

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.**

**13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)**

30th 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 Thomas, apostle
Wednesday



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:
Noah James and Finley Carrick Sullen
sons of David and Laura

PETER'S PENCE SUNDAY

'Peter's Pence' Sunday is this weekend 29th/30th June. This is the annual offering to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the works of charity supported by the Holy See. Envelopes are available in the church pews.



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

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



BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
2024 WINTER APPEAL ~ NEXT WEEKEND 6th/7th JULY

Envelopes will be available. Every dollar can make a difference.
Online details: BSB: 062 000, Account No: 1988 9862,
Ref No : 43450. Donations can also be left at the Vinnies Shop 7 Martin Street, Ballina. Thinking of becoming a Ballina SVdP Conference Volunteer, phn Rosette Leo (co-ordinator) 0490 258 139.
Thank you.

Adult Online Faith Formation: Cycle 5 Courses are now open with The *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF)* at the University of Dayton, Ohio. The VLCFF offers over 100 online courses in adult faith formation. These courses are usually five weeks, with a commitment to spend around 5 hours per week reading and submitting responses/reflections. (There are no exams!) The cost is very reasonable, and further subsidies are provided because of the partnership with the Lismore Diocese. The price per five-week course is \$US50.

Registrations for Cycle 5 Courses are now open. Close on July 10. (Courses begin July 15.)
If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au or 0436941280.
Learn more about the VLCFF at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/> or through the St Agnes Catholic Parish website <https://stagnesparish.org.au/faith/>

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

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 6th/7th July, 2024
Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5; Psalm 122; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>John Jarzynski Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Damien Kennedy Jean Mackay</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan Richard Goss</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Leanne Robbins</i>
EMOHC	<i>Mick Vella</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i>	<i>Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Mary Goss Ron Hughes</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Cecil, Noreen Goff, John McCoy,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: George Pardon, George Saaib, Betty McNiff, Sharon Lee McNiff-Parkes, Margaret Grant, Anne Moreland,
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'Fève (*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, Noline Conyngham, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Kneightly (*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, Dymna 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

1st July	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
2nd July Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
3rd July & 17th July	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
6th July Lennox Head	Saturday 8.00 am	Our Lady of Fatima
6th/7th July	Saturday & Sunday Masses	Vinnies Winter Appeal
7th July	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa' Grounds of the Church
7th July 7th to 14th July	Sunday Nadioc Week	National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander
8th July & 22nd July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music
27th July	Saturday 11.00 am	Charismatic Healing Mass

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**

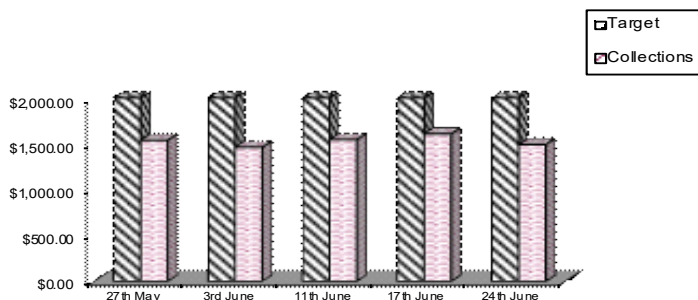
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card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

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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>	\$ 849.20
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 443.60
<i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,492.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



JESUS' TOUCH BRINGS NEW LIFE

Today we continue with readings from Mark's gospel. Earlier in this chapter, Jesus has demonstrated his divine mastery over destructive forces of nature (in calming the sea) and over a legion of demons who were afflicting a man (in the exorcism of a deeply troubled person).

Mark brings his account of the miracles which Jesus worked to a climax in one of Mark's most striking stories. His accounts of Jesus' miracles culminate in the healing of two women, both of whom are restored to new life, wholeness and holiness because of the *touch* of Jesus. Here Jesus demonstrates his divine mastery—and the power of the Kingdom and of his Lordship—over disease and even death.

Notice how Mark intertwines two miracle stories here, sandwiching one story within another: the healing of the woman with a haemorrhage who touches Jesus' clothing, and the raising of the Jairus' daughter. Both the woman (we don't know her name) and Jairus demonstrate great faith and trust in Jesus.

