

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
(B)

15th April, 2018

Alleluia

THIS WEEKEND'S READINGS

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19;
1 John 1-5;
Luke 24:35-48

PSALM RESPONSE

Lord, let your face
shine on us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your
word plain to us;
make our hearts burn
with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Being wrong

You thought you lost your wallet only to find it down the side of the lounge chair! You thought you failed the exam but to your surprise, passed with a credit! You thought you made an enemy of your neighbour, but it turned out to be a minor misunderstanding! Sometimes, you can be wrong and sometimes it's good to be wrong.

Something like this occurred to the disciples after Jesus' crucifixion. In a situation of despair, they thought all their ideas about Jesus and their hopes for the future were dashed. Then, something remarkable happens: the crucified Jesus appears to various



groups of disciples. So extraordinary is this experience, the disciples find it very hard to believe and admit they were wrong. He had died on the cross. How could they have got that wrong?

In today's gospel, we find the disciples gathered around to hear the story of Cleopas and an unnamed disciple meeting Jesus on the way to Emmaus: for most of the journey they do not recognise who the

stranger is. Only when they break bread together do they realise it is Jesus, but he immediately disappears from their sight.

Then Jesus appears in their midst offering his blessing of peace. The disciples become fearful and panic which Jesus addresses by asking: "Why is there fear in your hearts?" He shows them his wounded hands and feet and invites them to touch him to allay their doubts: "A ghost has no flesh and bones as

you can see I have." Jesus eats with them and explains how his death and rising were predicted in the scriptures ... as he had already told them, but they were too blind to see. They remember Jesus saying: "O you of little faith!"

The transformation of Jesus from death to life is matched by the transformation of the disciples. Their despair and cowardice in abandoning Jesus give way to the experience of forgiveness and peace. They had been so wrong but, after the initial struggle to believe, they cannot hold back their newfound joy. Making wrong decisions and bad judgment (Continued page 4)

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Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm; Library Assistant available: Tues & Thurs 10 am to 12 noon; Library located in Parish Admin Building

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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

ROSTER: 4th Sunday of Easter, Year B: 21st/22nd April, 2018
Readings: Acts 4:8-12; Psalm 117; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18

| | 6.00 pm Vigil Ballina | 7.30 am Lennox Head | 9.00 am Ballina | Offertory Procession |
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| Readers | Bryan Marriott Dave Wilson | Mark McDonald Judith Fitzhenry | Bill Duffy Gemma Duffy | 9.00 am ~ Ballina |
| Ext. Ministers Holy Communion | Tess Colenso Anna Bonello Trish Bazar Phil Chapman | Louise Martin | Denise Miller Maxine Cole Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell | <i>Margaret Tay & Family</i> |
| Sacristan | Phil Chapman | Marie /Jeannie | Yvonne Doherty | |
| Altar Servers | <i>Ari Slattery Ruby Slattery</i> | <i>Eliza Martin Charlie Martin Luca Beasley-Kenk</i> | <i>Bianca Robbins Thomas Robbins Charlotte Kennedy Clayton Pereira</i> | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Raymond Maloy (*Werris Creek*), Peter O'Connor, Grant Parker,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT

THIS TIME: Arthur Robert Townsend, John Condon,
Eric Hetherington, Mick O'Brien,

AND ALSO FOR: *Josephine Patricia James, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Armando Bordin, Cath Waddell, James & Mary Rogers, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Thama Walker, Mary McKeough, Members of the SVDP Conference & Auxiliary & for all faithful departed.*

AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL: Yvonne Doherty, Tori Barber, Andrew Charteris, Helen Johnston, Rebecca & Francis Raikadroka, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Fr Frank Coorey, Moore, Smith, McCowan-Dann, Webber Families, Layton family, Margaret Grant, Max Crosswell, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Len Rix, Mick O'Brien, Mark Harris, Josephine Huxley, Noeleen Gillies, Graham Robertson, Marie Williams, Justin Connellan, Neville Johnston, Rose Norris, Colleen Connellan, Gregory Thomas, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leonard Twohill, Catherine (Kitty) Gorton, Carolina Bordin, Leonard White, Gloria Bordin, Joan Schumack, Rita Shipman, Ruth Anderson, Dympna Sheehy, Leo Lane, Mira Paden (*Croatia*), Debbie Fraser, Mary Topham, Margaret Pyne, Bill Shay, Peter Albertini, Julie Benton, Bob Grant, Leisa Wotton, Robyn Hancock, *Aunty* Julia Paden, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Crena Hemmings, Samantha Anderson, Jonathan Paden, Tony Lannan, Yvonne del-Signore (*Aunty Ponnie*), Kim del-Signore, *Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (*Due to privacy laws, names are only placed on this list when requested, for six*

THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

BAPTISMS: on the 1st and 2nd Sundays of the month at St Francis Xavier's at 10.15 am. A baptism can only be requested by parents of the child to be baptised. It is compulsory for both parents preferably, (or at least one of them) to attend a preparation night, which is held in the Parish Admin Building on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6 pm. The date for the baptism is tentative until attendance at the preparation night. Bookings for the preparation evening are essential and made through Parish Admin 6681 1048.

