

# 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.

**6th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (B)**

**11th February 2024**

**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 MASS**

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY  
MASS 12.00 noon**

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

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Mass times  
12.00 noon  
5.30 pm**



**We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.**

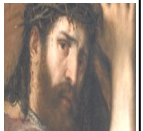
### PARISH NOTICES



**BAPTISM :** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Billy Geoffron Flick** son of Anthony and Tamara.

### 2024 LENTEN PROGRAM ~ 'A RESURRECTED LIFE'

The Lenten program will begin this week.  
Please contact the parish office to register and join a group.  
Ph 6681 1048 or e: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)  
Reflection books are now available at \$8.00 each



### Project Compassion 2024

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and *for all future generations*.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction.

Project Compassion 2024 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *for all future generations*.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from our churches, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.



### FRIDAY LUNCH ALPHA SERIES

**starts Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**, in the Mother Teresa room  
12:45 – 3:00 pm (After midday Mass).

**MAXIMUM 12 people**

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions where you can explore life, faith and meaning in a conversational atmosphere over a shared meal.

Each week we will watch a video that asks the BIG questions without dictating any right answers.

Join the conversation or simply enjoy listening & friendship.

Lunch will be provided. (Please advise any dietary issues.)

Register at the Parish Office or phone Maxine 0429 669 029



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY :** The first meeting for 2024 is to be held on **Monday 26th February 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.*

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

**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

**Assistant Priest:** Father Anselm Okeke

**Deacon:** Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

**Pastoral Associate:** John Kearney Email: [john@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:john@sfxballina.org.au)

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Kailani Tiernan Email: [ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au)

Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto: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](http://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

**ROSTER: 1st Sunday of Lent, Year B: 17th/18th February 2024**  
**Readings : Genesis 9:8-15; Psalm 24; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15**

	<b>Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday ~ 7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Bryan Marriott Dan Gubby</i>	<i>Marie Sullivan Angela Beglin</i>	<i>Margaret Tay Nicole Sullivan</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Maxine Cole</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Tamara Gubby</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Jo Hurley Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Father Kevin Bates SM, Nola Rodey, Lilli Vandk,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Jim Walsh, Eileen Cook, Richard Patterson,

**AND ALSO FOR:** *John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, 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 the faithful departed.*

**AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL:** Geoff Johannes, Mary Howard, Robert Ireland, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tasmania*), Kathleen Young, Loretta and John Heaton, Hugo Long (*infant*), Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Ken Delany, Peter Mazzer, 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, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, 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.*  
*(Please advise if a name is to be removed if good health has been restored).*

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024**

<b>13th February</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>13th February</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am Lennox Head Church</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>19th February &amp; 4th March</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Taizé</b> <i>45 min of praise meditation &amp; music uninterrupted</i>
<b>14th &amp; 28th February</b>	<b>Wednesday 8.00 am</b>	<b>menALIVE Lennox Head</b>
<b>16th February</b>	<b>Friday 5.30 pm</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>17th February</b>	<b>Saturday 7.30 - 10.30 am Crowley Care Activity Centre</b>	<b>menALIVE Breakfast</b>
<b>23rd February</b>	<b>Friday 12.45 to 3.00 pm Mother Teresa Room Admin Centre</b>	<b>Friday Lunch Alpha Series</b>
<b>26th February</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>2nd March</b>	<b>Saturday 8.00am</b>	<b>Rosary @ Lennox Head Church</b>

**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

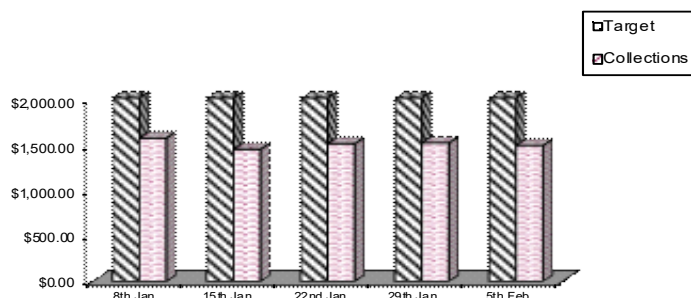
- 2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218 Please use your Planned Giving number as reference.

**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](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 725.75
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 359.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,480.45
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



## ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH COMMUNITY

We are excited to let you know that we are introducing a quarterly newsletter for the SFX Parish Ballina. The newsletter will allow us to communicate what is happening within the Parish and will be distributed to Parishioners, School Families and at Crowley Care. Communication is important to the vitality of our Parish, to build a thriving and supportive community. The aim of the newsletter is to share information, strengthen relationships, encourage participation and to build trust and connection within the SFX Parish community.

