

# 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.**

### 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

9th June, 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

**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

**St Barnabas, apostle  
Tuesday**

**St Anthony of Padua  
Thursday**



We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

#### PARISH NOTICES



It is time to prepare for our second edition of 'CONNECT'. All parish ministries please forward your newsworthy items to [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au) by Monday 17th June. Our next edition of Connect will be available mid July.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish community. Together, through effective communication, we can continue to strengthen the bonds that make our community a place of love, support, and shared faith.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR** are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches 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 Father after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.



Office of the Children's Guardian

#### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR PARISH

**VOLUNTEERS:** We have been well informed of the 2024 audit by the Office of the Children's Guardian to be conducted in parishes within the Lismore Diocese.

Many volunteers have not had a refresher course since 2020 and it is advisable for these updated courses to be attended.

**Volunteers for EMOHC, sacristans, acolytes, hospitality, choir, music are recommended to attend.**

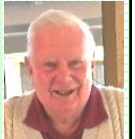
If you are a teacher or work for the CSO, catechist or a member of St Vincent de Paul and have had recent training, you are exempt. **Training date Tuesday 25th June 10.00 am to 12.00 noon Upper Room Parish Admin Building.**

**RSVP Friday 21st June.**

**Morning tea will be provided.**



**'CONGRATULATIONS' FATHER JOHN KELLY**  
who celebrates 64 years of ordination  
to the Priesthood this Wednesday, 12th June.  
Love and best wishes from all the parish.



**PUBLIC HOLIDAY:** This Monday 10th June the Parish Administration Office will be closed for the Public Holiday Weekend.

If you are in urgent need of a Priest please call 0423 445 639.

**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\***

**Administrator of Ballina Parish:** Father Peter Padsungay  
**Assistant Priest:** Father Anselm Okeke  
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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

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

[www.sfxballina.org.au](http://www.sfxballina.org.au)

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

**SCHOOLS:**

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

**AGED CARE:**

Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

**ROSTER: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 15th/16th June, 2024**  
**Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 91; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10; Mark 4:26-34**

	<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>Dan Gubby Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Michael Piccoli Marie Sullivan</i>	<i>Margaret Tay Nicole Sullivan</i>	<i>Gemma Duffy Richard Goss</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Tamara Gubby</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maxine Cole</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Amy Derrick Frank</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

John McCoy, Bill McDermott, John Marili, Frank Cumiskey,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Aileen Reen, Dr Norman Rogers, Mavis Timmins, Vic Norris, Peter Weston, Cenon Ibrrientos, Danuta Grima  
**AND ALSO FOR:** *Fabian Okeke, 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:** Nell Anderton, 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, 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

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024**

<b>11th June</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>11th June Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>14th June</b>	<b>Friday 6.00 pm</b>	<b>Men's Dinner Crowley Activity Centre</b>
<b>24th June &amp; 8th July</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation &amp; music</b>
<b>24th June</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>25th June</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>Volunteers Safeguarding workshop</b>
<b>28th June</b>	<b>Friday 9.30 am</b>	<b>Holy Family Committee Meeting</b>
<b>28th June</b>	<b>Friday 5.30 pm</b>	<b>Curry Night</b>
<b>29th June</b>	<b>Saturday 6.30 am</b>	<b>Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox</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**

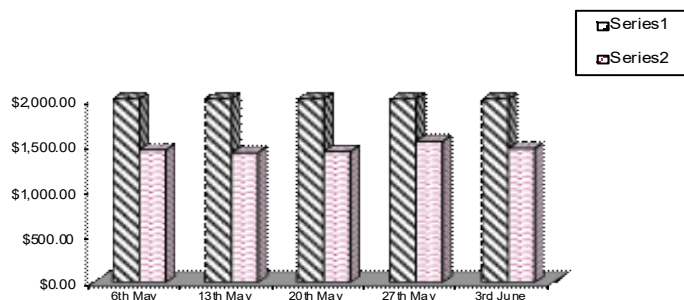
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit 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>	\$ 645.45
<b>Second Collection</b>	Loose Plate	\$ 334.80
<i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,461.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



## BEING VULNERABLE BEFORE GOD

When people hear the word ‘myth’, they often think ‘fiction’ or ‘untrue’. However, in ancient times, myths – stories rich in symbols, expressions, and characters that were easily recognisable and familiar to audiences – were the primary way for people to ponder and talk about events and experiences that were important to them, but beyond their understanding.

In the Jewish-Christian tradition, the Book of Genesis uses a mythic story to portray the origin of sin. In today’s first reading, we’re invited to imagine a garden where there’s complete harmony between man and woman, between humans and nature, and between humans and God. Peace and union are the hallmarks of this garden.

