

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.

6th Sunday of Easter (C)

22nd May, 2022

Alleluia



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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

Wednesday to Friday
12.00 noon

RECONCILIATION

9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church

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Feast Days

Our Lady Help of Christians
Tuesday

St Philip Neri, priest
Thursday

St Augustine of Canterbury

Making a home with God

We are still in the Easter season celebrating a new creation. John's gospel takes us back before the Easter event as we hear another part of the farewell spoken by Jesus before his death.

He seeks to give his disciples hope in the face of what is to come. Of course, they don't know what's coming, but at this moment he says to them that if they love him, they will keep his word and Jesus and 'my Father' will make their home with them.

It's quite breathtaking, revealing to us an intimacy we're unexpectedly invited to share in. And that home is being made whenever we are present to one another, not using one another, or fantasising about one another, but are able to be with each other.

Then Jesus speaks out of this love when he says that the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who the Father will send in his name, will reveal everything, deepening our understanding of what has been said to us. And more, he continues to reveal the great generosity of God and gives his peace to us, a peace quite unlike what the world offers.

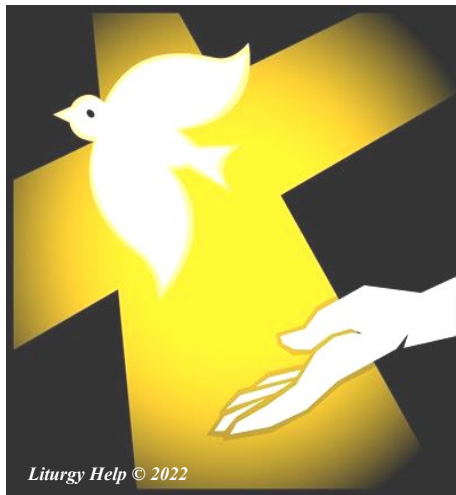
The emphasis isn't on stopping hostilities which is what we understand peace to mean in international affairs, or closer to home, or a peace of mind which brings with it the 'power of inner peace', crucial and helpful as they might be at moments, but on a person, on Jesus Christ, on one another: it is centred on relationship.

As we learn to love one another, to be with each other, through the power of the Holy Spirit, Jesus and the Father come to be with us, to live in us. And the peace this love brings is not a DIY peace, but a gift to be received. We can't simply will it into being, or program it, we have to learn to receive it. That's the part we find difficult. Letting go of our old, comforting habits.

Often, we prefer to hold tight to what we know because letting go seems risky. But that's what Jesus is speaking of; trusting in God's love, this peace, as revealed in him and made real in our lives by the Holy Spirit. This is the intimacy we're invited to share in, where 'on the far side of my letting go is myself in God'.

It's the vision revealed to us in the second reading from the Apocalypse where 'the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the

Temple' and we live in them, opening our hearts in praise, as in the psalm. It reminds us that, empowered by the Holy Spirit, there will be decisions to be made, work to do, to enable the Good News of God's love to be heard. But now, in the light of Easter, we know, as do the disciples in the first reading, nothing can prevent God making a home with us.



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Catholics from the Diocese of Lismore are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

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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: William (Bill) Parsons, Jeff Mather (Brisbane), Sr Florence Tobin rsj (Sr Frances Mary), Joan Shumack, Grant McCoy,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Ron Hanlon,
AND ALSO FOR: Ted Murphy, 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.

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.

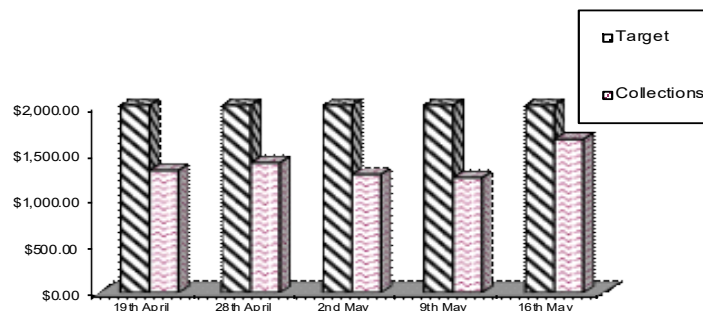
Father Peter and Father Anselm

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

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 710.00
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 271.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,637.00
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:
Coen Edward Carlaw son of Mark and Amber.

 **'CONGRATULATIONS' MARGARET ELLIS**
This weekend Margaret Ellis will be commissioned as President of St Francis Xavier Ballina Conference of St Vincent de Paul Society. *Many blessings for your work in assisting the poor in our community.*

'WELCOME' 2022 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This week the focus for our parish candidates for Confirmation is:

'Called by Name'. Children will hold their battery lit candles standing near the Pascal candle and together we pray the following prayer:



All:

'These children have received the light of Christ.

Loving Father,

We thank you for sending your Son Jesus to be the light of the world, and to show us the way to you.

Thank you for the day we were baptised.

May Jesus always live in our hearts, in the hearts of these children.

May Jesus be light and love for us all.'

Amen.

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 Parish Church.

Candidates and their families will gather at 5.20pm to be seated by 5.30 pm to meet Bishop Greg before the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.00 pm.



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Bill Parsons** who has sadly passed away. Bill's Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 24th May at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.

NO 12.00 NOON MASS THIS TUESDAY 24th MAY.

Parishioners please accept Father Peter and Father Anselm sincere apology for the cancellation of Tuesday's Mass, due to circumstances beyond their control.

If you are in need of a Mass, please attend the 10.00 am Requiem Mass. *Thank you.*



CATECHISTS MEETING

Upper Room, Parish Administration Building

THIS Thursday 26th May ~10.30 am.

All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend. Morning Tea provided.

ASPIRE

Young Adult Spiritual Formation
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD via Zoom

FOR AGES 18 - 35 YEARS OLD.

June 6 - Monday

July 26 - Tuesday

August 15 - Monday

September 27 - Tuesday

October 18 - Tuesday

December 6 - Tuesday

For more information, contact: Sr. Di, CM
Mobile: 0405 327 153
Email: youth@stcarthages.org.au



NATIONAL DAY OF HEALING THIS THURSDAY 26TH MAY

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 'BE BRAVE, MAKE CHANGE' 27th May to 3rd June.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

The dates for NRW remain the same each year. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively.

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au>

SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH

An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages. If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course.

- * Identify your conflict triggers.
- * Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.
- * Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

smartloving.org/breakthrough



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 15:1-2, 22-29;
A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rev 21:10-14;
A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:23-29;

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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