known as a crosier which is the shepherd's crook and a symbol of the care of the bishop for his people.

* John's Gospel will be read for some weeks during this period. John is the latest of the written gospels, probably being com-
posed at the very end of the first century.

MAKING CONNECTIONS *'Who have been the shepherds in your life who have guided and protected you?

*What or who are the 'wolves' which threaten and cause fear?

*Share memories of times when you were given special responsibility to care for something or for someone.

*Who are the people who rely on your care? Extend that care in special ways this week.

Use the opening lines of Psalm 23 this week:

The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

By quiet waters he leads me to revive my soul.

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