

St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish of Ballina

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**St Francis Xavier Church,
Cnr Cherry & Crane Streets,
Ballina**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street,
Lennox Head.**

Pentecost Sunday (B)

23rd May, 2021

Alleluia



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

Weekend Mass Times St Francis Xavier Church Ballina

Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am

Sunday — 11.00 am

**Holy Family Church
Lennox Head**

Saturday Vigil—5.00pm

Sunday—7.30 am

PLEASE REGISTER AT
PARISH OFFICE TO ATTEND a
weekend Mass by phoning
6681 1048

or use the QR codes located on
the doors of both Churches

WEEKDAY MASS:

**At St Francis Xavier Church
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**

12.00 noon

*Please register with Parish Office
or use the QR codes on the doors
of the Church*

RECONCILIATION

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

Feast Days

**Our Lady Help of Christians
Monday**

St Phillip Neri ~ Wednesday

Breathing in the Spirit

'Stay Connected' says the sign outside the church at the top of the street and there's a quote from the first letter of John: 'Let us love one another for love is from God.' This past year we've heard quite a bit about staying connected, less of God's love perhaps, but it's the Holy Spirit which connects them, because the Spirit is all about connection, relationship and God's love.

It's what you get in the first reading from Acts when we hear of what's happening to the disciples fifty days after the resurrection. In a locked room, there comes a sound like a great wind from heaven and tongues of fire and released by the Spirit they find 'what they have to say about Jesus can be translated to everyone!' A new creation is happening. It's breathtaking, dramatic and empowering and we're a part of it too.

Our images of the Holy Spirit – wind, fire, breath – are meant to unsettle us, move us out of our locked rooms to begin the living out of God's love. They draw us into relationship with Christ, with the Father, with each other and with those we know as 'them' only to discover they too are us. We begin to reach out to strangers, the embattled, the broken-hearted and be with 'them', and through these relationships we learn to be with one other and become ourselves.

The self-giving of Jesus Christ, in his dying and being raised to endless life, models this way of living, giving as God gives, unceasingly. The words we use to speak of this –

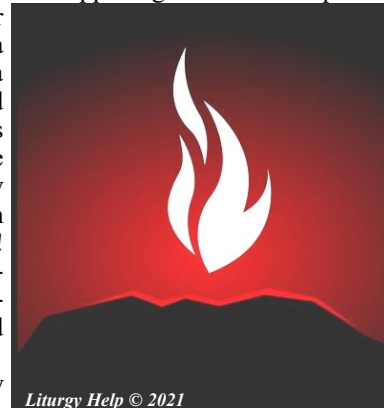
excess, outpouring, prodigality, overflow – however we say it, speak of this abundant new life, given to us.

It's an extraordinary event, but in today's gospel from the last supper in John, there's nothing out of the ordinary, nothing dramatic about the Spirit. Instead, the Spirit is to come as our Advocate, the Spirit of truth and witness to this self giving of Jesus, it seems without too great excitement. Often this is how the Spirit comes to us in our lives, quietly, unexpectedly, as we know when we're put in touch with the heart of the matter by a word, a gesture, a video – you name it – and a match is lit.

At Easter, in John's gospel, the Spirit is breathed into the disciples and over the fifty days that follow they're drawn more deeply into a life freed of resentment and fear, until at Pentecost we're all invited to participate in this new way

of belonging to one another, in Jesus Christ. The Spirit is the environment in which this happens, in which we come alive, for the sake of one another. All this we celebrate at Mass today when the Easter season culminates dramatically, quietly, in the pouring out of the Spirit, and now the never-ending story of God's love can be told to everyone. This is our mission, and as Paul says in the second reading, 'our life'.

Damian Coleridge
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Our Parish Churches are both registered Covid-19 Safe places of worship .

**Catholics from the Diocese of Lismore are dispensed from their
Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.**

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

Parish Youth Group Co-Ordinator: Amelia Kearney **Email:** ameliarose_k@hotmail.com

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Dottie Torrasi (*Brisbane*), June Koplick, Bruno Storti, Tom Pyne, Sr Juliana Dwyer rsm, Alan Yap,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Ron Hanlon,

AND ALSO FOR: James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Kathleen Kelly, 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: Dorothy Preddey (*Sydney*), Fr Louis Molloy sm, George and Kath Young, Andrew Ellis, Una Smith, Narelle King, Tom Mills, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Kathleen Campbell, Gregory Thomas, Barbara Levett, Lee Cowdrey, Kath Young, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Cathy Campbell, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, June Ianna, John Heaton, Dympna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (*Dubai*), Corazon Accon, Nola Johnson, Pauline McLachlan, Chanice Wills, Shokat Forghani & family, Margaret Murphy, Kaia Randall, Darcy Martin, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, Glenn Campbell, John Moreland, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, *Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.*

(Due to privacy laws, names are only placed on this list when requested, for six weeks)

THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

BAPTISMS: Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

Under the current restrictions of 2 square metres people to sit in pews marked with X. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

CONFIRMATION: Thursday 10th June 2021 RECONCILIATION: TBA. FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: TBA

WEDDINGS: In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office if anointing is required.

HOSPITAL: If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

GUIDELINES WHEN ATTENDING MASS IN BOTH OUR PARISH CHURCHES.

- **If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend Mass.**
- Register prior to attending Mass is preferred by ringing the parish office 6681 1048.
 - QR check-in is also available.
- **Use hand sanitiser provided at entrance and exit doors.**
- **Sit on crosses (X) allocated in the pews** to comply with the required social distancing rules of 2 square metres (*families can sit together*).
 - **Singing** within the body of our Churches is allowed.
- 5 x weekend Masses and 4 x weekday Masses are celebrated each week in our parish.
- Our churches are open for private prayer Monday to Friday, please sign the sheet provided when visiting.



