

# 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.

**5th Sunday of Easter (C)**  
**15th 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 John I, pope, martyr**  
*Wednesday*

**St Bernardine of Siena, priest**  
*Friday*

**St Christopher Magallanes, and companions, martyrs**

## A vision of the Church across time

This Sunday's readings give us an understanding of the life of the Church. The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we see the Church's very beginnings. Paul and Barnabas travel between cities sharing the Good News of the gospel.

In their travels, they shared the gospel, encouraged the fledgling churches, and helped them put together a stable leadership. It is fascinating to see how the Holy Spirit moved within the early Church. We see the earliest Christians entrusting themselves and each other to God's grace. This reliance on God inflames their spiritual life and helps them make practical, everyday decisions, deal with hardships and love each other. In Acts, we see the prototype for how the Church should move in this world, as a body dedicated to spreading the gospel and loving service in practical matters.

In the second reading, we see a more mystical vision of the Church as it will look in the life to come. The Book of Revelation describes the people of God as a 'New Jerusalem', who have been prepared like a couple on their wedding day.

The Book of Revelation reveals how we will come out of the hardships of this world made new and holy. In this vision, we see a glimpse of the Church's future, where our God will "wipe every tear" from our eyes. This has been the destiny that God has designed for his people from the very beginning. When God

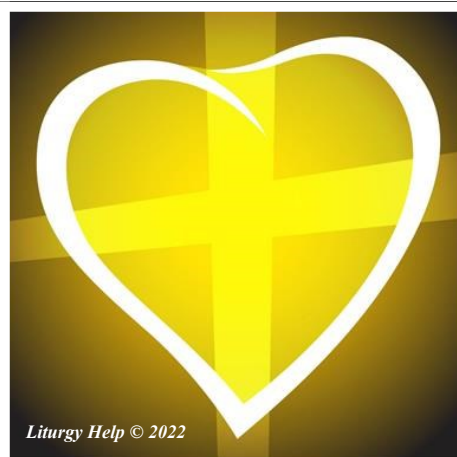
created all of us, he envisioned the perfecting of the human race to live eternally with him. This is the goal that the Church strives for in this life with the hope of reaching it in the next.

And in today's gospel, we hear about the lynchpin of the Church. The Son of Man proclaims how he will be glorified by overcoming death and reconciling the human race with the Father. Because of the love that he has poured out for his people, he now tells his Church to love one another in the same way.

His glorification has made everything else in today's readings possible. Everything from the historical details of Paul and Barnabas' leadership of the Church to the hope that awaits the glorified Church in Heaven, to our simple acts of love for each other today, all come as a direct result of the grace of Jesus Christ. Because he loved us first, we can love one another and know this love for all eternity.

We have a vision of the Church across time. Although we labour through hardships and sufferings of our present time, the Church is a kingdom of "glorious splendour" that 'endures through all generations.' And it is all because we have been loved by the Son of God who gives the Church the grace to love one another.

Joseph Doyle  
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**PRESBYTERY:** Phone: 6686 2042  
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**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

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

**Assistant Priest:** Father Anselm Okeke

**Pastoral Associate:** John Kearney **Email:** john@sfxballina.org.au

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**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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joan Shumack, Grant McCoy,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Cecilia Condon, Brian Tarlinton,  
**AND ALSO FOR:** Ted Murphy, Todd Sheahan, Mark Butler, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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:** Louise King, Greg Campbell, John and Conchita Schroder, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (Sydney), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, 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, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, John Heaton, Dymrna 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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection).

Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.

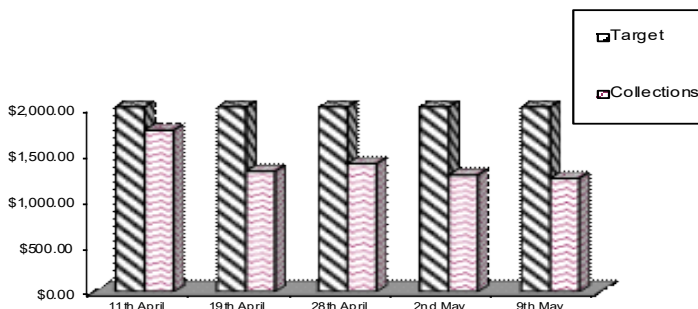
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

#### 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	\$ 635.30
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 308.80
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,227.00
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.