CONFIRMATION: Wednesday **8th August, 2018.** Parent Meeting Wednesday 23rd May, 2018.

RECONCILIATION: Wednesday **19th September, 2018.** Parent Meeting Thursday 16th August, 2018

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Sunday **17th March 2019.** Parent Meeting Wednesday 13th February 2019

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.

MUSIC: According to the Church's 2000 year tradition and our understanding of the prayer-based nature of funerals and weddings, the only music possible at both liturgies (whether Mass or Prayers) is either hymns or suitable instrumental music. No secular music! There are no exceptions.

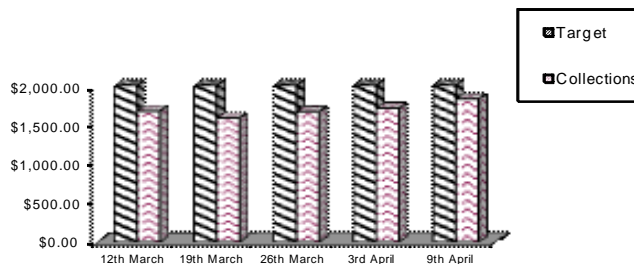
FUNERALS: Whether held with Requiem Mass or Prayers – either in the church or elsewhere – funerals always follow the Church's Liturgy. E.G.: hymns only (see details in Music section); 1 (one) only tribute to the deceased (known in secular funerals as eulogies) of 3-5 minutes (maximum). The personal tribute (eulogy) is always optional.

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.

DIF PAYS 2.15% PER ANNUM AT CALL

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 | | |
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| First Collection | <i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i> | \$ 1,537.65 |
| Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i> | Loose Plate | \$ 506.80 |
| | Planned Giving Envelopes Collected | \$ 1,826.00 |
| 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.

From the Parish Priest

PERSONAL RETREAT AVAILABLE IN OUR

PARISH: For a few weeks we have been advertising for the "First Spiritual Exercises Retreat" in this bulletin.

I hope you haven't been confused or turned off by the unusual name. The name can easily confuse. I'll try to explain it in normal English.

It's basically a **retreat that people can do at home**. There is an initial gathering for the group who are doing the retreat. At the gathering Father Marc Reeves, S.J., who is directing the retreat, will explain the procedure and give an introductory talk. Then you do some reading and say some prayers on a daily basis over the almost four weeks of the retreat. You also have one weekly spiritual conversation with Fr Marc in which he will assist you with how you're going on the retreat.

You can sign up via a brochure that can be found at the doors of our churches or by downloading it from the parish website homepage. The retreat runs from 23rd April to 19th May. This is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your spiritual life while still going about your usual daily activities. Don't be too shy to ask for more details if you'd like to find out more information.

ON A PERSONAL NOTE: I will be unavailable on this Thursday and Friday due to a minor medical procedure. Deacon Wilber and Sr Kathryn will be available, and there will be a priest available for emergencies. It's all minor and routine.

Father Michael Nilon, Parish Priest
pp@sfxballina.org.au

Parish Notices



'CONGRATULATIONS'

Margaret & Len Moore
who celebrated 65 years of
marriage last weekend.

Love and best wishes from all the parish.



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY APPEAL Next Sunday 22nd April.

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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM CONFIRMATION 2018:

Confirmation parent meeting
**Wednesday 23rd May, at 6.00 pm
Upper Room,
Parish Administration Centre**
Groups start **Sunday 3rd June**
Reflection Day – **Thursday 7th August**
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION
Wednesday 8th August at 5.30 pm

SFX CHURCH 'CUPPA'

Next Sunday 22nd April,
after the 9.00 am Mass at SFX Church, Ballina.
Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.
Everyone is Welcome.



CROWLEY VILLAGE AUXILIARY

The next Auxiliary meeting will be at **3.00 pm**
Monday 23rd April in Crowley Education
Centre. Please consider attending, as you will be
assisting the Aged Care Centre. **ALL WELCOME!**

FIRST SPIRITUAL EXERCISES RETREAT ~ Daily prayer at a time of your choosing and one weekly spiritual conversation (at a time to be negotiated) between 23rd April—19th May 2018

Last chance to take up this great opportunity. You are invited to take time out:

- For reflection about life and its many challenges
- To allow God's word to sink more deeply into your inner self to nourish and restore you.

