

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.**

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

23rd 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

**The Nativity of
St John the Baptist
Monday**

**St Irenaeus
Friday**

**Sts Peter and Paul, apostles
Saturday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

PETER'S PENCE NEXT SUNDAY: How you can help: Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the *Peter's Pence Collection*. Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help to build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come. Envelopes will be available in the church pews.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the both Churches in **alphabetical order**.



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Noreen Goff** who has sadly passed away. A funeral prayer service has been held.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY: Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be held on **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.*



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY CURRY NIGHT

Friday 28th June

It is with deep regret that this event is now

CANCELLED



PARISH 'CUPPA'



in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, Sunday 7th July, following the 9.00 am Mass. Everyone is very welcome. St Vincent de Paul members will host the morning tea.

SAFEGUARDING WORKSHOP THIS TUESDAY 25TH JUNE 10.00 AM

VINNIES WINTER APPEAL WEEKEND ~ 6TH/7TH JULY



TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 24TH JUNE 12.00 NOON

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

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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

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 29th/30th June, 2024
Readings: Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24; Psalm 29; 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15; Mark 5:21-43

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Jeanette Wilkins Peter Fear</i>	<i>Murray Deeps Amanda Deeps</i>	<i>Wendy Hughes Margaret Tay</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Maxine Cole</i>
EMOHC	<i>Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Gemma Duffy</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Cecil, Noreen Goff, John McCoy, Bill McDermott, John Marili,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS

TIME: Marj Hobbins, Judy Conson, John Timmins,
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, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Please advise if a name is to be removed if good health has been restored).

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024

24th June & 8th July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music
24th June	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
25th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
25th June Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
25th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	Volunteers Safeguarding workshop
28th June	Friday 9.30 am	Holy Family Committee Meeting
29th June	Saturday 6.30 am	Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox
6th July Lennox Head	Saturday 8.00 am	Our Lady of Fatima
7th July	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa' Grounds of the Church
6th/7th July	Vinnies	Winter Appeal

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**

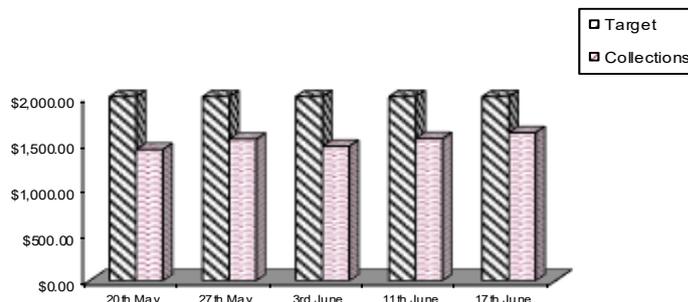
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 745.20
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 360.85
<i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,608.30
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



A CALMING PRAYER

The Shetland Islands are north of Scotland and just below the Arctic Circle. They are a group of one hundred islands with only sixteen inhabited. There is a daily ferry for travellers, but also private boats for hire.

A retired naval captain used to skipper a boat taking tourists to the islands, and one day his boat had a party crowd of young people. They smirked at the old captain when they saw him saying a prayer before sailing because the day was fine and the weather calm. However, they were not long at sea before they experienced a sudden storm, and the boat began to pitch violently.

The terrified passengers came to the captain and asked him to join them in prayer. He replied, "I say my prayers when it's calm and when it's rough I tend to my boat."

We are all likely to pray for help when storms come our way. However, it is also important to seek God in the quieter moments of life and to build a relationship that takes us through all the seasons of life. We are familiar with prayers of petition in times of need and these are personal where we ask God for certain things in life. There are prayers of intercession when we make requests on behalf of other people. Equally familiar to us are prayers of thanksgiving where we rejoice in what God has done for us.

Prayer is about relationship and God invites us to grow the relationship by spending time with God. Two other forms of prayer are prayers of blessing and adoration where we acknowledge our dependence of God and prayers of praise where we express our love for God.

During our busy lives we can sometimes lose sight of the need to stop, reflect and open our lives to God, so it is helpful to heed the advice of the retired naval captain, and to develop a daily pattern of prayer rather than only turning to prayer in the 'storms of life'. This pattern will help us grow a deeper relationship with God who is ever present but not always engaged.

We have routines for exercise and recreation. We have routines for work and for play. Routines are helpful in that they help us engage in what is essential, but they also help to free us for spontaneity because they create space by taking care of the ordinary things in life. When prayer becomes part of the pattern of the day, we are giving time to nurturing our relationship with God.

