

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.**

The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (B) (Corpus Christi)

2nd 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 THURSDAY

12.00 noon

FRIDAY NO MASS

**due to Requiem @ 10.30 am
Liturgy of the Word with HC**

RECONCILIATION

**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church**

Feast Days

**Sts Charles Lwanga &
companions,
Monday**

**St Boniface
Wednesday**

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

**NO MASS LITURGY OF THE WORD
WITH HOLY COMMUNION**

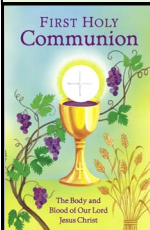
Friday

**The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES



'Congratulations'

*to all the children from
St Francis Xavier Parish who
receive their First Holy Communion
this Saturday evening.*

Dear Parishioners,

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for your prayers and support during the passing of my dad. Your comforting words, messages, thoughts, and prayers have provided my family and I with immense comfort and strength during this difficult time.

As I go home to bury my dad, I ask for your continued prayers. I am especially grateful to those who supported me both spiritually and financially. Your generosity and kindness have been a great blessing to my family. May God reward you abundantly for your compassion and support. Amen!

Thank you for being there for us.

With sincere thanks,
Fr Anselm Okeke



2024
Multi
Cultural
Sunday

Additional photos on Parish web site : www.sfxballina.org.au > Noticeboard tab > Parish Social Gatherings tab

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

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au

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

ROSTER: 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 8th/9th June, 2024
Readings: Genesis 3:9-15; Psalm 129; Corinthians 4:13-5:1; Mark 3:20-34

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Bryan Marriott Mick Vella</i>	<i>Mark McDonald Damien Kennedy</i>	<i>Annette Reen Gary Reen</i>	<i>Warwick Manning John Jarzynski</i>
EMOHC	<i>Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Cathy Andrews Diana Evans</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

John McCoy, Bill McDermott, John Marili, Frank Cumiskey, Tony Culican,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS

TIME: Andrew Ellis, George Young, George Paden,

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:

Doreen McIntyre (Ireland), Semmens family (Tas), Janice Ball, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (Dalby), Peter Groom (Dalby), David Le'Feve (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, Dymrna 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

4th June	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
4th June Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
5th June & 19th June	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
14th June	Friday 6.00 pm	Men's Dinner Crowley Activity Centre
25th June	Tuesday 10.00 am Upper Room Parish Admin	Volunteers Safeguarding workshop



POSITION VACANT

St Anne's Long Day Care Centre in Skennars Head is seeking a qualified Early Childhood Educator to work in a permanent part-time position, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, in the Centre's Nursery Birth to 1 year old room from Monday 3rd June. The successful applicant would join a team of skilled Educators who nurture and gently care for 10 children each day. For further details or to discuss, please contact Narelle Dewhurst 6687 5961 or email ndewhurst@stannesldcc.org.au

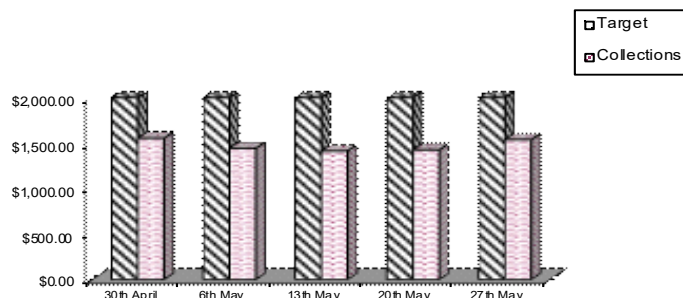
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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>	\$ 806.50
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 361.80
<i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,538.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



EUCHARIST IS THE 'SUMMIT' OF CHRISTIAN LIFE

In the gospel, Jesus asks his disciples to prepare for the Passover, a Jewish feast celebrating the Hebrew's liberation from slavery in Egypt which is also known as Pesach which means "to pass over," commemorating the fact that God spared the Jewish firstborn from the final plague.

Pharaoh's resistance was broken, and he virtually chased his former slaves out of the land. The Israelites left in such a hurry, that the bread they baked as provisions for the way did not have time to rise, so it is also known as the feast of Unleavened Bread. Six hundred thousand adult males, plus many women and children, left Egypt on that day and began the trek to Mount Sinai and their birth as God's chosen people.

The tradition is that a family has a special meal called the seder to commemorate this critical event. Foods of symbolic significance commemorating their liberation are eaten, prayers and the reading of the Exodus story are part of the seder meal. Passover is a time of great rejoicing, but strict dietary laws must be observed, and special prohibitions restrict work at the beginning and end of the celebration.

