

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.**

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

7th July, 2024

National Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday



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 Day

St Benedict, abbot
 Thursday



We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES



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

Envelopes will be available. Every dollar can make a difference. Envelopes are available in the Church pews for your convenience.

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.**



Pentecost painting by Magda Lee, Gracie Mosquito and Imelda Gugamen (Balgo Community)

KEEP THE FIRE BURNING: STRONG IN FAITH

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday
 Each year, Catholics from all corners of Australia gather on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday to celebrate the unique gifts and contributions of Australia's First Peoples.

NATSICC VISION STATEMENT

The National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council promotes and celebrates the cultural identity of our Peoples across the Nation by living and expressing, in all its endeavours, the spirituality of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

Catholic Peoples.

Through this expression and recognition of our cultural identity we will find our rightful place within the Catholic Church in Australia.



PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, this 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 TAX RECEIPTS 2023/24 Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish office.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection from the Parish Office.

TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 8TH JULY 12.00 NOON
IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

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.

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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 13th/14th July, 2024
Readings: Amos 7:12-15; Psalm 84; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:7-13

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Bryan Marriott Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Jack McKenzie Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Julie McKinnon Wendy Hughes</i>	<i>John Jarzynski Richard Goss</i>
EMOHC	<i>Matt Ritchie</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Peter Bowen</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Cathy Andrews Diana Evans</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Patricia Cecil, Noreen Goff,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Joe Byrne, Thea Harper, Peter Thurtell,
AND ALSO FOR: *Frank & Ruth Anderson, 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 Kerslake, 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: Patrick Cawley, Nola Cummings, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David LeFevre (*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 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, Dymrna 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

8th July & 22nd July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music
9th July	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
9th July Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
18th July Crowley Care Auxiliary	Thursday 12.30 pm	Christmas in July Luncheon
27th July	Saturday 11.00 am	Charismatic Healing Mass
18th August	Sunday 10.00 am	Women's Reflection Day

A faith quote from Pope Francis:

"Because faith, which is always God's gift and always to be asked for, must be nurtured by us. It is no magic power which comes down from heaven, it is not a 'talent' which is given once and for all, not a special force for solving life's problems. A faith useful for satisfying our needs would be a selfish one, centred entirely on ourselves. Faith must not be confused with well-being or feeling well, with having consolation in our heart that gives us inner peace. Faith is the golden thread which binds us to the Lord, the pure joy of being with Him, united to Him; it is a gift that lasts our whole life, but bears fruit only if we play our part."
<https://www.ncronline.org/vatican/francis>

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**

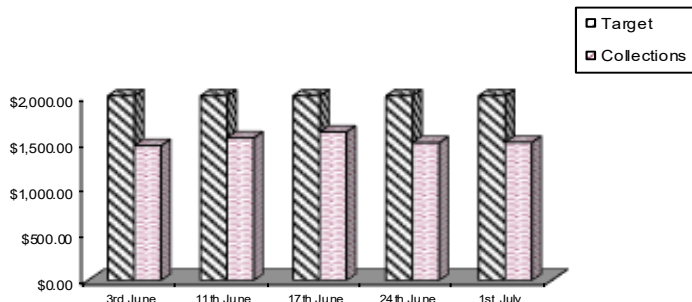
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card 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>	\$ 760.45
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 431.55
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,495.80
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



OVERCOMING THE PAIN OF REJECTION

The three main characters in today's readings suffer rejection and humiliation. Their pain is summarised in today's Psalm: "Indeed, all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain."

Sometimes, following God means being a witness to people who do not respect us or our faith. As the prophet Ezekiel hears in the first reading, the task of the faithful disciple is to keep witnessing to our faith, "whether they listen or not".

In the second reading, St Paul explains how he perseveres when he is confronted with rejection and humiliation. Paul's second letter to the Church in Corinth was motivated by a vicious attack on his ministry and reputation. Some within the community, who styled themselves as 'superapostles', disparaged Paul and his teaching. Instead, they boasted about the incredible visions and secret knowledge they had received, which proved their superiority over Paul.

Instead of trying to compete with his rivals' boasting, Paul brags about his own weaknesses and failures. Paul does not go into detail about what he means by the "thorn in his flesh." Theories have included health difficulties, reoccurring temptations, or difficult people around him.