As we grow in our relationship, we become more like the disciples who were in awe when Jesus calmed the storm, and they began to recognise more fully the identity of Jesus. May we become more conscious of God's presence by developing daily patterns of prayer.

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CRISPS REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM

To live without the fear of war, to have your basic human rights upheld, to live in equality and without the fear of persecution, these are just some of the examples of freedom that most of us experience. Sadly, many refugees are waiting for years to have an opportunity to find such freedoms in a new home. Community sponsorship offers a supported pathway of settlement for refugee families or individuals.



World Refugee Day on was celebrated on 20th June 2024, Catholic Mission would like to promote the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot program (CRISP) and offer support to parishes who would like to form a group and welcome a refugee family or individual. The program is an excellent way to build community and live out "faith in action." The theme for Refugee Week 2024 is Finding Freedom: Family.

The Community Refugee Sponsorship program empowers local community groups, of 5 or more members, to support newcomers to settle and integrate by providing social, material and practical support. Members are provided training and support, and ways to connect with others groups and share experiences. The Australian government selects refugees who have no familial connections in Australia and matches them with a group based on needs and resources. Your parish group could offer a warm, welcoming and supportive community for a refugee newcomer.

For more information on the CRISP program, please contact Anne Nesbitt:

anne.nesbitt@catholicmission.org.au



OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions.

Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head **Saturday 6th July at 8.00 am**
Everyone welcome to attend!

52 SUNDAYS: A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS:
Copies for purchase are available from the Parish Office. Cost \$35.00 each or order online at coventrypress.com.au

HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting will be held in the Sacred Heart Room behind the Church building **THIS Friday 28th June commencing at 9.30 am.** Contact Sue 0400 052 505 if you would like to add an item to the agenda.

MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX

Parishioners are welcome to the next of our 'A little gem by sea' monthly dinners to be held **THIS Saturday 29th June 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.*

WINTER COLD AND FLU SEASON

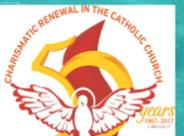
Parishioners, if you are feeling unwell and are showing signs of a cold please refrain from attending Mass until your symptoms have subsided and you feel well again. This will assist our parish faith community to keep well throughout the winter months. Thank you.



CHARISMATIC HEALING



MASS



St Francis Xavier Church
Saturday 27th July at 11.00 am
Celebrant ~ Fr Eric Quinteros



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



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First Reading: Job 38:1,8-11;*A reading from the book of Job*

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer.

He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross
and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:
here your proud waves shall break.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships
to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,
the wonders he does in the deep. **(R.)**
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,
tossing the waves of the sea
up to heaven and back into the deep;
their soul melted away in their distress. **(R.)**
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper:
all the waves of the sea were hushed. **(R.)**
4. They rejoiced because of the calm
and he led them to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love,
the wonders he does for men. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:35-41*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**TUESDAY 25th JUNE, WEDNESDAY 26th JUNE, THURSDAY 27th JUNE**

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them for ever.

Communion Antiphon: The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

FRIDAY 28th JUNE ~ FEAST SAINT IRENAEUS

Entrance Antiphon: The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.

Communion Antiphon: Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

DID YOU KNOW? Points of interest and Catholic lore

- 'The other side' refers to the eastern shore of the Sea of Galilee. This was known as pagan territory, the region of the Decapolis or the 'ten cities', which were not part of the traditional lands of Israel.
- The Sea of Galilee was (and still is) notorious for storms, which could blow up very quickly and be tempestuous.
- In Genesis 1, God brought order to the watery chaos at creation purely through his command. Here, Jesus does the same simply by verbal command.
- In Mark's Gospel, the disciples are often portrayed as missing the point and failing to recognise who Jesus is!

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Share reflections on a time when you felt that circumstances might have overwhelmed or 'swamped' you. Who were the people who helped you to weather the storm? How did they provide a safe haven or stability for you?
- This week, try to provide stability or safety to someone who may be undergoing a rough patch.
- Today's entrance antiphon makes a wonderful prayer for this week:

*The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed.
Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them forever.*

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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.

Taizé: Every second Monday SFX Church from 12.00 noon.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday.

Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am Ballina.

CCR: Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029.

Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.30 am Anawim Room.

Parish Youth Group: 6.30 pm in the Upper Room Parish Admin Building following the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass.

You are welcome to our prayer gatherings.