However, eating from the tree that gives full knowledge is forbidden. Despite God’s warning, the woman and man know better! Tempted and seduced by the serpent, the woman eats the forbidden fruit and shares it with the man who also eats. Both think they can act independently of God and follow their own desires without proper discernment. Both fail to grasp the reality that human beings must live within limits.

Their eyes are opened, but rather than becoming like God, they become estranged and naked, fully exposed and vulnerable; which neither can handle. Afraid of God and ashamed of themselves, they sew fig leaves together to hide from each other and from God. Concealment, cover-up and discord are now the hallmarks of this garden.

This mythic story teaches us a fundamental truth about sin: that our lives and relationships become fractured and disconnected, and we’re unable to face ourselves, God and others honestly and openly.


Thankfully, God doesn’t abandon humanity in its shame and sinfulness. God takes the initiative and is portrayed walking in the garden seeking and searching for the fearful and hiding couple, who are unable to face the consequences of their choices. God asks, “Where are you?” It’s not a threat, but a question from someone who cares deeply.

Like so many of us, rather than accept their fault, the woman and man look for excuses and try to justify themselves by blaming each other. The man blames: “the woman you (God) gave me.” Of course, he doesn’t blame the woman alone; he also indirectly blames God who had generously blessed him with a partner. On the other hand, the woman blames: “the serpent that tempted me.” Neither of them says, I’m sorry, I’m wrong, it’s my fault or please forgive me.


God created humanity with a capacity for freedom and self-determination, and at times we make wrong choices and poor decisions. By acknowledging our mistakes and wrong doing we maturely take the first step in accepting responsibility for our lives and choices, rather than blaming God or others.

Wherever we find ourselves in life and whatever struggles we’re carrying, God is with us. Listen attentively to God’s personal and loving question to each one of us today: “Where are you?”

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**52 SUNDAYS: A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS:**  
**Copies for purchase have arrived and can be purchased from the Parish Office.**  
**Cost \$35.00 each or order online at [coventrypress.com.au](http://coventrypress.com.au)**



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:  
**Elsie Rose and Harvey Jack Beard** children of Stuart and Nicole.



**PAPUA NEW GUINEA LANDSLIDE APPEAL**  
Thousands of people are affected. Your urgent support is needed now.

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 1800 024 413




**Caritas Australia’s  
 Papua New Guinea  
 Landslide Disaster**


Remote communities in Papua New Guinea have been devastated by a catastrophic landslide that struck at 3am on 24th May. The timing of the landslide meant most people were sleeping at the time of the disaster, with little time to escape. Thousands are feared dead. Although the initial estimate from the United Nations was that at least 670 people may have lost their lives, this number could climb dramatically from recent reports. The total population of the entire affected ward is near 4,000 people, but this number could be higher due to an increased number of displaced people who have been living in the area in recent times.


The ongoing search and rescue operations are facing challenges due to the hazardous terrain and the continuous threat of landslides. As rescue efforts continue, those who have lost their homes urgently need our support now, and in the weeks and months ahead.

**Please act now. You can donate online at**  
[www.caritas.org.au/png](http://www.caritas.org.au/png) or  
 phone 1800 024 413



**SAVE THE DATE: CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY CURRY NIGHT**  
**Friday 28th June from 5.30 pm**  
**\$25.00 per person**  
**Please RSVP and pay via cash or card at Crowley reception and/or the Parish Office by Wednesday 26th June.**  
**Address to be advised when booking. BYO drinks**





**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY**  
 Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be held **Monday 24th June 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.*

**ASPIRE—Young adults (18 - 35 years old) spiritual formation with Bishop Greg Wednesday 19th June**  
**5.30 pm—6.30 pm**  
 Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://lismorecatholic.zoom.us/j/2996657662?omn=82183637889>

**THE NEXT TAIZÉ MONDAY 24TH JUNE 12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**

**PETER’S PENCE SUNDAY 29TH/30TH JUNE**



**ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL**  
**Sunday 7th July at all weekend Masses**

*Parents, children to be supervised at all times while in the Church and on the Church grounds. Thank you.*

**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.

Contact the Safeguarding Office Phone: **(02) 6621 9444** or Email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



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**First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15;***A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. **(R.)**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 3:20-35**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS**

**TUESDAY 11th JUNE, ~ FEAST OF ST BARNABAS,**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Blessed is this holy man, who was worthy to be numbered among the Apostles, for he was a good man, filled with the Holy Spirit and with faith.

**Communion Antiphon:** I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.

**WEDNESDAY 12TH JUNE AND FRIDAY 14TH JUNE**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

**THURSDAY 13TH JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST ANTHONY OF PADUA**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:** Spend time with your own family this week and strengthen the bonds and love you have for them. Be aware and welcoming to those who may not have a strong family to turn to.

Today's Entrance Antiphon makes a wonderful prayer for this week:

*The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom shall I dread?*

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