

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.**

Pentecost Sunday (A)

28th May, 2023

Alleluia



The Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, throughout the month of May.

**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

**The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mother of the Church
Monday**

**The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday**

**St Justin,
Thursday**

**Sts Charles Lwanga
& Companions
Saturday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

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

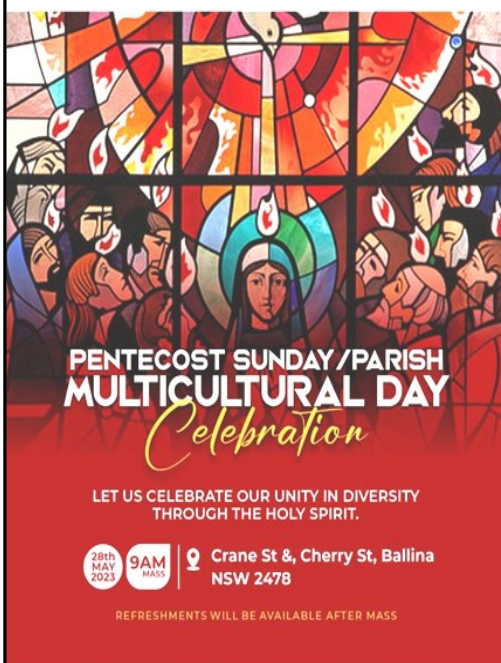


BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **William Logan and Elki Amelia Bellato children** of Dane and Lyndal; **Nate Wilson Legge** son of Dylan and Lyndal.

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



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC PARISH BALLINA



**PENTECOST SUNDAY / PARISH
MULTICULTURAL DAY
Celebration**

LET US CELEBRATE OUR UNITY IN DIVERSITY
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT.



Crane St &, Cherry St, Ballina
NSW 2478

REFRESHMENTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER MASS



**PENTECOST
MULTICULTURAL
MASS AND
CELEBRATION
THIS SUNDAY**

**28TH MAY 9.00 am Mass
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH**

Come dressed in the traditional clothes from your ancestral country and please bring a plate of traditional food to share for morning tea after Mass in the grounds of the Church. Please share this invitation with your family members, neighbours and friends. *Your participation is warmly welcomed.*



**NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2023
27TH MAY TO 3RD JUNE**

CLAIM THE DATE: 'Come together' Parish Spring Lunch ~ Sunday 10th September, 2023. Further information to follow.

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 Most Holy Trinity Sunday, Year A: 3rd/4th June, 2023
Readings: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9; Psalm 52; 2Cor 13:11-13; John 3:16-18

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Holy Family School Mass Holy Family School Mass	Murray Deeps Amanda Deeps	Wendy Hughes Richard Goss	Leanne Robbins Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Holy Family School Mass		Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
Offertory Procession			Amy Derrick Frank	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Dorothy Preddey (Sydney), Yvonne Williamson, Fr John Chambers, Fr Eddie Welling, Jocelyn (Joy) Platt-Hepworth, Denzil Seabrook,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Shirley Parr, Jean Shay, Cecilia Condon, Aub Sainsbury.

AND ALSO FOR: Kath and Kevin Hankinson, 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 faithful departed.

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: John Keightly (Inverell), Pam Murray, Elizabeth Walsh (Ireland) Virginia Kohlbach and family, 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), Aoife Stephenson (Brisbane), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dymrna 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

30th May	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club
31st May	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am 7.00 to 8.30 pm	Journey through the Bible
28th May	Pentecost Sunday 9.00 am	Parish Multi-Cultural Day Celebration
4th June	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa St Francis Xavier Church Grounds
27th/ 28th June	Weekend Masses	Annual Peter's Pence
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 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.

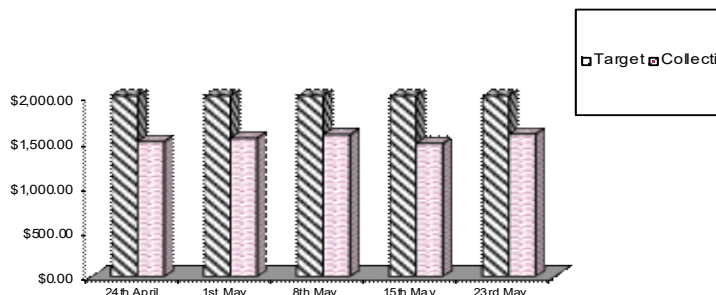
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation – **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218
- Please 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.

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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	\$ 1,012.75
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 567.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,574.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



A REBIRTH OF FAITH



In the Acts of the Apostles, we hear that devout Jews from every nation had gathered in Jerusalem for the feast of Shavuot which commemorated the most important event in Israel's history, the giving of the *Torah* (the first five books in the Hebrew Bible) to Moses at Mt Sinai.

It was originally a harvest festival when the Jewish people came to Jerusalem to thank God for the fruits of the wheat harvest. It also became known among the Greek speaking Jews as Pentecost as it came fifty days (*pentekoste*) after the feast of Passover. The feast is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter which is also fifty days after Easter, hence the name.

