

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.

**The Most Holy
Body & Blood of Christ
(Corpus Christi) (C)**

19th June, 2022

'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 Aloysius Gonzaga
Tuesday**

**Sts John Fisher & Thomas Moore
Wednesday**

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Friday**

**The Nativity of
St John the Baptist
Saturday**

Gifts of bread and wine

Today's readings introduce us to the mysterious High Priest, Melchizedek, who has an encounter with Abraham, the better-known Israelite figure. Abraham, as we know, became the founding father of Judaism, Christianity and Islam.

However, it is Melchizedek who prefigures Jesus' actions at the Last Supper by giving Abraham gifts of bread and wine. This is brought to further light in today's Psalm which acknowledges Melchizedek as "a priest forever" thereby foreshadowing Jesus' royal priesthood demonstrated through his sacrifice at Calvary.

Although our celebration of Corpus Christi – literally, the Body of Christ – has these wonderful connections to the world well prior to God's special covenant with the Jewish people, the focus of our feast is on Jesus of Nazareth, who was both faithful Jew and centre-point of our Christian faith. Christians keep this focus on Jesus our High Priest and Saviour alive especially through the prayerful celebration of the Eucharist.

The Eucharist does not just keep alive for us the memory of Christ's actions at the Last Supper and the sacrifice of his earthly body for us but the Eucharist re-enacts the reality of God's saving presence among us in the here-and-now. In a particular way, the Eucharist is linked to the Exodus-event of Israel's liberation from slavery by the Egyptians. God continues to shelter us from all life's trials and tribulations and to shower us with gifts for the road ahead.

Pope Francis tells us the Eucharist is "not a prize for the perfect, but nourishment for the weak!" In saying this he is not suggesting we should attend the Eucharist without thoughtfulness, prayer and presence of mind; but he also reminding all of us that we come to Eucharist as sinners in search of God's healing grace and mercy.

Pope Francis also provides guidelines for how the Eucharist should make a real difference in our lives and relationships with others – whether rich, poor, young, old, neighbour or stranger. He suggests the Eucharist should

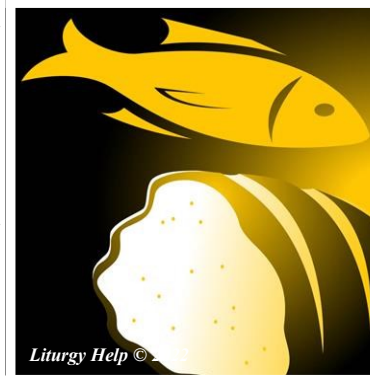
lead us to "see the face of Christ" in the poor, sick and marginalised people of our world. The Eucharist is also especially connected to our experience of being "forgiven sinners", empowering us to reach out in forgiveness of others, to heal broken hearts, and to overcome division. The pope notes the Church's very identity and mission flow from the Eucharist

enabling us to become "other Christs" through loving service and compassion for others.

The Anglo-Catholic poet TS Eliot says Christ is "the still point of the turning world". It is especially through our celebration of the Eucharist that our distracted, busy, turning worlds are stilled by the overpowering, silent mystery that camouflages the saving, liberating, loving presence of Christ in the broken bread and sweetened wine.

Gerard Hall SM

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Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.**

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

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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: Aileen Reen (*mother of Gary Reen,*) Dr Norman Rogers, Bessie Higgins, Edward Boland (*Sydney*), Bernardien van Nispen, Rhonda Lollback,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Reba Smidt, Richard Nagle, Maria Potter,

AND ALSO FOR: Raymond Peacock, 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, 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: Max Badewitz (*Sydney*), Carmel Hackett, Trish Begley, Louise King, Greg Campbell, John and Conchita Schroder, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (*Sydney*), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (*Sydney*), Noro Ruben Mazzorch, 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, Dymphna 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: TBA

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.

FUNERALS: 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.

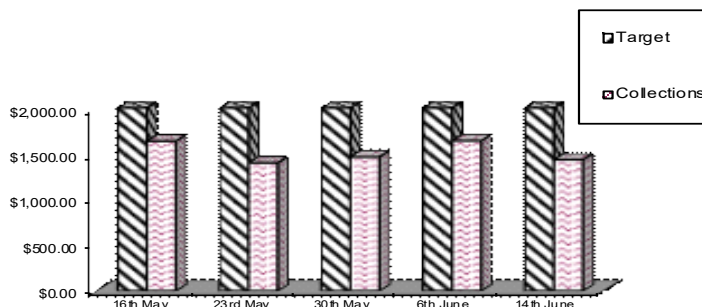
Father Peter and Father Anselm

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	\$ 520.50
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 249.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,432.30
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.

'WELCOME'

TO OUR PARISH FATHER JIM GRIFFIN
Father Jim will assist Father Anselm with our
weekend Masses as Father Peter takes annual leave.
We wish Father Peter a happy and restful holiday
and look forward to his safe return to us.



BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 2022 WINTER APPEAL

NEXT WEEKEND 25th/26th June

Our work in giving a "Hand Up" to the homeless, victims of Domestic Violence, marginalized and those struggling within our community continues through your on-going donations to the Poor Box and our Winter Appeal for which we are very grateful.

If you are able to support us, Winter Appeal envelopes are available for you to take home and return to the collection box during the next two weekends.

Every dollar can make a difference

If you would prefer to donate through internet banking:

BSB: 062 000
Account No: 1988 9862
Ref No : 43450
Thank you.

Please give generously!

Prayer to the Sacred Heart

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,
 I adore you, I love you and with a lively
 sorrow for my sins.

I offer you this poor heart of mine.
 Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly
 obedient to your will.

Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
 Protect me in the midst of danger;
 comfort me in my afflictions;
 give me health of body, assistance
 in my temporal needs,
 your blessings on all that I do,
 and the grace of a holy death.

Within your heart I place my every care.
 In every need let me come to you with humble
 trust saying, Heart of Jesus, help me. Amen.

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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

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There is a special collection **NEXT** weekend 25th/26th June for **'Peter's Pence'** which is the annual offering to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the works of charity supported by the Holy See.

Envelopes available from our two Churches.

AMATORI ORCHESTRA—Director: Ian Knowles

THIS SUNDAY 19th June at 3.00pm
St Mary's Anglican Church Ballina.
Tickets \$20.00 ea—Children free

Sponsored by the Music Ministry, Anglican Parish, Ballina.
All Welcome.



PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the Church in **alphabetical order**. Please notify the Parish Office if there are changes to any of your details or if you would like to contribute to the Planned Giving Program by Direct Debit.

If you are new to the parish please consider asking for envelopes. Talk to a priest after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be
next Monday 27th June—3.00 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!

NEW PARISHIONER? If you are a new parishioner to St Francis Xavier Parish, ***we welcome you to our community.*** Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048 ~ Office hours 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

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.

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Quote: *'The heart of Jesus is the ultimate symbol of God's mercy: but it is not an imaginary symbol, it is a real symbol, which represents the centre, the source from which salvation for all humanity gushed forth.'* Pope Francis www.catholic-link.org



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. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@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.

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20;*A reading from the Book of Genesis*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

‘Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek!**

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:

I will put your foes beneath your feet.’ **(R.)**

2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. **(R.)**

3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I begot you. **(R.)**

4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.’ **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Cor 11:23-26;*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord

comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 9:11-17*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



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**

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