

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.

Palm Sunday (B)

24th March 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 FOR HOLY WEEK:

at St Francis Xavier Church

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY
12.00 noon

RECONCILIATION

9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM
28TH MARCH ~ HOLY THURSDAY ~ MASS
6.00 pm ~ Ballina

29TH MARCH ~ GOOD FRIDAY ~ LITURGY
3.00 pm ~ Lennox Head
3.00 pm ~ Ballina

30TH MARCH ~ HOLY SATURDAY ~ VIGIL MASS
6.00 pm ~ Ballina

31ST MARCH ~ EASTER SUNDAY MASSES
7.30 am ~ Lennox Head
9.00 am & 11.00 am ~ Ballina



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY ~ AGM

The Annual General Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held **THIS Monday 25th March at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **You will be most Welcome!**

2024 CHRISM MASS:

The Chrism Mass will be held at St Carthage's Cathedral, **THIS Monday 25th March at 7.00 pm**. During this Mass the Priests and Deacons gather around the Bishop who blesses the Holy Oils for use in the coming year. It is also a time where the clergy renew their vows. Parishioners are encouraged to attend this Mass that celebrates the priesthood, the sacraments and our unity as a Diocese.



HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday.

Envelopes will be available in the pews for your convenience or if you wish you can do **Electronic Transfer: Commonwealth Bank, Waverley NSW—**

A/c Name: Holy Land Commissariat -

BSB 062 267—Account No 10014847

- Your Ref Diocese, Town, and Parish.

Then email admin@franciscans.org.au the details of your electronic transfer.

Thank you.

DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS TUESDAY 10.00 AM AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD.

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

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@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

ROSTER: Easter Sunday , Year B: 30th/31st March, 2024
Readings: Acts 10:34,37-43; Psalm 117; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9

	6.00 pm Holy Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Trish Bazar, Pauline Fingleton, Maurice Gahan Maxine Cole (Epistle)</i>	<i>Michael Piccoli, Jean Mackay</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan Margaret Tay</i>	<i>Maxine Cole Warwick Manning</i>
EMOHC	<i>Jeanette Wilkins Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i>	<i>Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>John Jarzynski</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Jo Hurley Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Peter Tiernan, Marie Powell, Fay Herrick, Diann Lannoy,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Betty Flakelar, Kathryn Nomchong, Kath Hankinson,
 Father Charles Kakumanu, Father Steven O'Donnell
AND ALSO FOR: *John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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: Colleen Gray, Gay Topham, Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Fève (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Sydney*), 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, 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024		
25th March	Monday 3.00 pm	AGM Crowley Auxiliary
26th March	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
26th March Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
27th March & 10th April	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
31st March Lennox Head	Sunday 7.00 am @ the Beach Opposite Holy Family Church	Sunrise Easter Sunday Liturgy
6th April Lennox Head	Saturday 8.00 am Holy Family Church	Our Lady of Fatima
7th April	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa grounds of our Church
7th April Lennox Head	Sunday 2.00 pm Holy Family Church	Divine Mercy Sunday

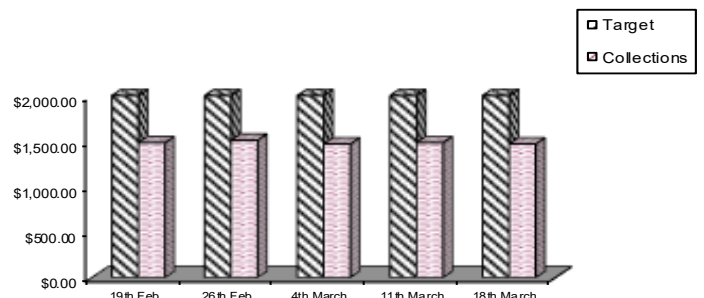
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 760.10
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 394.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,469.10
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



A KINGDOM OF NUISANCES AND NOBODIES

In 2006, Franciscan theologian Richard Rohr visited Australia and was interviewed on ABC Radio National's "Religion Report". At the time, I was particularly impressed by a point Rohr made in distinguishing between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", where the first constituted a challenge to the prevailing wider societal mores and values, while the second supported the cultural status quo.

Whatever one may think of Rohr's distinction between "Christianity" and "Churchianity", it does open up a fruitful line for discussion of the meaning of Mark's gospel. Written at a time when the Jesus movement was anything but part of the status quo, the gospel is culturally subversive.

The problem that confronted the Markan Christians, as it does us today, is to steer a middle course between the twin tensions of conformity to cultural expectations and the vocation to be counter cultural (where necessary) in working for a better world. Mark's Jesus proclaimed a new world order that would privilege the marginalised and the forgotten; or as Biblical scholars John Dominic Crossan and Tom Wright have variously called, "a kingdom of nuisances and nobodies".

In Mark's gospel, Jesus is a man who haunts the fringes of society, fraternising with the marginalised, touching the untouchables, speaking to those with whom he should not speak and, thereby, breaking the taboos of his Jewish faith and the mores of the Greco-Roman culture.

Positive interactions with Jesus are typically displayed by characters living on society's margins – the "nobodies"; people who were of no consequence: the leper (1:40-45); the paralytic (2:1-12); the deaf (7:31-37); the blind (8:22-26; 10:46-52); the widow (12:41-44); as well as tax collectors and sinners (2:15).