Given the growing tension between Jesus and the synagogue officials, it is remarkable that Jairus, a leader in the synagogue, had the courage and the humility to approach Jesus and to beg Jesus to come and save his daughter who was dying. The daughter was desperately ill and Jairus was clearly desperate for her. Jesus immediately sets out for Jairus' home, with the crowd accompanying them, pressing in on them.

In that pressing crowd, the unnamed woman, who has suffered for years with a haemorrhage, sees and takes the opportunity to come close to Jesus and she boldly dares to touch him, confident that touching him will heal her. And it does. She knows immediately that she is healed. He senses that power has gone out of him and calls on whoever it was who touched him to come forward.

In fear and trembling, she confesses. But, instead of chastising her, he praises her, affectionately addressing her as "Daughter," and commending her: "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." The word 'touch' appears four times in this story of the healing of the woman with the haemorrhage.

Meanwhile, back to the story of Jairus, people from Jairus's home arrive, announcing that Jairus' daughter has died. It is, they think, too late to do anything. But Jesus says: "Do not fear; only believe." Just keep on believing! They head to Jairus' home. Jesus takes the young woman by the hand, and she is restored to life. With great affection, Jesus speaks to her, telling her to get up, and telling her parents to give her something to eat. Again, we notice that Jesus restores the young woman to life by *touching* her.

In both of these miracles, Jesus' touch brings new life, wellness, wholeness, and holiness. See how he responds with care and compassion to those who seek his help. He does for us too.

Let us pray, as Jesus' disciples asked of him on another occasion: "Lord, increase our faith!"

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OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions.

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

CHARISMATIC HEALING



MASS



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



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THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025

The theme for the 2025 Jubilee, chosen by Pope Francis, is "**Pilgrims of Hope**". The Jubilee Year will be celebrated throughout 2025 via a calendar of special events, focusing on particular groups of people and specific themes.

The Jubilee Year 2025 is a sacred time to go on pilgrimage, with many graces available. Features include being in Rome for the various Jubilee celebrations; walking through the **Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica**; and viewing the **Holy Shroud of Turin**, rarely on display but accessible to the public during the Holy Year.

For further information visit: <https://www.jubilaum2025.va/en.html> or Harvest Journeys www.harvestjourneys.com



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First Reading: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24;

A reading from the book of Wisdom

Death was not God's doing,
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.
To be – for this he created all;
the world's created things have health in them,
in them no fatal poison can be found,
and Hades holds no power on earth;
for virtue is undying.
Yet God did make man imperishable,
he made him in the image of his own nature;
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,
as those who are his partners will discover.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,
for you have rescued me.**

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**

2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,
give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**

3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15;

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

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what hap-

pens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death
and brought us life through his gospel.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 5:21-24,35-43

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 2nd JULY, THURSDAY 4th JULY, FRIDAY 5th JULY

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

WEDNESDAY 3rd JULY ~ FEAST OF SAINT THOMAS, APOSTLE

Entrance Antiphon: You are my God, and I confess you; you are my God, and I exalt you; I will thank you, for you became my saviour.

Communion Antiphon: Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing.

DID YOU KNOW?

•Jairus, as an official of the synagogue, belonged to one of the groups who were traditionally deeply suspicious and disapproving of Jesus. Here however, Jairus' faith is contrasted with the lack of faith of the onlookers who simply laugh at Jesus. His faith is rewarded.

•For Jesus to lay hands upon a young woman of twelve years of age (old enough to be betrothed) would have been seen as a scandalous act. Jesus breaks through the restrictions of social norm to bring life.

•The longer version of this gospel tells the story of the cure of the woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years.

•To have physical contact with women who were menstruating or with corpses meant that the person who had touched them became 'unclean' and therefore unable to participate in the religious life of Israel. Here Jesus contravenes the Jewish law to bring wholeness and life.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

•Be aware of your human connections with others this week. Look around for opportunities to extend a life-giving touch to others.

•Share reflections on a time when you felt ostracised by others. How did you feel?

•Who are the people in our communities, in our streets, who are the 'untouchables'? What are some of the ways in which welcome and healing can be extended to them?

Use this week's Gospel Acclamation for your prayer:

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