For Christians, the feast of Pentecost concludes the Easter season. The fifty days from Jesus' resurrection to Pentecost, are marked in a particular way by the presence of the Holy Spirit who is in fact the ultimate Easter gift. The Creator Spirit constantly brings about new things. Today's readings show us two of these new things. In the first reading, the Spirit makes of the disciples a *new people*; in the Gospel, she creates in the disciples a *new heart*. In the story of the tower of Babel (Gen 11), one people sharing a common language come together to build a tower to reach to the heavens. God saw their arrogance and confused their language so they could no longer understand one another. On the feast of Pentecost this lack of understanding is overcome by the gift of the Spirit and the pilgrims hear the apostles in their own languages. The Spirit creates a new people and when Peter speaks to them, he invites them to repent and be baptised to receive the Holy Spirit. We then learn that more than three thousand were baptised.

In the gospel, the frightened disciples were hiding from the community for fear of following in the steps of their crucified Lord, but the Spirit empowered them to come forward and bear witness. There is no longer discrimination among Jews or Greeks, slaves, or free persons but we all called to drink of the one Spirit.

Being a new people is an invitation to renew our commitment to the Lord and to take heart that God's Spirit is among us calling us to bear witness through our love of God and commitment to the care of all peoples especially those who experience loneliness, estrangement, marginalisation and adversity.

Our prayer is very much that the Church will experience a new Pentecost in a rebirth of faith in our increasingly secular community, and bear witness as Peter did to the good news of Jesus. Being a community of believers renewed by Word and Sacrament ensures that we as a pilgrim people are able to move forward, actively engaged with the community, even as we continue to ask what God's Spirit is asking of us in Australia today.

Michael A Kelly CSsR
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Safeguarding - Update for Volunteers

Parishes were advised in November 2022 of updated requirements for all volunteers who participate in Church voluntary roles. This is to ensure that all volunteers are fully informed, trained and eligible to perform their role. **'Thank you'** to all St Francis Xavier parish volunteers who completed their forms and returned to the Parish Office earlier this year. You will be contacted in the near future to be informed of training dates. St. Francis Xavier Parish is endeavouring to be fully compliant by the end of this year. We have been advised that Parishes could expect to be audited in 2024. We thank you for your co-operation, patience and understanding in advance and we greatly appreciate all volunteers who support our Parish.

XAVIER CATHOLIC COLLEGE TRIVA NIGHT

Xavier Catholic College are hosting a Trivia Night at the school on Saturday **June 3rd from 6.00 pm to 9.00pm**. All funds raised will be taken to Timor-Leste by a team of year 11 and 12 students who are going next month, and given to their Sister School - a Catholic High school in Turiscai - to help them build classrooms for the students there.

Tickets are \$25.00 each, please purchase tickets from

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1061923>, or use the QR code to take you directly to the booking page!

For more information or if you would like to donate a prize see Leanne Broadley.

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NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK BE A VOICE FOR GENERATIONS.



The theme encourages all Australians to be a **voice for reconciliation** in tangible ways in our everyday lives – where we **live, work and socialise**.

For the work of **generations past**, and the benefit of **generations future**, act today for a more **just, equitable and reconciled country for all**.

National Reconciliation Week – **27th May to 3rd June** – is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and to explore how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Visit: <https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au> › *be-a-voice-for-gene...*

DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE FORUM

Invitation to neighbouring Catholic Churches to attend a forum which will be a safe space for those interested to learn about responding to the victim, responding to the perpetrator, and child protection issues. Facilitator Carolyn Cousins from **Tuned in Consulting** will shed light on addressing Domestic and Family Violence.

Where: Alstonville Baptist Church

When: Wednesday 7th June, 2023

Time: 9.30 am to 1.00 pm Forum

1.00–2.00 pm Complimentary Lunch and networking

Register: <https://nswactbaptists.org.au/>

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.

Parish Youth Group: 6.30 pm Saturday evening, Upper Room Parish Admin Centre following 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

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: Acts 2:1-11;*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Cor 12:3-7,12-13;*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

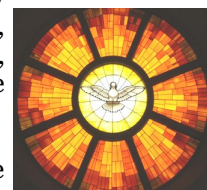
The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Jn 320:19-23***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'



The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS**TUESDAY 30TH MAY****Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**WEDNESDAY 31st MAY ~ FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY****Entrance Antiphon:** Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.**Communion Antiphon:** All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.**THURSDAY 1st JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST JUSTIN****Entrance Antiphon:** The wicked have told me lies, but not so is your law: I spoke of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded.**Communion Antiphon:** I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.**FRIDAY ~ 2nd JUNE****Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.**FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL:** Who is the Holy Spirit? How does the Holy Spirit work in your life? What does it mean to be open to the Spirit? How do you do this?

What is grace? How does the in-dwelling of the Spirit bring grace into your life? How do the graces given to us by the Holy Spirit help us live a more Christ-centered life?

Do you know Spirit-filled people who always seem to be filled with a sense of peace and joy? Why do you think this is so?

Are you conscious of the Spirit working in your life? Can you name some instances where you prayed to the Holy Spirit for guidance, and you were fully aware of what happened?

What two sacraments specifically call on the Holy Spirit to come into our lives?

How does the community call on the Holy Spirit? How does the community act out the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit?

- *What does it mean when people say someone is filled with the Holy Spirit? What can you do to better cooperate with the action of the Spirit?*

GOSPEL ACTION: Do something this week to open yourself to the action of the Holy Spirit. Specifically ask the Holy Spirit for help in an area where you need to grow spiritually.