Jesus, as an observant Jew, asked his disciples to prepare a room for this special occasion. However, as Mark tells us there is something different when Jesus, on the eve of his execution on Calvary, gives to his disciples the gift of himself in the form of bread and wine as his body and blood. Building on the Jewish-Christian tradition we have, over the centuries, developed the eucharist as a liturgy of thanksgiving for what God has and is doing for us.

In November 1964, Vatican Council II in its Constitution on the Church declared the eucharist as the "source and summit of the Christian life." Long before this declaration Catholic Christians celebrated the eucharist as their participation in the life of Christ who calls us to communion (relationship) with God and mission which means outreach to those in our world who are in need and those who have not heard the good news.

The Eucharist is a source of nourishment and renewal. When we gather to celebrate eucharist we are reminded of the need to recall the Jewish origins of Catholic and Christian life and to remember that we are called to community and to mission. The first calls us into relationship with God and one another and the second reminds us that we do not exist for ourselves but for the mission proclaimed by Jesus which is to make a difference in our world as we share in his mission for the realisation of the kingdom of God.

We cannot create the kingdom, but we can contribute to its realisation. Our regular participation in the eucharist nourishes and strengthens us as a community and continually encourages us to go beyond the doors of our local community to make a difference in our world.

Michael A Kelly CSSR © Majellan Media 2024

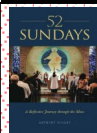
PARISH NOTICES (continued from page 1)



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **John McCoy** who has sadly passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held on **Friday 7th June, at 10.30 am** in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

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.



52 SUNDAYS: A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS:

Copies ordered for purchase have not arrived. Apology to those requiring a copy. We are looking forward to the arrival of the order. Cost \$35.00 each or order online at coventrypress.com.au

Ballina Parish Men's Gathering Dinner

Friday 14th June 2024, 6:00 for 6:30 pm. Crowley Activity Centre, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina.
BYO Drinks. \$40 per person.

Murray Parr will share stories on his 14 years in mission to Zimbabwe

RSVP before midday on **THIS Friday, 7th June 2024**

By Direct Credit to BSB: 082 522 A/c No: 50960 3218. Add "Dinner" to the Reference section & your name and telephone number in the Message or Name section of your Instructions to your bank. **By CASH or by EFTPOS** at the Parish Office - 53 Cherry St. 8:30 am - 4:30 pm. Monday to Friday. 02 6681 1048.



It is time to prepare for our second edition of 'CONNECT'. All parish ministries please forward your newsworthy items to 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.



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.



Invest with peace of mind

www.dif.org.au 1800 802 516



The Diocesan Investment Fund (DIF) is not subject to the provisions of the Corporations Act 2001 nor has it been examined or approved by the Australian Securities and Investments Commission. Deposits with the DIF are guaranteed by CDPF Limited, a company established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference for this purpose. We welcome your investment with the DIF rather than with a profit oriented commercial organisation as a conscious commitment by you to support the Charitable, Religious and Educational works of the Catholic Church. Neither the DIF nor the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Lismore are prudentially supervised by the Australian Prudential Regulation Authority; contributions to the DIF do not obtain the benefit of the depositor protection provisions of the Banking Act 1959; the DIF is designed for investors who wish to promote the charitable purposes of the DIF.

First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8;*A reading from the book of Exodus*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.**

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**

2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**

3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:11-15;*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

tered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

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

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS****TUESDAY 4th JUNE, & THURSDAY 6TH JUNE**

Entrance Antiphon: Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

Communion Antiphon: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE ~ FEAST OF ST BONIFACE

Entrance Antiphon: This Saint went as far as death, handing over his life to destruction for the work of Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever loses his life for the sake of the Gospel will save it, says the Lord.

FRIDAY 7TH JUNE ~ FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Entrance Antiphon: The designs of his Heart are from age to age, to rescue their souls from death, and to keep them alive in famine.

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Let whoever is thirsty come to me and drink. Streams of living water will flow from within the one who believes in me.

DID YOU KNOW? *The Passover Festival included a ritual meal with the eating of unleavened bread, cooked lamb and the drinking of a ritual cup of wine. Jewish families still practice this ancient ritual today.

*The Passover is more than a remembrance of a past event; it makes present again the reality of God's saving action.

*After Israel had been liberated from slavery in Egypt, God entered into covenant with them at Mt Sinai. This is a special relationship. 'I will take you as my people and I will be your God' (Ex 6:7). This meant that Israel had to live in a certain way. They had particular obligations to follow in keeping their side of the agreement

MAKING CONNECTIONS What preparations are you making for your 'pass-over' to full membership of the Church?

*Do you long to share in the Eucharist?

*Find ways to pour yourself out for others this week.

*What family rituals do you have in your home? Where or how did these originate? What special celebrations do you observe? Share your stories with others.

Jesus' own prayer life was nourished by the Psalms. Pray today's Responsorial Psalm often this week:

*How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.*