

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting a traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina

Holy Family Church, Lennox Head

**3rd Sunday of Easter
(C)**

5th May, 2019

Alleluia

**WEEKEND'S
READINGS**

*Acts 5:27-32, 40-41;
Revelations 5:11-14;
John 21:1-9*

PSALM RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all
creation; he has shown
pity on all people!
Alleluia!*

Jesus in our lives

Today's reading from John's Gospel tells us of Jesus' third appearance to the disciples after his resurrection. Last week, we heard of the first appearance when Thomas was absent, then of a second appearance when Thomas touches Jesus' wounds and believes that the Lord is indeed risen. Jesus tells them (and us): "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

This time, the disciples are out fishing, still slow to catch on to what is now asked of them as Jesus' disciples. It has been an unsuccessful evening, with no catch at all. Jesus waits on the shore, al-



though they don't recognise him. But on his instruction, they put the nets out again, this time catching a huge haul of 153 large fish. Peter then recognises Jesus and without a moment's hesitation, rushes to be with him.

Jesus invites them for breakfast. Now they all know it is Jesus. They share a simple meal of bread and fish. The gospel wants us to be very clear that this is no mere ghost that they see. It is truly and really Jesus, risen from the dead.

After the meal, Jesus talks with Peter.

Three times Jesus asks him, "Do you love me?" Peter, who not long before, when Jesus was being tried before his execution, had denied knowing Jesus three times. But now Peter says three times that he loves Jesus. Jesus tells Peter that his love will be put to the ultimate test, when Peter too will be executed by crucifixion. But Peter's faith and courage will not desert him then.

Indeed he will insist that he is unworthy to die as the Lord has died and be crucified upside down.

The gospel offers many points for our pondering today; let us ponder two of them. Firstly,

we, like the disciples, don't always recognise the presence of the Lord Jesus in our lives.

Even though he is there with us, we don't always recognise his presence.

But not seeing him does not mean he is not there.

Jesus is always there, meeting us where we are in the very ordinary circumstances of our lives – in our work and our homes, in good times and in bad. He knows our weaknesses, failures and frustrations.

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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: 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C: 11th/12th May, 2019

Readings: Acts 13:14,43-52; Psalm 99; Revelations 7:9, 14-17; John 10:27-30

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
Readers	Sr Kathryn Trish Bazar	Sue Hetherington Steve Seymour	Nicole Sullivan Sophie Sullivan	9.00 am ~ Ballina <i>Mary O'Brien Cathy Campbell</i>
Ext. Ministers Holy Communion	Dan Gubby Martin Jelfs Kerrily Jelfs Monica Anderson	Julian White	Gemma Duffy Margaret Tay Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell	
Sacristan	Monica Anderson	Marie Sullivan	Lea Lane	
Altar Servers	<i>Jorja Wagland Lucy Schofield Liam, Benedict, & Rose Meany</i>	<i>Zayneb Hetherington</i>	<i>Sophie, Bailey & Christian Sullivan Clare Lynch Anthony Coutinho</i>	
Children's Liturgy		<i>Murray Deeps Kathryn Wood</i>	<i>Cathy Marangon Maxine Cole</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Reynolds, Fr Jack Soulsby SM, Paul Griffin, Sr Carmel Levey O.P (*Sydney*), Nancy Grant,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Veronica & Warren Robertson, Leonard Twohill, Sydney McMartin, Aileen Beazley, Bishop John Carroll (2nd Bishop of Lismore)
AND ALSO FOR: *Armando Bordin, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Kathleen Kelly, Cath Waddell, James & Mary Rogers, C & S Hosie, Bill & Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all faithful departed.*

