

# 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 (B)

19th May, 2024

# 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

**At St Francis Xavier Church**  
**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

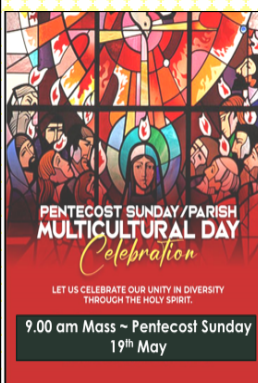
Our Lady, Help of Christians  
Friday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

### PARISH NOTICES



**BAPTISM** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:  
**Anna Mai Langdon** daughter of Douglas and Clare.



### PENTECOST MULTICULTURAL MASS AND CELEBRATION

**TODAY 19TH MAY ~ 9.00 am**  
**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 following Mass in the grounds of the Church.

Please share this invitation with your family members, neighbours and friends.

Parishioners new to our parish are warmly invited to attend.

*Everyone is very welcome to participate in this annual parish event.*



### 'CONGRATULATIONS'

*Cathy and Bruce Campbell*  
*who recently celebrated their*  
*60th Wedding Anniversary.*

*With love and best wishes from your parish community.*



**POSITION VACANT: St Anne's Long Day Care Centre in Skennars Head is seeking a qualified Early Childhood Educator to work in a permanent part-time position, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in the Centre's Nursery Birth to 1 year old room from Monday 3rd June. The successful applicant would join a team of skilled Educators who nurture and gently care for 10 children each day. For further details or to discuss, please contact Narelle Dewhurst 6687 5961 or [ndewhurst@stannesldcc.org.au](mailto:ndewhurst@stannesldcc.org.au)**

Children of our parish are preparing for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them in your prayers. 'PRAY FOR ME' cards can be taken from the basket in the Church. *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](mailto:john@sfxballina.org.au)

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Kailani Tiernan Email: [ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au)

Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto: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](http://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: Trinity Sunday, Year B: 25th/26th May, 2024**  
**Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40; Psalm 32; Romans 8:14-17; Mathew 28:16-20**

	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Trish Bazar Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Damien Kennedy Michael Piccoli</i>	<i>Margaret Tay Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Warwick Manning John Jarzynski</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Mick Vella</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i>	<i>Denise Miller Adam Sullivan</i>	<i>Cheryl Bowen</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Joan Hollingsworth Ron Hughes</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Tony Culican, Bishop Peter Ingham (*Wollongong*), Fabian Okeke (*father of Fr Anselm*), Hugo Long (*infant*), Patrick Connelley, **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Inez Susanne Jones, Bill Parsons, Ron Hanlon, Theresa Marili, Ray Marili

**AND ALSO FOR:** *Jozefa Jarzynski, Margaret & Michael Kovacs, Marie Flood, Denzil Seabrook, Grant McCoy, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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:** Doreen McIntyre (Ireland), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Fevre (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Syd*), Geoff Johannes, Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta and John Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, John McCoy, Noeline Conyngham, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Knightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Michael Hains, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Syd*), David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, 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*

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024**

<b>21st May</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>21st May Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>22nd May &amp; 5th June</b>	<b>Wednesday 8.00 am</b>	<b>menALIVE Lennox Head</b>
<b>24th May</b>	<b>Friday 9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Family Committee Meeting</b>
<b>25th May</b>	<b>Saturday 6.30 am</b>	<b>Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox</b>
<b>27th May</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>1st June</b>	<b>Saturday 8.00 am</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima Lennox Head</b>
<b>1st June</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm</b>	<b>First Holy Communion</b>
<b>2nd June</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish 'Cuppa' Church Grounds</b>

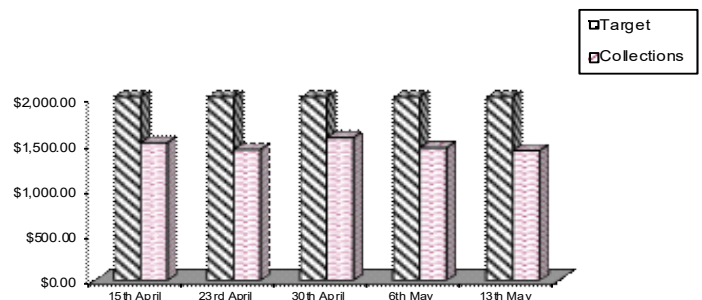
**THANK YOU to all Parishioners** for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father 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](http://www.dif.org.au)**