**RECEPTION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Kobe David and Ellie Meg McLoughlin** children of Nigel and Emily; **Lilah Jane Elliott** daughter of David and Kerri.

## VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING BILL.

A petition regarding the Bill is at the doors of our Churches. Please sign to stop this Bill being passed in the NSW Parliament. ***We have only this weekend to have as many signatures as possible.***

*Nicodemus O'Keefe—Right to Life NSW.*

## 'WELCOME' 2022 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This week there are **'Pray for Me'** cards in baskets on the altar. Parishioners are asked to take a card and pray for that candidate whose name is inscribed on it.

***We welcome each candidate and their family to our weekend Masses.***

***The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 9th June in St Francis Xavier***



## ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT

**This week Father Peter and Father Anselm will attend the annual Clergy Retreat. There will be no Parish Masses Tuesday to Thursday. Adoration at 11.00 am followed by Mass at 12.00 noon on Friday. Our prayers are with the clergy of the Diocese.**



## CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 23rd May—3.00 pm**

at Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street.

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. ***You will be most Welcome!***

## DEVOTION TO MARY OUR MOTHER IN THE MONTH OF MAY :

May, a month set aside by the Church to celebrate Mary. The Rosary is prayed in our Parish on **Wednesday mornings at 8.00 am** with Chaplet of Divine Mercy, also at **7.00 am Sunday** morning before 7.30 am Mass in Holy Family Church Lennox Head. **Saturdays 9.00 am** in St Francis Xavier Church



## A NEW COMMANDMENT I GIVE UNTO YOU

A new commandment I give unto you that you love one another as I have loved you,  
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this, shall all men know that you are my disciples, If you have love one for another.  
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples If you have love one for another.



## Report of the Listening and Discernment in Local Churches

At the invitation of Pope Francis and Bishop Greg, over the last six months people of the Lismore Diocese have reflected and shared deeply on the themes of communion, participation and mission. Thank you for your participation and encouragement of this process. The result of these contributions is in the copy of the Diocesan report is prepared for the 2023 International Synod of Bishops.

You can find this report at the back of our Churches, or on the Parish website 'Faith Updates' tab Bishop's Message.

## FERTILITY AWARENESS - a Holistic Medical

**Approach live webinar.** Join us for an engaging live conversation with Lynne Anderson, CEO of Billings Life™ Australia, and Dr Mary Walsh, General Practitioner and Chair of AIRRM (Australasian Institute for Restorative and Reproductive Medicine), at **7:30pm (AEST) on Thursday, 19th May 2022.** The conversation will include how the Billings Ovulation Method® and a medical approach to fertility can complement one another to restore a woman's health and fertility.

Places are limited for this free webinar, so please register early to secure your spot.

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fertility-awareness-a-holistic-medical-approach-live-webinar-tickets-336841932287>

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** Registrations for Cycle 4 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)* are now open. Close on May 25th. (Courses begin May 30th.) [See Course offerings for Cycle 4.](#) [Learn more by clicking here.](#) Contact Tony Worner at [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au](mailto:VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au) for further information or help with registering.



## TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or email: [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**Christian Meditation Group:** Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday

**Sisterhood:** Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building

**Parish Youth Group:** 7.00 pm Saturday evening following 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Upper Room Parish Admin Centre.

**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room,

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

**Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head:** 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

## 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.



**First Reading: Acts 14: 21-27;**  
*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) I will praise your name forever,  
my king and my God.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God,  
to make known to men your mighty deeds  
and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Rev 21:1-5;**  
*A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

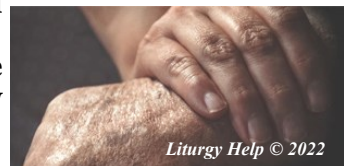
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 13:31-35;**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'



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The Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:** O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection. O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need. O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual. Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

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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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