

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.

Easter Sunday (A)

9th April, 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 MASSES

at St Francis Xavier Church

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon**

RECONCILIATION

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

HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL

My Dear Parishioners,

As we thank God for the gift of His only Begotten Son Jesus Christ and the unmerited favour and grace granted humanity through his Death and Resurrection, may we be inspired to live as true Christians who live to shine bright in a world full of contradictions and to be a beacon which continually shows Christ to the world. We are invited as Easter people, to live the joy of Easter.

Easter joy is lived to the full when we build a society where humility, peace, love, and harmony are the order of the day. We live the joy of Easter when we radiate the love of God to the people around us and strive to make the world a better place. We all have been called to accept this joy in our lives: the joy of living, the joy of love and friendship, and the joy of sharing daily in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

On another note, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support in different ways. I pray that you and your loved ones have a very blessed Easter! I would also like to inform you that I will be away for 5 months on a LONG SERVICE LEAVE.

In my absence, Fr Anselm will look after the parish and will get some assistance from other priests if need be. Kindly support Fr Anselm as best as you can.

May the Risen Lord bless you all now and forever.

Happy Easter.

Fr Peter Padsungay

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

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

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: 2nd Easter Sunday, Year A: 15th/16th April, 2023
Readings: Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31

Readers	Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil Ballina Bryan Marriott Yvonne Head	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head Jean MacKay Damien Kennedy	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina Gemma Duffy Wendy Hughes	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina Leanne Robbins Warwick Manning
EMOHC	Trish Bazar		Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
Offertory Procession			J J & Family	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:


Lucy Samaniego (*South America*), Betty Flakelar,
 Kathryn Nomchong, Stuart Ward,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Bob Townsend, Mary Jack, John Condon,
 Nancy Grant

AND ALSO FOR: 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: Anne Jackson, 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*), Virginia Kohlbach and
 family, Aoife Stephenson 1 yr (*Brisbane*), David Anderton,
 Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett,
 Dymphna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Auntie* 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 Andrew's Nursing
 Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

11th April	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry Coffee Club'
24th April	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting
25th April	Tuesday 9.00 am	Anzac Day Mass 
29th April	Saturday 10.00 am	Men's Gathering with Bishop Greg

From today's Gospel: What is the importance of the resurrection in God's plan for salvation? If you do not try to live a life based on the message of the gospel, is there any value in the gift of Jesus' death and resurrection? What does Paul mean when he says: 'For if we have grown into union with him (Jesus) through a death like this, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection' (Rom 6:5)? How do you die to self each day and thus unite yourself with Jesus' death? ** Is living the kind of life Jesus asks of us—completely selfless, of service to others, dedicated to growth in faith and love—a way to participate in Jesus' death? Where can you find 'instructions' on how to live this life? Who is hurt by sin: God? Ourselves? Others? Is sin ever an isolated occurrence? When you die, what in God's eyes, will be of value to you? Your station in life? Your wealth? Your goodness? Your faithfulness?

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.

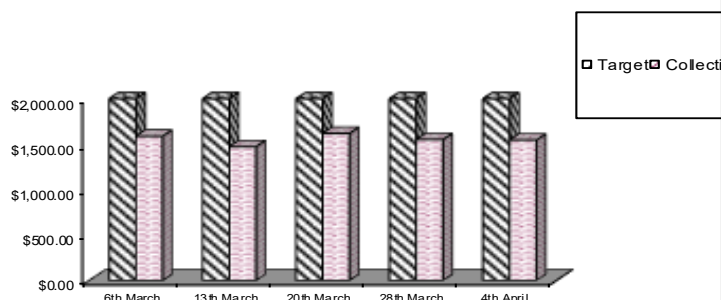
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterian BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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

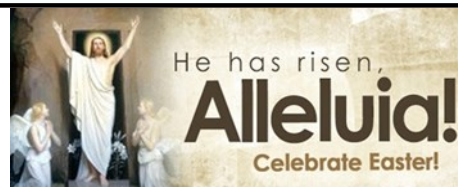
First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,137.00
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 673.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,545.60
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



Parish Notices

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

A sincere WELCOME to our Parish Family for all of you who are holidaying here and joining us for Masses and other Liturgies. Have a prayerful, enjoyable and safe Easter with your families and friends.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY 16th April 2023 Holy Family Church, Lennox Head. 2.00 pm.

Come and pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at Holy Family Church next Sunday, 16th April, from 2.00 pm to 3.30 pm. There will be Benediction and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with quiet moments for prayer and adoration with communal prayer of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Father Anselm Okeke will be available for Reconciliation. Light refreshment will follow. For further information please phone Marie on 0409 887 677 or the Parish Office on 6681 1048.

Everyone is most welcome.

PROJECT COMPASSION

Don't forget to return your envelopes. These can be placed on the collection plate in both churches and money boxes can be brought into the Parish Office.



PROJECT COMPASSION Easter Sunday 9th April 2023.

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion—past, present and future. Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**
Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2023 Lenten appeal.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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

CHANGE OF MASS TIME FROM NEXT WEEK
As of 15th April the **Saturday Vigil Mass** time will be celebrated at 5.30 pm in St Francis Xavier Church.



**2023 MEN'S GATHERING
STAY CONNECTED
SATURDAY 29th APRIL
10.00 AM—1.00 PM
BISHOP GREG HOMEMING
WILL ADDRESS PARTICIPANTS
FROM 10.30 AM.
St Francis Xavier School Hall
Entry by Crane Street.
Bring a friend.**

**Register by Monday 24th April to assist with catering contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or email admin@sfxballina.org.au
Men of our parish and beyond are very welcome to attend this event.**

PRISON CHAPLAIN

We are seeking applications for a role within the Diocese, a Prison Chaplain who will be supporting the Mid north Coast Correctional Centre in Kempsey, NSW. The Chaplain position is 3 days a week. The suitably qualified Chaplain will provide high quality transformational pastoral care and spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff. To access more information and to apply online for the role click <https://www.seek.com.au/job/66316233> or alternatively email mbradley@lismore.catholic.org.au or call Marijo Bradley on 02 6621 9444. The closing date for this role is Friday 14th April, 2023.



Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1045
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday
Sisterhood: Mondays 11.00 am St Teresa Room, Parish Administration
Parish Youth Group: In recess for school holidays.
Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, Admin Centre contact Maxine Cole 0429 669 029
Prayer of the Church and Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

Welcome to our prayer gatherings.

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 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

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 10:34, 37-43*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' **(R.)**

2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. **(R.)**

3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Col 3:1-4;*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Sequence

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.

The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.

Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!

Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.

Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.

The tomb the Living did enclose;

I saw Christ's glory as he rose!

The angels there attesting;

shroud with grave-clothes resting.

Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.

That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.

Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.



POPE FRANCIS THOUGHTS FOR EASTER: "At Easter, God finally reveals His glory: He takes away the last veil and astonishes us as never before. We discover, in fact, that God's glory is all love: pure love, mad and unthinkable, beyond every limit and measure... True glory is the glory of love, because it is the only one that gives life to the world. Certainly this glory is the opposite of worldly glory, which comes when one is admired, praised, acclaimed. The glory of God, on the other hand, is paradoxical: no applause, no audience. At the center there is not the ego, but the other.

"To celebrate Easter is to believe once more that God constantly breaks into our personal histories, challenging our "conventions", those fixed ways of thinking and acting that end up paralyzing us. To celebrate Easter is to allow Jesus to triumph over the craven fear that so often assails us and tries to bury every kind of hope." <https://universeoffaith.org/>



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