

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.**

**Body and Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi)**

11th June, 2023

**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
12.00 noon**

RECONCILIATION

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



Feast Days

St Anthony of Padua

Tuesday

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday

**The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday



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: **Evander Anthony Cani** son of Michael and Bethany.



'CONGRATULATIONS' FATHER JOHN KELLY
*who celebrates 63 years of ordination
to the Priesthood this Monday, 12th June.
Love and best wishes from all the parish.*



ST ANNE'S LONG DAY CARE CENTRE, SKENNARS HEAD

URGENTLY seeking Early Childhood Educators to work full time or part-time. Please contact Narelle Dewhurst – 6687 5961 or email: narelle@stannesldcc.org.au



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY: The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 26th June 2.00 pm**, Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **You will be most Welcome!**
Please note the change of time to 2.00 pm for the winter months.

PHOTOS from Parish Multi Cultural Sunday can be viewed on the parish website. Go to www.sfxballina.org.au > Noticeboard > Parish Social Gathering.



NEW PRESIDENT: The Holy Family Lennox Head Committee congratulate Sue Hetherington, recently elected President of the group, at the AGM. Committee members are Cheryl and Peter 'A little gem by the sea' Bowen, Hildegard and Wally Carter, Maureen Harper, Bill McMahon, Marie and Kevin Sullivan and Genevieve Starr. The Committee will continue to care for our historic Holy Family Church and its people.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY: This Monday the Parish Administration Office will be closed for the Public Holiday. If you are in urgent need of a Priest please call 0423 445 639.

Safeguarding: World Elder Abuse Awareness Day ~ Thursday 15th June
Elder abuse is any act which causes harm to an older person and is carried out by someone they know and trust. elderabuseawarenessday.org.au/

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for the 2023/24 Financial Year are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches in alphabetical order.

PARISHIONERS & FRIENDS Saturday Evening Dinner in Lennox Head
Club Lennox 6.30 pm Saturday 24th June No need to book ~ Everyone is welcome.

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: 11th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year A: 17th/18th June, 2023
Readings: Exodus 19: 2-6; Psalm 99; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36-10:8

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott Trish Bazar	Marie Sullivan Emma McFadden	Margaret Tay Nicole Sullivan	Maurice Gahan Warwick Manning
EMOHC	Katrina Miles	Sue Hetherington	Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
Offertory Procession			Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
Dorothy Preddey (*Sydney*), Yvonne Williamson, Fr John Chambers, Fr Eddie Welling, Jocelyn (Joy) Platt-Hepworth,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Aileen Reen, Dr Norman Rogers, Mavis Timmins, Vic Norris, Peter Weston, Cenon Ibrrientos,
AND ALSO FOR: *Bernardien van Nispen, 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: Bill Duffy, Neville Johnston, John Keightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Elizabeth Walsh (*Ireland*) Virginia Kohlbach and family, 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 (*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*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023		
13th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club
14th June	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am 7.00 to 8.30 pm	Journey through the Bible St Teresa Room
18th June	Sunday 9.00 am	RCIA candidates Reception into the Catholic Faith
24th June	Saturday 6.30 pm	Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox
26th June	Monday 2.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Monthly Meeting
1st/2nd July	Weekend Masses	St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
23rd July	Sunday 10.00 am - 3.00 pm	Women's Reflection Day
10th September	Sunday 12.00 noon	Parish Spring Lunch Cherry Street Bowling Club

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	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 714.25	
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 380.25	
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,564.00	
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00	

BREAKING BREAD WITH JESUS



Jesus had many meals with his followers. During those times of fellowship, Jesus shared his vision of God's Kingdom and he called his followers to live, love and serve as one family. Of all their meals together, the one that stayed most in the memory of the disciples was the Last Supper. At that meal, Jesus gave himself to the disciples in a way he'd never done before and in a way that anticipated the death he would die for them and for all, the following day. By giving himself in the form of bread and wine, Jesus declared himself to be their life-giving food and drink. By calling on them to eat and drink, Jesus asked them to embrace a life of sacrificial love; to give themselves to him and to each other, just as he was giving himself to them. It's because of that last meal, which was a beginning not an end, that we're here today.

Today's feast focuses our attention on Jesus' Body and Blood: his life shared, offered, surrendered, sacrificed and broken for us. We know and encounter him as he comes to meet us in the proclamation of his living Word, in the life and witness of those gathered with us and in the gift of himself in the Eucharist.

