

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 Trinity Sunday (B)

26th May, 2024



The Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, throughout the month

of May.

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

Feast Day

The Visitation of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday

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:

Blair Capri Martin daughter of Samuel and Courtney;
River Stephen Kandros son of Stephen and Agnieszka.

‘WELCOME’ 2024 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.
We welcome each candidate and their family to
our weekend Masses.

Children of our parish will receive their
First Holy Communion Next Saturday 1st June
in St Francis Xavier Parish Church
at the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass



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! Our Parish 2024 Multicultural Day was a great success. It means a lot to us and we know it does to many people who witnessed this wonderful event. To our Parish Hospitality Group, Parish Staff, Roxanne Nilon for the beautifully decorated and delicious ‘Pentecost’ cake, and everyone who worked so hard to ensure a successful event, may God bless you all. Your creativity and thoughtful planning created a memorable event. Let us, therefore, continue to work in peace and harmony in creating a vibrant parish filled with joy, love, and acceptance.

Father Peter and Father Anselm



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY : Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be held **this Monday 27th May 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.

**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

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Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478

www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

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: Body and Blood of Christ, Year B: 1st/2nd June, 2024
Readings: Exodus 24:3-8; Psalm 115; Hebrews 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16,22-26

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Jean Mackay Jack McKenzie</i>	<i>Richard Goss Wendy Hughes</i>	<i>Maxine Cole Leanne Robbins</i>
EMOHC	<i>First Holy Communion</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Cheryl Bowen</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Greg, Katie & Family</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Frank Cumiskey, Tony Culican, Bishop Peter Ingham (*Wollongong*),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Ron Hanlon, Bernardien van Nispen, Shirley Parr, Jean Shay, Cecilia Condon, Aub Sainsbury

AND ALSO FOR: *Inez Susanne Jones, Fabian Okeke, Jozefa Jarzynski, Margaret & Michael Kovacs, 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: 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, John McCoy, 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 advise if a name is to be removed if good health has been restored).

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024

27th May & 24th June	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé <i>45 min of simple praise, meditation & music</i>
27th May	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
28th May	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
28th May Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
1st June	Saturday 8.00 am	Our Lady of Fatima Lennox Head
1st June	Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30 pm	First Holy Communion
2nd June	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa' Church Grounds
14th June	Friday 6.00 pm	Men's Dinner Crowley Activity Centre

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**

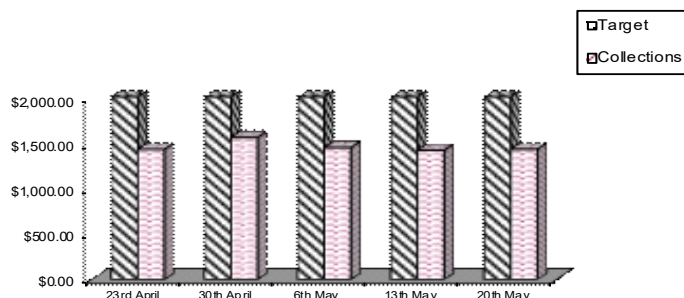
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card 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>	\$ 749.75
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 323.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,426.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



WE ARE ALL CHILDREN OF GOD

The Jesuit spiritual writer, Mark Link, begins his widely read book *Experiencing Prayer* (1984) with an extract from Eugene Ionesco's play *The Bald Soprano* (1950). In the scene, a couple meet and enter dialogue about their lives. They discover that they share much in common – they live in the same city, on the same street, in the same apartment, and they each have a daughter named Alice.

Much to their surprise, they also discover they are husband and wife.

As Mark Link observes, this story is repeated in many households, where husbands and wives, sons and daughters, rarely develop deep and abiding relationships. They never truly come to “know” their life partner or sibling, as their relationship remains “largely on the surface.”

Similarly, our relationship with God is often superficial. Outwardly we may appear committed to our faith. We wear crosses, scapulars or miraculous medals. We attend Mass every Sunday. We can recite the Nicene Creed by heart, proclaiming that in Jesus, God became human.