Struggles like these that seem to get in the way of us trying to live out his faith should be familiar to all of us. However, Paul explains that God sometimes allows these obstacles in our lives because our weaknesses make the grace and love of Jesus most evident.

Instead of succumbing to the temptation to boast about his accomplishments, Paul uses his weaknesses to constantly remind himself of his dependence on God's power. Through his weaknesses, Paul learns about the self-sacrificial kind of service that God desires. As a result, God's presence and activity in Paul's life are even more present because of the weakness that appears on the surface. Paul is a better witness of God's power because he demonstrates with his life what Christ can do with any person in any situation.

Jesus himself embraces this way of living in today's gospel. Previous chapters of Mark's Gospel make Jesus seem unstoppable. Disease, demons and even death all give way before him. However, Jesus' mission appears to have stalled when he does not overcome Nazareth's lack of faith.

Perhaps Jesus could have forcefully displayed his power when he returned to Nazareth and broken down the barriers of unbelief. But what is a faith in God that is based on overpowering, dominating, and controlling? It would eliminate the opportunity for people to encounter God's love and mercy and for the spiritual change towards selfless love that God most desires.

Jesus most clearly proves that he is from God in his acceptance of suffering. His rejection by those closest to him is another step towards the cross, where he will demonstrate to the world and all history what God's love truly means.

Our weaknesses can invite us to deepen our loving relationship with God and invite others to encounter Jesus.

Let us always.

Joseph Doyle

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CHARISMATIC HEALING



MASS



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

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CHRISTMAS

unveils

IN JULY

Book Now!

Thursday 18 July
 Crowley Activity Centre
 12.30pm - 3.30pm
\$35 per person
 BYO Drinks

PLEASE RSVP AND PAY VIA CASH OR EFTPOS
 AT CROWLEY RECEPTION BY THURSDAY 11 JULY
 PLEASE ALSO PROVIDE ANY SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

TICKETS INCLUDE:
 CHRISTMAS STYLE LUNCH AND DESSERT
 1 X ENTRY INTO THE LUCKY DOOR PRIZE
 LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

ATTENDEES ARE REQUESTED TO PARK IN THE VISITOR CARPARK ON CROWLEY DRIVE



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**

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL
TUESDAY 16TH JULY
MASS 10.00 AM
CARMELITE MONASTERY, GOONELLABAH
(There will be no 7.00 am Mass on this day)



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: In recess for school holidays.



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First Reading: Ezekiel 2:32-5;*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.**

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **(R.)**

2. Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he shows us his mercy. **(R.)**

3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

*The Word of the Lord.***Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 6:1-6***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 9th JULY, WEDNESDAY 10th JULY, FRIDAY 12th JULY****Entrance Antiphon:** Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple.

Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.**THURSDAY 11th JULY ~ FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT****Entrance Antiphon:** There was a man of venerable life, Benedict, blessed by grace and by name, who, leaving home and patrimony and desiring to please God alone, sought out the habit of holy living.**Communion Antiphon:** This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.**DID YOU KNOW?**

- There is great debate about the relationship of 'the brothers of the Lord' to Jesus. Some scholars suggest that they were in fact literal brothers (or half-brothers or step-brothers), while others scholars point out that it was common practice to refer to cousins and even more distant relations as 'brothers'. The Catholic Church holds that Jesus was the only child of Mary, the virgin mother of Christ.

- The reference to Jesus as 'son of Mary' was a slur on his legitimacy because, in Jesus' time, people were usually identified as the child of their father.

- The man referred to here as 'James, the brother of the Lord' later became the leader of the Church in Jerusalem.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Have there been times when you were not accepted? How did you deal with this?

- What are the things that prevent your faith from taking root or growing?

- This week, try to become aware of those things which hinder your growth in faith. Work actively in overcoming them.

- Recall times when you have felt rejected or scorned. What were your feelings at those times? What was it that caused your rejection?

- Have there been occasions when you have acted as the 'prophet'? How were you received? Share your stories with others.

- Ponder the mystery contained in these phrases from the gospel this week:

*Where did the man get all this?**What is this wisdom that has been granted him?*