You are very welcome to our places of worship.

Thank you.

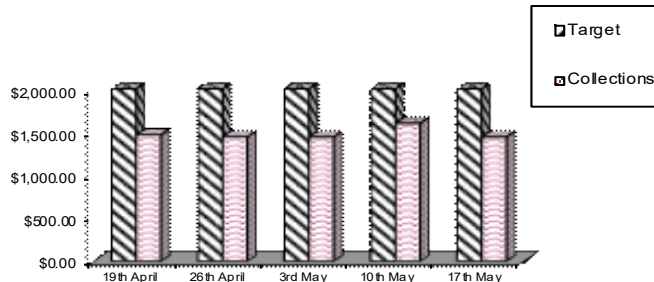
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

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 (1st collection).

Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 664.35
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 293.35
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,442.25
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



DIF PAYS 0.45% 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

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH BALLINA - PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you are a new parishioner to Ballina or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, cards are available for completion at the Parish Administration Office. Your details will be processed and a tracking number provided. Contact SFX Parish Admin office on 6681 1048 Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution.

Parish Notices

PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS: DUE TO COVID-19 HEALTH REGULATIONS PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME OR USE BIN PROVIDED TO DISCARD. DO NOT RETURN OR LEAVE IN CHURCH.

 **BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Leila Jane and Marlin Miles Steele** children of Jake and Tipsuda; and **Lyla Belle Shay** daughter of Kent and Angela.



CATECHISTS MEETING
Upper Room, Parish Admin Centre.
This Tuesday 25th May at 10.00 am.
Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend. Morning Tea provided.
Volunteers **STILL URGENTLY NEEDED**
PLEASE CONSIDER THIS INVITATION
You will be most welcome.


'WELCOME' 2021 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.


This week the focus for our parish candidates for Confirmation is: **'Called by Name'**. Children will hold their battery lit candles standing near the Pascal candle and together we pray the following prayer:



All:
'These children have received the light of Christ. Loving Father, We thank you for sending your Son Jesus to be the light of the world, and to show us the way to you. Thank you for the day we were baptised. May Jesus always live in our hearts, in the hearts of these children. May Jesus be light and love for us all.' Amen.

PLEASE NOTE:
CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CONFIRMATION.
The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday 10th June in the Magis Hall at Xavier Catholic College, Skennars Head at 6.00 pm. Candidates and their families will gather at 5.20 pm to be seated by 5.30 pm to meet Bishop Greg before the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.00 pm.

 **CROWLEY AUXILIARY:** After a long break due to Covid19 we have great news! Our first meeting will be held **THIS Monday 24th May at 3.00 pm in The Crowley Education Centre.** A welcome to all members and an invitation to new members. Join us for a special *'welcome back'* afternoon tea. We are looking forward to continuing the wonderful work of the Crowley Auxiliary in supporting Crowley Care. *Helen Cooney, President.* 0467 445 377

 **Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance.**
The National Count has begun over covering the first four weekends in May. The count is conducted in the same year as the Australian Census (which will be held on 10th August 2021) so that the information collected can most effectively be used in association with results from the other project. It is intended that the 2021 count will be conducted in all parishes and other Mass centres, such as migrant community centres, throughout Australia. This week—Week 4 (**22nd/23rd May**) we will simply tick a box corresponding with your **age group** and place in the box before entering the Church. We ask for your assistance in this weekend and next weekend. Thank you.

Pentecost Quote
*'Bethlehem was God **with** us, Calvary was God **for** us, and Pentecost is God **in** us'.*
Unknown

ALL OVER THE WORLD


<p>1. All over the world the Spirit is moving. All over the world as the prophet said it would be. All over the world, there's a mighty revelation of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.</p>	<p>2. Deep down in my heart the spirit is moving. Deep down in my heart the spirit is moving as the prophet said it would be. Deep down in my heart, there's a mighty revelation of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.</p>
<p>3. Right here in this place the spirit is moving. Right here in this place as the prophet said it would be. Right here in this place, there's a mighty revelation of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.</p>	<p>4. All over the church the Spirit is moving. All over the Church as the prophet said it would be. All over the Church, there's a mighty revelation of the glory of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.</p>

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

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<p>1. Spirit of God in the clear running water blowing to greatness the trees on the hill Spirit of God in the finger of morning Refrain:</p>	<p>Refrain: Fill the earth, bring it to birth and blow where you will blow, blow, blow till I be but breath of the Spirit blowing in me</p>	<p>2. Down in the meadow the willows are moaning sheep in the pasture-land cannot lie still Spirit of God, Creation is groaning Refrain:</p>
<p>3. I saw the scar of a year that lay dying heard the lament of a lone whippoorwill Spirit of God, see that cloud crying Refrain:</p>	<p>4. Spirit of God, ev'ry man's heart is lonely watching and waiting and hungry until Spirit of God, man longs that you only fulfil the earth, bring it to birth Refrain:</p>	

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

 National Reconciliation Week (NRW) 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. The dates for NRW remain the same each year; **27th May to 3rd June**. These dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey— the successful 1967 referendum, and the High Court Mabo decision respectively. ...<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au>

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00 am to 11.45 am every Friday
Sisterhood: Monday 10.30 am St Teresa Room, Admin Centre
Parish Youth Group: 7.00 pm Upper Room Parish Administration Centre.
Ballina CCR Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room
Prayer of the Church and Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church



Warm Welcome to you in our prayer gatherings

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: Gal 5:16-25

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no

danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

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 15:26-27, 16:12-15

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness.

And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset.

I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now.

But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come.

He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine.

Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ 1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS

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
- By completing a form that allows your bank to deduct your gift from your account into the account of the Parish, available from the Parish Office or, place your envelopes in the baskets provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience. Thank you



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