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL: Asha Ousby (*17 months*), Daphne Sweeney, Joe Paolino, Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, Elva Kidd, Tania Pieters, Betty Albertini, Hilda Carter, John O'Loughlin, Rosemary Russell, Rose Norris, John Moreland, Bill Duffy, Dymrna Sheehy, Paul Rix, Margaret Bermingham, Virginia Paden, Greg Shore, Margaret Pyne, John McNamara, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Noeleen Gillies, Mal Gillies, Cecelia Waldron, Helen Johnston, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Maria Gorton, Liz Phillips & family, Moore, Smith, McCowan-Dann, Webber Families, Layton family, Max Crosswell, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Len Rix, Mick O'Brien, Graham Robertson, Gregory Thomas, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Leisa Wotton, *Aunty* Julia Paden, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, Jonathan Paden, Tony Lannan, Kim del-Signore, *Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing*

THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

BAPTISMS: Will be held at any time in either Church on any day. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

CONFIRMATION: Wednesday **22nd May, 2019**. Parent Meeting Wednesday 20th March.

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday **28th August, 2019**. Parent Meeting Wednesday 31st July

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: **22nd March, 2020**. Parent Meeting **19th February**. Groups start **23rd February**.

WEDDINGS: by appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: during Mass on dates to be advertised during the year, and on request; and at regular intervals at the hospital and aged care facilities.

HOSPITAL: Catholic patients in Ballina Hospital are visited by a member of the parish team on a regular basis. Given the difficulty we have in obtaining names of those in hospital, a visit is made to **those who tell us** they are in the hospital. We will only know someone is in the hospital if we are told by family or friends. This is due to the Privacy laws that govern our nation.

**SACRAMENT OF
CONFIRMATION**

5.20 pm Wednesday 22nd May
for candidates and parents
6.00 pm — Ceremony of Confirmation
SFX Church, Ballina.

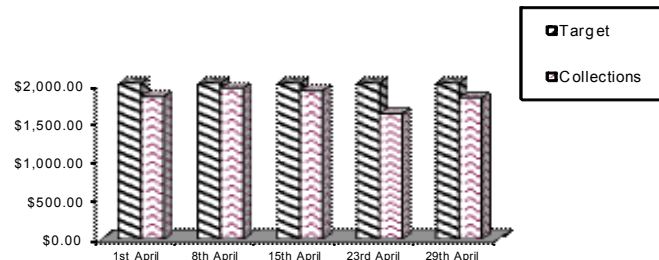


DIF PAYS 2.15% PER ANNUM

BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, **L J Hooker** 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,585.45
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 378.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,813.50
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH BALLINA - PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you are a new parishioner to Ballina or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, cards are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details and place on the collection plate in the envelope provided, or contact SFX Parish Admin office on 6681 1048 Monday to Friday 8.30 am to 4.00 pm. For your convenience we have the option of Direct Debit and/or Envelope contribution.

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S PARISH - BALLINA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

PARISH FUND

INCOME		31/12/2018		31/12/2017
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Collections	122,097		114,708	
Less Transfer to School Building Fund	<u>64,550</u>	57,547	<u>59,076</u>	55,632
Contributions to Administration Costs by Parish Business Enterprises		89,583		87,583
Donations & Bequests		6,857		1,056
Facility Hire		315		240
Gain on Disposal of Depreciated Assets				
Interest Received		25,365		19,016
Moriah House Rent	86,915		86,852	
Moriah House Expenses	<u>76,649</u>	10,266	<u>83,737</u>	3,115
Rental Income		364,008		358,848
Other Income		10,012		8,032
TOTAL INCOME		563,953		533,522
EXPENDITURE				
Catechist & Pastoral Expenses		71,121		75,766
Church Requisites		19,018		17,875
Depreciation		58,017		59,435
Diocesan Quotas		36,570		37,004
Hot Meal Centre Income	17,254		20,583	
Hot Meal Centre Expenses	<u>38,311</u>	21,057	<u>38,979</u>	18,396
Motor Vehicle Expenses		8,821		7,340
Parish Office Expenses		468,585		445,629
Planned Giving Expenses		856		790
Repairs & Maintenance		95,565		104,854
Sheraton House Income	65,593		88,807	
Sheraton House Expenses	<u>301,197</u>	235,604	<u>290,674</u>	201,867
Utility & Statutory Expenses		102,673		101,179
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		1,117,887		1,070,135
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)		(553,934)		(536,613)

Deficits are funded from Parish business enterprises and reserves.

