

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



St Francis Xavier Church,
47 Cherry Street,
Ballina

welcome

Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street,
Lennox Head.

Pentecost Sunday (C)

5th June, 2022

Alleluia

'WELCOME'

Weekend Mass Times Ballina

St Francis Xavier Church

Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am

Sunday — 11.00 am

Lennox Head

Holy Family Church

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—7.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

at St Francis Xavier Church

Tuesday to Friday
12.00 noon

RECONCILIATION

9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church

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Feast Days

The Blessed Virgin Mary,
Mother of the Church
Monday

St Barnabas, apostle
Saturday

Come Holy Spirit

Today's feast of Pentecost brings the liturgical season of Easter to a close. With the Risen Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples, the plan of salvation is brought to its conclusion.

In the Book of Acts, Luke recounts the events of that first Pentecost day, fifty days after the resurrection (hence the name Pentecost), when the Holy Spirit descended on the assembled disciples in a rush of mighty wind and tongues of fire. They were all "filled with the Holy Spirit," and began to speak in various languages. Luke's readers would have recognised the resonance with the story of Moses and the people of Israel on Mt Sinai when the voice of God divided into seventy tongues and all the nations received the Law in their own tongue.

John's gospel reading recalls that the risen Christ appeared to the disciples who were huddled in fear behind closed doors following Jesus's death. Jesus first greets them, "Peace be with you." (How much they

needed that!) He then commissions them: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Finally, he breathes on them and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

The disciples then take up the mission given to them by Christ. Hence, on this feast, we celebrate the birth of the Church. It is born of the mission – a mission to the whole world – which Jesus gives to his disciples and which they take up in the power of the Holy Spirit. Inspired and indeed emboldened by the Holy

Spirit, they then go forth to preach the good news of Jesus, crucified and now risen.

It is the same mission and the same Holy Spirit which is given to us in our time.

The Spirit is the Spirit of Jesus. It is the Spirit of God, the Giver of Life, the life-giving force in the work of creation, and the life-giving force at work in our lives. It is the Paraclete, our Advocate, our Counsellor.

And with the descent of the Holy Spirit on that first Pentecost, God as Trinity is revealed in its fullness. As Christians, we believe that the One God exists in three persons, Father,

Son and Holy Spirit. It is that Trinitarian faith that we affirm each time we make the sign of the Cross, and each time we recite the Creed.

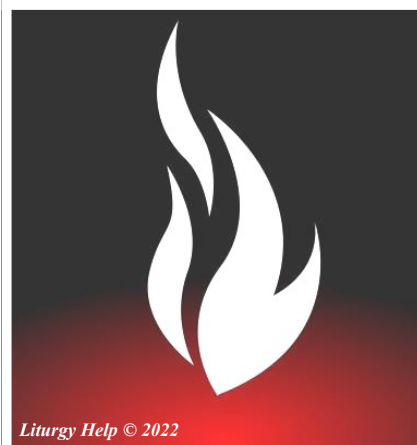
Today is truly one of the great feasts in the Church's calendar, a red vestments day to remind us of those tongues of fire of the Holy Spirit. How blessed are we, people of the Trinity, people of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Trinity of life, light and love. As

we celebrate Pentecost Sunday, let us give thanks for the gift of faith that is given to us, the hope that is in us, and the love that animates us.

And in a world threatened by war, conflict, climate change, environmental degradation, and political upheaval, let us pray: "Come Holy Spirit, renew the face of the Earth."

Anne Hunt

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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

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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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Dr Norman Rogers, Bessie Higgins, Edward Boland (Sydney), Bernardien van Nispen (*mother of Doris Chapman*), Rhonda Lollback, Bill Parsons, Jeff Mather, **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Andrew Ellis, Shirley Parr, Bill Woodward, George Paden,

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, Kathleen Kelly, Bill Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all faithful departed.

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL: Trish Begley, Louise King, Greg Campbell, John and Conchita Schroder, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (Sydney), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (Sydney), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, Dorothy Preddey (Sydney), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Gregory Thomas, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, John Heaton, Dymphna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (*Dubai*), Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, 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.* (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise the parish office if you wish names to

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.