Reports will be included from:

- Parish Priest
- Parish Finance Council
- Parish Pastoral Council
- Lennox Head Community Group
- Our three parish schools and St Anne's Long Day Care Centre
- Crowley Care
- St Vincent De Paul
- Faith Formation Group
- Hospitality Group
- Social Justice Group
- Youth Group
- Prayer Groups eg. Men Alive, Christian Meditation etc



For the first edition I would appreciate it if all our parish ministries could provide a brief summary of their key function including members of the group/team/committee/council or contact person. Any photos or images you would like to share would also be welcomed eg. photos of key people or logo/image that might be used for the group. Space may determine the use of images for the first newsletter, however these images may be able to be used in future publications. Could you please email your report to [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au) by Thursday, February 15th.

For our schools and St Anne's if you could provide a brief highlight from the start of the year, an event coming up or any other item you would like to share with our Parishioners.

As we plan to provide this newsletter on a quarterly basis please keep in mind activities/information/events that you would like to communicate within our parish for future editions planned.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish community. Together, through effective communication, we can continue to strengthen the bonds that make our community a place of love, support, and shared faith.

Father Peter Padsungay  
Parish Administrator



**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**14th FEBRUARY 2024**  
**MASS TIMES**  
**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**  
**12.00 noon & 5.30 pm**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**  
Stations of the Cross will take place **on**  
**Friday's during Lent** at 5.30 pm in  
St Francis Xavier Church  
**commencing THIS Friday 16th February.**



### DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

**This Tuesday 13th February (Shrove Tuesday)**  
**Holy Family Church, Lennox Head**  
**10.00 am**

This beautiful devotion goes back to the passion of Christ, when the veil of Veronica soothed the injuries of the Holy Face of Jesus.

*'This salutary reparation to the Holy Face of Jesus is a Divine Work, destined to save modern society.'* (Pius IX)

For further information contact  
Hilda Carter on 0458 662 828.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**THIS SATURDAY**  
**17TH FEBRUARY**  
**CROWLEY CARE**  
**ACTIVITY CENTRE**  
**7.30 am to 10.30 am**



**Bishop Greg's Lenten Talks** ~ Bishop Greg will be holding his Lenten Talks in St Mary's Chapel, Lismore 6.00pm on Monday 19th, 26th February and 11th March. Please note there will no talk on Monday 4th March. This year he will speak of "Themes From St Therese of Lisieux".

*All are most welcome to attend.*



**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore**  
**Safeguarding Office** can be contactable if you have any Safeguarding concerns. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

Contact the Safeguarding Office—Phone: **(02) 6621 9444**  
or Email: **[safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)**



### OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions.

Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church Lennox Head on the 1st Saturday of each month commencing on Saturday 2nd March at 8.00 am

**Everyone welcome & encouraged to attend!**



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**First Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46;

*A reading from the book of Leviticus*

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble,  
and you fill me with the joy of salvation.**

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. **(R.)**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. **(R.)**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 10-11:1;**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark*

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER ~ PALESTINE**  
**FRIDAY 1st MARCH, 2024 ~ 9.30 am**  
**'I beg you ... bear with one another in love'**  
*Prepared by Palestinian Christian women living in Australia*  
**Uniting Church, Cherry Street, Ballina**  
*followed by morning tea. Everyone is very welcome.*



**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**

**TUESDAY 13th FEBRUARY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Communion Antiphon:** They ate and had their fill, and what they craved the Lord gave them; they were not disappointed in what they craved.

**WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY ~ ASH WEDNESDAY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You are merciful to all, O Lord, and despise nothing that you have made. You overlook people's sins, to bring them to repentance, and you spare them, for you are the Lord our God.

**Communion Antiphon:** He who ponders the law of the Lord day and night will yield fruit in due season.

**THURSDAY 15th FEBRUARY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** When I cried to the Lord, he heard my voice; he rescued me from those who attack me. Entrust your cares to the Lord, and he will support you.

**Communion Antiphon:** Create a pure heart for me, O God; renew a steadfast spirit within me.

**FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord heard and had mercy on me; the Lord became my helper.

**FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL**

**DID YOU KNOW?** • As the first reading suggests, having or being suspected of having leprosy caused a person to live outside the community. They were considered unclean and had to warn of their approach so that they would not contaminate others. While this was a measure to protect the community, it must have been unbearable to live this way, not only sick but totally excluded.

• The very elaborate regulations about leprosy and becoming purified after its cure can be read in Leviticus 13 and 14. Leviticus is one of the first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures known as the Torah or the Law. They are often referred to as the books of Moses.

• By responding to the leper and touching him, Jesus put himself 'outside the community' and is now forced to 'stay outside in places where nobody lived.'

**MAKING CONNECTIONS** • This week, reach out and touch someone who needs a sign of acceptance or a gift of compassion.

*I turn to you Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.*

Repeat this prayer of trust often this week.

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