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

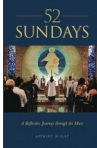
<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 678.00
<b>Second Collection</b>	Loose Plate	\$ 367.00
<i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,414.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00




**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH - BALLINA  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
PARISH FUND**

INCOME	31/12/2023		31/12/2022	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Collections	110,041		98,796	
Less Transfer to School Building Fund	<u>56,475</u>	53,566	<u>55,279</u>	43,517
Contributions to Administration Costs by Parish Business Enterprises		105,395		96,530
Donations & Bequests				32
Facility Hire		315		130
Interest Received		370,885		69,342
Moriah House Rent	108,348		100,383	
Moriah House Expenses	<u>97,642</u>	10,706	<u>90,101</u>	10,282
Rental Income		520,735		502,792
Sheraton House Rent	97,795		97,271	
Sheraton House Expenses	<u>28,684</u>	69,111	<u>23,284</u>	73,987
Other Income		16,881		6,180
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>1,147,594</b>		<b>802,792</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>				
Catechist & Pastoral Expenses		33,149		25,600
Church Requisites		14,656		48,099
Depreciation		51,105		55,960
Electricity		10,513		7,326
Diocesan Quotas		1,000		1,000
Insurance		53,976		47,327
Motor Vehicle Expenses		6,646		4,972
Parish Office Expenses		529,668		502,516
Planned Giving Expenses		1,792		1,600
Rates		38,668		38,070
Repairs & Maintenance		316,400		148,689
Telecommunications		11,700		11,096
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>		<b>1,069,273</b>		<b>892,255</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>		<b>78,321</b>		<b>(89,463)</b>

*Deficits are funded from Parish business enterprises and reserves.*




**52 SUNDAYS: A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS BOOK LAUNCH**  
The event will commence at 6.00 pm this Thursday 23rd May in the St Teresa Room, Parish Administration Building. Bishop Greg Homeming OCD, will be the guest speaker.



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY :** Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be held **Monday 27th May at 3.00 pm** in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Please consider attending, you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. *You will be most welcome.*

**HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMITTEE :** The monthly meeting will be held in the Sacred Heart Room behind the Church building **Friday 24th May commencing at 9.30 am.** Contact Sue 0400 052 505 if you would like to add an item to the agenda.



**ASPIRE**  
Young Adult Spiritual Formation  
18 - 35 years old

24 May  
19 June  
24 July  
19 August  
10 September  
9 October

5:30 - 6:30 PM  
Zoom Login:  
299 665 7662

For more information, contact:  
02 6626 0253  
youth@ismore.catholic.org.au

**MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX :**  
Parishioners are welcome to the next of 'A little gem by sea' our monthly dinners to be held **Saturday 25th May at 6.30 pm.** This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and delicious food. *Young and old and everyone in between are most welcome.*



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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.*

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**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: 1 Corinthians 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: John 20:19-23***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St 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 21st MAY, WEDNESDAY 22nd MAY, THURSDAY 23rd MAY****Entrance Antiphon:** O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.**Communion Antiphon:** I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.**FRIDAY 24th MAY ~ FEAST OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS****Entrance Antiphon:** Who is this arising like the dawn, fair as the moon, resplendent as the sun, terrible as an army with banners**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are you, O Virgin Mary, by the Lord God Most High, above all women on the earth; for he has so exalted your name, that your praise shall be undying on our lips.**DID YOU KNOW?** \*The reason why the disciples were in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost was that they were celebrating the Jewish Harvest Festival which occurs fifty days after the Passover. This festival also celebrated the covenant made by God with the people of Israel on Mt Sinai.

\*The Christian feast of Pentecost is fifty days after Easter Sunday and marks the culmination and closure of the Lent- Easter-Pentecost cycle.

\*The word for spirit in Hebrew is the feminine 'ruah', meaning literally breath, wind or air.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS** \*The first reading tells of the experience of the disciples receiving the Spirit. They were astounded by what had happened to them and it produced a change in them as people. Share stories of times you have been 'blown away' by something. Did the experience produce lasting change? How have you kept this feeling alive?

\*The Spirit is bestowed at baptism and 'confirmed' for us. Galatians 5:22 lists the fruits of the Spirit as love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Try to live these fruits this week.

\*Today's gospel acclamation makes a wonderful prayer for this week:

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; And kindle in them the fire of your love*

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