**First meeting Monday 23rd April, 7.00 pm,
Parish Upper Room.**



Brochure and registration forms are at the back of our two churches or go to the parish website. For further details contact David Eyles at Xavier Catholic College 6618 0180.



CATECHISTS MEETING ~ Saint Teresa Room ~ Tuesday 8th May ~ 9.30 am.

All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend. Morning Tea provided.



CROWLEY AUXILIARY MOTHERS' DAY LUNCHEON DATE: WEDNESDAY 9TH MAY PLACE: CROWLEY ACTIVITY CENTRE

TIME: 12.00 noon
COST: \$28.00 per person ~ BYO
**'HEADLINERS' will present a special
performance for your enjoyment.**

**RSVP: Please book and pay at Crowley Reception by
Wednesday 2nd May.**
Phone 1300 139 099 for all enquiries.

CATHOLIC PAPERS are on sale at the back of the church before and after all Sunday Masses. Please pick up a copy of the Catholic Weekly **\$2.00** or Catholic Leader **\$2.50**.

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 page 1) calls is something we all do. It is called being human. How easy it is to fall into the trap of doubting God's goodness and mercy because this seems so counter to a world in which suffering and disappointment abound. Yet there is something deeper in our hearts challenging such hard-nosed cynicism.

The Easter story confirms these deepest longings in our human hearts. It does not annul the reality of pain and sorrow, but transforms these into something more wonderful where death no longer reigns. Let us not live our lives as if Jesus had not risen! Like the first disciples, let us experience the joy of being wrong!

Gerard Hall SM
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EMMAUS SONG

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1. Come journey with us walk with us, listen to our story
Our hopes, our dreams, our struggles, our joys,
our story of life
We share with you as we journey, Jesus our God.

Refrain:

May our hearts be warmed
And strengthened by your presence here
In your holy word
And bread of life in the love we share
May we go forth on our journey with you

2. Come journey with us, talk with us,
tell us of your story
Open our minds to understand, the mystery of
Your life with us Your risen life, Jesus our God. /R

3. Come journey with us, stay with us,
make us one with you
In the blessing of bread, the breaking of bread,
may we truly know
Your life in us your love for us, Jesus our God. /R

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH ~ LENNOX HEAD 'APRIL BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA'

Sunday 29th April following the 7.30 am Mass.

You are most welcome.



BALLINA PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Will be in recess for the following Saturdays
21st and 28th April.

Parish Youth Group will resume Saturday 5th May.

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Friday mornings from 10.30 to 11.45 am at SFX Church Ballina (except when there is a funeral that day)

Ballina CCR Intercession Monday from 10.45 to 11.45 am in Anawim Room. **Prayer meeting:** Wednesday 7.30 to 9.30 pm Anawim Room.

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

Prayer of the Church and Rosary Saturday at 8.15 am SFX Ballina.

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

Sisterhood: Monday at 10.00 am in the Saint Teresa Room, Parish Admin. *Everyone Welcome!*



YEAR OF YOUTH

Come Holy Spirit of this Great Southland. Inspire the entire Church as we discern new horizons for spreading joy in the lives and communities of the People of God.

Come Holy Spirit of Youth. Fill the hearts of young people with the hope and love of Jesus Christ; enliven our community with the creativity, energy and joy of youth.

Come Holy Spirit of Faith. Walk with us, as we blaze new trails of discipleship; accompanying young people as we renew the Church together.

Come Holy Spirit of Vocation. Stir within young people an awareness of the Father's call. Guide us all in finding our place and raising our voices to build a civilisation of love and justice.



HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

The **Annual General Meeting** will precede the bi-monthly meeting **Thursday 26th April** Sacred Heart Room at 8.45 am.

All positions will be declared vacant and new office bearers will be elected.

Members of our Lennox Head community are encouraged to nominate if they have a little spare time to meet every second month for an hour.

Our vibrant community group needs your support to continue our good works within our parish and local community. **Everyone Welcome to attend.**

MASS TIMES

St Francis Xavier Church
Ballina

Holy
Family
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SATURDAY

6.00 pm

SUNDAY

9.00 am

7.30 am

MONDAY

8.00 am

Liturgy with Holy Communion

TUESDAY

5.20 pm

WEDNESDAY

10.00 am

Crowley Village Activity Centre

THURSDAY

8.00 am

Liturgy with Holy Communion

FRIDAY

12.00 noon

Liturgy with Holy Communion

OTHER CEREMONIES THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY

8.00 am
Rosary &
Chaplet of
Divine
Mercy

FRIDAY

10.30 to 11.45 am
Exposition

SATURDAY

8.15 am
Prayer of the Church and
Rosary

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY

9.00—10.00 am
Also on request



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