EASTER DUES ARE BEING RECEIVED AT THIS TIME

The Easter offering is an offering to the Bishop and clergy of the diocese. In the same way as all in receipt of an income have an obligation to support the works of the Church through the Planned Giving Program, it is a responsibility of all of us to support the clergy, keeping in mind that they need to eat too. We offer this support by giving to the 1st collection on Sundays and through the Christmas and 'Easter Dues'. Those with Planned Giving envelopes will find a special envelope in the box, and others could place an offering in an envelope and write 'Easter Dues' on the outside. Thanks for your support. The offering does not go to individual priests, but is added to the overall Clergy Fund collections for the whole year for the whole diocese.

(continued from page1) He knows we love him. He also knows that our courage sometimes fails us, just as it did for Peter.

Secondly, the Lord asks that we who love him and choose to follow him care for one another, in the way that a good shepherd cares for his sheep and steadfastly attends to their needs, never deserting them. Just as the Lord shepherds us, in our own way and our own circumstances we are called to shepherd one another, especially those who are frail, suffering, lost or are in trouble.

Anne Hunt
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Parish Notices

PLEASE NOTE:
NO 5.20 PM MASS FOR THIS TUESDAY
7TH MAY



BAPTISM: This week the parish warmly welcomes **Vinnie Joshua Blackler** son of Joshua and Cassandra and **Ethan Edwards** son of Ryan and Krystle. We look forward to seeing the newly baptised and their families worshipping with us each weekend.

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



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL

Next Sunday 12th May

This appeal is for the education of future priests of our Diocese. Envelopes will be available on the seats of the churches. These can be placed on the collection plates at any of the Masses or can be returned the following weekend.

2019 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Thank you to everyone who attended the Divine Mercy Commemoration last Sunday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Lennox Head.

Father Emmanuel Okparanaku—sincere gratitude to you for being our priest and leading the Liturgy.

Christian Meditation Group is held every Saturday at 9.30am in Anawim Room

Cenacle Marian Movement of Priests: Monday 11.00 am—12.15 pm at 3/21 Swift Street, Ballina.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday mornings from 11.00 to 11.45 am at SFX Church Ballina (except when there is a funeral that day).

Ballina CCR Intercession from 10.45 am to 11.45 am in the Anawim Room. **Prayer Meeting:** from Monday 4th Feb 2.15 pm to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room

Prayer of the Church and Rosary Saturday at 9.00 am SFX Ballina

Parish Youth Group: Saturday 6.00 pm, Mass then to St Francis Xavier School Hall, Crane Street- 7.00pm to 8.30 pm.

Sisterhood: Monday at 10.00 am in St Teresa Room, Parish Administration Building.

All Welcome !

CELEBRATING MUMS EXPO

This Thursday 9th May

8.00 am to 3.30 pm

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL

This invitation is to all parishioner Mums and carers. If time is an issue you can attend for a part of the day. You are welcome to bring relatives/friends who are Mums or assume the role of a Mum. The day is FREE but there will be plenty to see/buy if you wish. Lunch is free for the Mums of SFXPS \$10.00 for visitors but must pre-book Gold coin donation for morning tea.

(Australia's Biggest Morning Tea Cancer Fundraiser)
All enquiries to Lyn O'Neill please phone 0410 454 448



MASS TIMES

St Francis Xavier Church
Ballina

Holy Family Church
Lennox Head

SATURDAY

6.00 pm

SUNDAY

9.00 am

7.30 am

MONDAY

8.00 am

TUESDAY

NO MASS

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am
SMoC Chapel Crowley

THURSDAY

8.00 am

FRIDAY

12.00 noon

OTHER CEREMONIES THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

8.00 am
Rosary & Chaplet
of Divine Mercy

FRIDAY

11.00 to 11.45 am
Exposition

SATURDAY

9.00 am
Prayer of the Church

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

9.00—10.00 am
Also on request



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