In his preaching, Jesus repeatedly criticises the abusive use of power by society's wealthy and respectable authorities. And it is this critique of abusive power that eventually ends in Jesus' arrest and execution as a rabble rouser and a criminal of the State.

As Richard Rohr points out, Jesus was not an "insider" or a "company man" (Rohr, 2006); which is not to say that Jesus is an "outsider" per se. Mark's Jesus is a reputable teacher and scholar – a man of some consequence – but he refuses to operate within the boundaries set by either the religious elites or civil authorities, the somebodies of "good society". Indeed, he even refuses to stay dead!

Mark's Jesus is not interested in "Churchianity" – that is, sticking to rules that govern membership in the club or the "ekklesia" (assembly or church). He is a social reformer who seeks the company of those deemed to be "beyond the pale"; an agent of God who proclaims, not a kingdom of the wealthy and notable – the "somebodies" in society – but that of the poor, the forgotten, the "nuisances and nobodies" – and he calls his disciples to go to the margins and do the same.

The final command in Mark's gospel is the call to "return to Galilee" (16:7), to the dirt-poor farmers and fishers at the rural fringes of Roman Palestine.

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EASTER SUNDAY MORNING : 7.00 AM LITURGY @ LENNOX HEAD BEACH (opposite Holy Family Church)
MASS TO FOLLOW AT 7.30 AM in Holy Family Church ALL WELCOME



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Peter Tiernan** (father of *Kailani*—our parish youth co-ordinator) who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held on **Monday 25th March at 11.00 am** in St Finbarr's Catholic Church, Byron Bay.



PALM SUNDAY
23rd & 24th March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent.

This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities.

There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, **for all future generations.**

Please donate to Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish church, or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



For your Calendar. DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
7th April 2024
Holy Family Church, Lennox Head.
2.00 pm.



We are encouraged to pray privately the Novena of Divine Mercy that commences on Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday.

Novena Prayer Leaflets are available at the doors of our Churches.

For further information please phone Marie on 0409 887 677 or the Parish Office on 6681 1048.

ROSTER : HOLY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

	Holy Thursday 6.00 pm	Good Friday 3.00 pm
Readers	Nicole Sullivan Maxine Cole	Pauline Fingleton Leanne Robbins
		The Passion Trish Bazar Narrator John Jarzynski Crowd/other Jesus—Priest
EMOHC	Pauline Fingleton	Denise Miller

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions.

Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church
 Lennox Head on the Saturday 6th April
 at 8.00 am

Everyone 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



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First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me
 a disciple's tongue.
 So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
 he provides me with speech.
 Each morning he wakes me to hear,
 to listen like a disciple.
 The Lord has opened my ear.
 For my part, I made no resistance,
 neither did I turn away.
 I offered my back to those who struck me,
 my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
 I did not cover my face
 against insult and spittle.
 The Lord comes to my help,
 so that I am untouched by the insults.
 So, too, I set my face like flint;
 I know I shall not be shamed.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me.**

1. All who see me deride me.
 They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
 let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
 a band of the wicked beset me.
 They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
 I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**
3. They divide my clothing among them.
 They cast lots for my robe.
 O Lord, do not leave me alone,
 my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
 and praise you where they are assembled.
 'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
 all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
 Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11 ;*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

His state was divine,
 yet Christ Jesus did not cling
 to his equality with God
 but emptied himself
 to assume the condition of a slave,
 and became as men are,
 and being as all men are,
 he was humbler yet,
 even to accepting death,
 death on a cross.
 But God raised him high
 and gave him the name
 which is above all other names
 so that all beings
 in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
 should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
 and that every tongue should acclaim
 Jesus Christ as Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.

*The Word of the Lord.***Gospel Acclamation:*****Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross.
 Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name
 above all other names.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**Gospel: Mark 14:1—15:47***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY of HOLY WEEK 26th MARCH****Entrance Antiphon:** Do not leave me to the will of my foes, O Lord, for false witnesses rise up against me and they breathe out violence.**Communion Antiphon:** God did not spare his own Son, but handed him over for us all.**WEDNESDAY of HOLY WEEK 27th MARCH****Entrance Antiphon:** At the name of Jesus, every knee should bend of those in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, for the Lord became obedient to death, death on a cross: therefore Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**Communion Antiphon:** The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.**FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL****QUESTIONS**

- *Why was Jesus crucified? How did envy and anger enter into his crucifixion?*
- How is Jesus still crucified today? What part do we play in Jesus' crucifixion?
 Do you sometimes deny Jesus as Peter did when he was questioned about knowing Jesus? How did Jesus react to Peter's denial? Does he react in the same way when we deny him?
 If Jesus died to free us from sin, why does sin still exist in the world today?
 What do you need to do to turn away from sin and begin to live a Christ-centered life? Where can you find the courage to live that life?

GOSPEL ACTION: *Think about how you will observe Holy Week this year. What can you do to participate in the passion and death of Jesus?***PRAYER:**

Jesus, your love for me brings me to my knees: I am a sinner and I do not deserve what you did for me. Yet I revel in your love because it opens the door to the kingdom. I struggle each day to live the life you have called me to, but fail so often. Accept my attempts, Lord; thank you for your love. Amen.