CONFIRMATION: 9th June, 2022

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.

FUNREALS: In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

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

PLACES OF WORSHIP ~ KEEPING US SAFE.

- Hand sanitiser is provided at entrances to our Churches
- Masks are not mandatory, but encouraged in our churches
- Receival of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing is allowed
- Social distancing not mandatory, but encouraged
- Density limits are not mandatory
- If unwell please stay home until you feel well again.

Thank you.

THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE 2022 FLOOD APPEAL



The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account: BSB: **037-889** Account No: **1061 5829** Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal** To donate from other countries please use this [PayPal link](#). This link can also be used within Australia. Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email: appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au.

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.

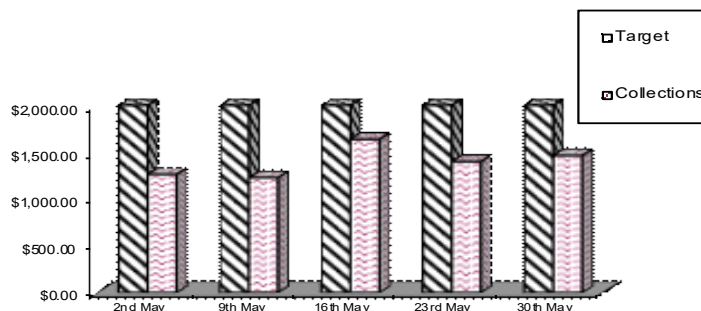
Father Peter and Father Anselm

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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 622.25
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 295.05
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,464.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



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 and monthly deductions by Credit Card.

Parish Notices

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

'WELCOME' 2022 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This week the focus for our parish candidates for Confirmation is:
'A Journey with my Parish'
Candidates will receive a blessing at the end of each Mass.
Our parish family will keep these candidates and their families in our prayers.
We welcome each candidate and their family to our weekend Masses.



The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Thursday 9th June in St Francis Xavier Parish Church.
Candidates and their families will gather at 5.20pm to be seated by 5.30 pm to meet Bishop Greg before the Sacrament of Confirmation at 6.00 pm.

BLESSING PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES

*Jesus you are our teacher,
our helper and our friend.
Fill these children with your love,
so that they know how to see
things as you see them.
Send them your Spirit to be the light
of your love, so that they can love
others as you did.
Give them strength to live the way you
want them to, in all that they think,
and say and do, so that the world
will be a better place because
they are here.
We ask this in your name. Amen.*



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Dr Norman Rogers** who has sadly passed away.
Funeral arrangements are to be advised.

NEW PARISHIONER?



If you are a new parishioner to St Francis Xavier Parish, **we welcome you to our community.**

Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048 ~ Office hours 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.
All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or email: tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au

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>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>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>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>
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PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the Church 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 a priest after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.

BALLINA CONFERENCE



**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
2022 WINTER APPEAL**

WEEKEND 25th/26th June

Please give generously!



Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

"Helping form the Priests of Tomorrow " global campaign.

For 75 years, the benefactors of **Aid to the Church in Need** have generously supported the formation of seminarians. In fact, some of these men now serve as priests in Australia today! At the current time, ACN is supporting some 15,000 seminarians on the path to the priesthood. Please read and reflect on their stories and discern to help us, spiritually and financially, to form the priests of tomorrow. These young men never cease to pray for the benefactors who assisted them on their journey. Thank you in advance for what ever you can do.
Visit www.aidtochurch.org/seminariansglobal

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 (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday

Sisterhood: Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building

Parish Youth Group: 7.00 pm Saturday evening following 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Upper Room Parish Admin 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

Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head: 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

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: 1 Cor 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 20:19-23*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.

**MAKE AN IMPACT THIS TAX TIME**

Sita lives in the Bagmati province in Nepal with her four children. When her husband passed away, she struggled to provide for her children and was shunned by her community. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Sita can now produce enough food to feed her family, send all of her children to school, and has become a respected member of her community. This tax time, please donate by visiting: www.caritas.org.au/make-an-impact-this-tax-time

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

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