The Eucharist feeds and nourishes us on Christ's life and to its celebration; we bring the offering of our daily Christian living. The gift of our lives for the betterment of each other is the summit to which we aspire and the source of our renewal and strength to live what we say, do, celebrate and receive.

We come before God then, offering our living sacrifice and service in thanksgiving; captured by the words said at each Mass: *"Pray sisters and brothers that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father"*. To this invitation we reply: *"May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for the good of all His holy Church"*.

What we offer to God and the sacrifice we make to the praise and glory of God, for our good and the good of all of God's people, is ourselves and our efforts to live a Christ-like way now, represented in the bread and wine brought and placed upon the altar. In response, we receive the greatest gift that God can give to us: God's own life in God's beloved Son, the Bread of Life.

Pope Francis reminds us that the Eucharist is not a prize for the perfect. *Corpus Christi* is to become what we eat, to be another Christ for the world, to be Eucharistic in our self-giving love, service and embrace of all people in the manner that Jesus showed the world.

David J Hore CSsR
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REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have our Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil and Sunday 9.00 am Masses on the screen for the convenience of those attending Mass. An invitation for volunteers to come forward to assist with operating the laptop during the Mass is now offered. A roster system will be established. Both Masses will be prepared and ready to use each week. Please contact the Parish office on 6681 1048 or email: admin@sfxballina.org.au



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PARISH YOUTH

World Youth Day (WYD) is an international encounter with the Pope generally celebrated every three years. This year's event will be hosted in Lisbon, Portugal and three of our young people will be attending. We appeal for donations to help with the costs of enabling these our young parishioners to attend this wonderful event. Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in the pews. If you prefer to donate by bank transfer: **A/c name St Francis Xavier Parish**
BSB 082 522 A/c no 50960 3218 Ref: 'Youth'

Thank you

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. 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



LAP PROGRAM: Holy Family Catholic Primary School is looking for any interested parishioners who are willing to give up an hour of their time each week, to work with children on a one to one basis. No skills are necessary, just a little time, care and concern.

The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) was successfully implemented at Holy Family for the first time in 1998 and we would like to recommence the program after the Covid break.

LAP is an excellent program which provides a meaningful way for parents and other adults to participate in the support of students. We are presently asking for parishioners to volunteer to spend 45 minutes to an hour a week with a child doing something which interests the adult and child. This could be reading together, gardening, cooking or playing chess. LAP is about sharing positive experiences.

The program is based on five simple principles:

- It is always one to one
- Is about relationships
- Builds confidence and self esteem
- Takes a creative approach to learning
- Promotes parent and community participation



If you are interested, please contact the school office on 6687 5311 or email rennae.reilly@lism.catholic.edu.au
Thank you for your support of our school.

Quote: 'I ask you to ensure that humanity is served by wealth, not ruled by it.' *Pope Francis*

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries please contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday

Sisterhood: Monday 11.00 am St Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre.

Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church.

Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

Welcome to our prayer gatherings.



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First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16;*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.**

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. **(R.)**

2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. **(R.)**

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 10:16-17;*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I am the living bread from heaven, say the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.

Alleluia!**Gospel: John 6:51-58***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to the Jews: I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.

Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**TUESDAY 13th JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

WEDNESDAY 14TH JUNE ~ AND ~ THURSDAY 15TH JUNE

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

FRIDAY 16TH JUNE ~ FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

What does the Eucharist mean to you? Where does the Eucharist fit in your faith life? How does the Eucharist relate to Jesus' death on the cross? Do you believe that Eucharist has the power to change us? In what way?

- *How does the Eucharist feed your faith life? Why do you think we continue to receive the Eucharist time and again instead of once in our life?*

What does the Real Presence in the Eucharist mean to you? Does the doctrine of the Real Presence have an impact on how you see the Catholic Church? As eucharistic Christians, how are we called to live our faith? What is your understanding of how Eucharist helps us to spread the good news? How does partaking in Eucharist unite us with the saving action of Jesus in his death on the cross? How does Eucharist remind us of the resurrection?

Gospel Action: Go to daily Mass this week. Skip a meal and offer it up as reparation for your sins. Meditate this week on how you are a living sign of Jesus' love for each person you meet. Look for ways to help others understand the power of the Eucharist.

Did you know? Gathering together to break bread and share the cup is the most ancient practice of the Church. This feast known as 'Corpus Christi', originated in the Middle Ages as a celebration of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharistic bread.

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