

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.**

**The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday (A)**

4th 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 Day

**St Boniface
Monday**

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: **Finn William and Poppy Jean Gregg** children of Neil and Emma; **Thomas and Benjamin Leech** sons of Aaron and Rebecca; **Keanu Churchill** son of Christopher and Aimee; **Olive Ivy Peters** daughter of Matthew and Sophie; **Astrid Evie Amundsen Fahey** daughter of Alan and Renee; **Harry Kornposit Tancred** son of Samuel and Nuttiyakon.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2023/24 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches 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 Father after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.

Thank You! Our Parish Multicultural Day was a great success. It means a lot to me and I know it does to many people who witnessed this wonderful event. To our Parish Hospitality Group, Parish Staff, and everyone who worked so hard to ensure a successful event, may God bless you all. Your creativity and thoughtful planning created a memorable event. Let us, therefore, continue to work in peace and harmony in creating a vibrant parish filled with joy, love, and happiness. *Father Anselm*



From Sunday 28th May

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: The Body and Blood of Christ, Year A: 10th/11th June, 2023
Readings: Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; Psalm 147; 1Cor 10:16-17; John 6:51-58

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>John Jarzynski Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington Damien Kennedy</i>	<i>Julie McKinnon Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Maxine Cole</i>
EMOHC	<i>Kristie Coster</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Annette Reen Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Jo Hurley Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

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: Bernardien van Nispen, Andrew Ellis, George Young, George Paden, Shirley Parr

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: 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, Dymna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* 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*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

4th June	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa St Francis Xavier Church grounds
6th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club
7th 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
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.

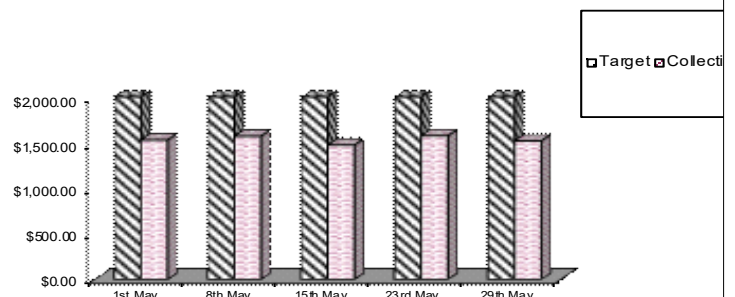
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,094.95
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 369.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,518.10
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





A LOVE THAT CONQUERS ALL

"God is love," says St John in a famous line. There has never been a more radical statement in the history of humanity. To understand its original contrast with the generally accepted accounts of divinity in the ancient world is to grasp afresh its revolutionary quality.

The ancients could get behind power: God is mighty. God is holy. You cannot look on him and live. He dwells in unapproachable light. These sentiments, appearing frequently in the Old and New Testaments, are also common in the religious outlook of humanity outside of the biblical revelation.

The Romans not only conceived of the gods as powerful, but they viewed power itself as divine. This is why the emperor was a god: he held real power. He spoke and things happened. And the initial portrait of God from the first page of Scripture shows a supreme power whose very speech brings into being the ordered cosmos.

Similarly, knowledge. Zeus, for example, defeated his rivals and secured his power over the cosmos by his wily cunning which the Greeks prized above even strength. Now the God of biblical revelation is all-powerful and shrewd beyond the cunning of his creatures. He has no rival. He belongs to a wholly unique category; he is the One, the beginning and the end, the Lord of lords, the Living God, a consuming fire—"my name is too wonderful," he tells Manoah, the father of Samson. To Moses he responds with the devastating, "I am who I am."

The traditional gods of the world's peoples always seem to represent aspects of the world that definitively transcend our control and thereby elucidate our mortality—our powerlessness and ignorance. The God of glory in the biblical story again and again surpasses such accounts in a matchless and dizzying way. It's almost as if that speech-draining eclipse of pagan divinity by this categorically different God of power and knowledge is just a peek through a cracked door, a taste of brine in the air from an unfathomable sea just beyond the next turn of the path. Accompanying his "name" in his world-upending presence before Moses, mysterious words are proclaimed that elaborate its meaning. Among them are the following: "merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love..."

This love is a holy, righteous love, a love that is absolute and free, a love that alone can swallow up the paralyzing power of evil and death and injustice, a love that loves, as the gospel decisively reveals, through the end of mortality into a renewed, ultimate beginning. It is an inextinguishable flame, a fountain that is its own limitless source, a light and a life that never dims nor ceases to satisfy. "God is love." To meditate on these three words through the sacred story they summarise is to initiate an approach to the mystery of God's triune character, his three-fold unity.

W Chris Hackett
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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

PARISH 'CUPPA'

in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
THIS Sunday 4th June,
following the 9.00 am Mass.
Everyone is very welcome.



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

*Quote: 'The Holy Spirit helps us to view others with fresh eyes, seeing them always as brothers and sisters in Jesus, to be respected and loved'.
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: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9;*A reading from the book of Exodus*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Glory and praise forever.**

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. **(R.)**
Blest your glorious holy name. **(R.)**
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. **(R.)**
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. **(R.)**
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. **(R.)**
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2Cor 13:11-13;*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!**Gospel: John 3:16-18***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL REVIEW COMMISSION**

We recently presented the Commission's report to Bishop Greg regarding the schools displaced by the catastrophic 2022 floods; Trinity Catholic College Lismore, Our Lady Help of Christians South Lismore and St Joseph's Woodburn.

The report provided advice on the ongoing viability of all schools in flood-affected areas of the Diocese, and set the foundations for sustainably continuing quality Catholic education for all its students.

The Commission has recommended that the three schools not return to their original sites.

The governing bodies of the flood-displaced schools have received the recommendations of the Commission.

We ask you to please pray for the communities of the displaced schools, acknowledging the extremely difficult time the communities have endured.

We acknowledge the need for an integrated planning approach for Catholic education within the Diocese.

Please be assured that each school's spirit, heritage, charism and sense of mission will be maintained, honoured and respected.

God bless

The Hon Thomas George

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS**TUESDAY 6th JUNE ~ WEDNESDAY 7th JUNE ~ THURSDAY 8th JUNE & FRIDAY 9th JUNE**

Entrance Antiphon: Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL

Can you explain why the Trinity is important to your faith development?

Put into human terms how much God loves you. In your own words, describe what grace is and how grace affects you.

What kind of grace do you draw from each of the three persons in the Trinity?

In the most difficult of times which of the three persons in the Trinity do you find yourself turning to? Why?

- *How is your faith life affected by knowing God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit? Does the Trinity make it easier or harder to maintain your faith in God?*

What does eternity mean to you? What will your relationship be with God in eternity?

Gospel Action: Spend some time in prayer this week. Reflect on how the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit impact your life. Share with someone else how important God's love is to you and how it has changed your life.

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