However, many of us do not really “know” this God who became like us. We do not share an intimate relationship with the divine, the ground of all being, the life that gives us life, despite our belief in the Incarnation.

Today's gospel reminds us that we were baptised into a community that has for centuries been initiating catechumens into the faith *via* the Trinitarian formula of Father, Son and Spirit (Mt 28:19; cf. 2 Cor 13:13). Paul writes to the Romans (8:14-17) in our Second Reading, that through Baptism we are adopted into the family of God, liberated from slavery, and called to intimate relationship with the Father through the in-dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

Like Matthew, Paul and the first Christians saw in the coming of Christ an invitation to commune with God whose essential nature was a mutual sharing of three persons in one Godhead. As John says elsewhere, “God is love; so, whoever does not love, does not know God” (1 John 4:8).

It is because God is a trinity of persons that we can speak of God as love. But it also because God the Father sent his Son into the world that we can both know and participate in the love of God. While we can come to appreciate the love of God by looking at the divine handiwork in creation, we can only truly come to “know” God's through the divine Word made fully incarnate in Jesus of Nazareth.

The story of the Incarnation and its revelation of the Trinity teaches us that because God became human, we can become like God. Entering communion with God through Christ, we are transformed and empowered by the Spirit to transcend our limited existences, live lives of love and self-sacrifice, and inherit eternal lives in God. Like the couple in Eugene Ionesco's play, we are called to a conversation with God, which leads us to discover we are children of God.

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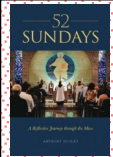
TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 27TH MAY 12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis

Xavier Church, NEXT Sunday 2nd June,

following the 9.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very welcome.



52 SUNDAYS: A REFLECTIVE GUIDE TO THE MASS BOOK LAUNCH:

Copies of Deacon Anthony's 52 Sundays are available for purchase from the Parish Office.

Cost \$35.00 each or order online at coventrypress.com.au

OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions.

Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head next

Saturday 1st June at 8.00 am

Everyone welcome to attend!



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 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.



NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2024 ~ 27TH MAY TO 3RD JUNE

NATIONAL SORRY DAY TODAY SUNDAY ~26TH MAY 2024

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) started as the Week of Prayer for Reconciliation in 1993 (the International Year of the World's Indigenous Peoples)

and was supported by Australia's major faith communities. In 1996, the Council for Aboriginal Reconciliation launched Australia's first National Reconciliation Week. In 2001, Reconciliation Australia was established to continue to provide national leadership on reconciliation. In the same year, approximately 300,000 people walked across Sydney Harbour Bridge as part of National Reconciliation Week and subsequently across bridges in cities and towns to show their support for reconciliation.

26 May National Sorry Day

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: Deut 4:32-34,39-40;*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever'.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 8:14-17*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS****TUESDAY 28th MAY, WEDNESDAY 29th MAY, THURSDAY 30th MAY**

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Communion Antiphon: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High

FRIDAY 31st MAY ~ FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Entrance Antiphon: Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.

Communion Antiphon: All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

DID YOU KNOW? *Many of the prayers of the Church express our belief in a Triune God (three persons in one). One of the greatest prayers is the Sign of the Cross where we dedicate ourselves 'in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit'.

*Although the scriptures describe God as Father, Son and Spirit, many centuries elapsed before the Church formulated the doctrine of the Trinity. This formulation is enshrined in the Nicene Creed.

*St Patrick reportedly used the shamrock to describe the three persons in one God to the pagans of Ireland.

*St Augustine described the Trinity as the lover, the beloved and the love between.

MAKING CONNECTIONS *The symbolic gesture of the Sign of the Cross gathers our whole being into the mystery of the Trinity – our God who is three in one. Using three fingers of the right hand, we trace the cross by touching our forehead, heart and shoulders. This encompasses our intellectual, emotional and working lives and gathers all aspects of ourselves together in the name of God and of the cross which freed us.

*The final words of the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass are a doxology – a prayer of praise – which expresses the dynamism of the Trinity. Repeat these words often this week:

*Through him (Christ), and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, forever and ever, Amen.*

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.