

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



St Francis Xavier Church,
47 Cherry Street,
Ballina

welcome

Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street,
Lennox Head.

**13th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

26th June, 2022

'WELCOME'

**Weekend Mass Times
Ballina**

St Francis Xavier Church

Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am

Sunday — 11.00 am

Lennox Head

Holy Family Church

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—7.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

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 Days

**St Irenaeus,
Tuesday**

**Sts Peter and Paul, apostles
Wednesday**

The road to Jerusalem

One of the more enduring genres of film in recent decades has been the road movie. The plot typically involves two or more companions who embark on a long and arduous road trip, either on foot or by planes, trains and automobiles.

The companions are on a shared quest to find home, seek a new home or, simply, to find themselves in their wanderings. Film historians have noted that the road movie is a post-war phenomenon, capturing the zeitgeist of a world trying to redefine itself in the wake of dislocation, death, and the dismemberment of old national identities. The 'Road to...' films starring Bing Crosby and Bob Hope, which began during the Second World War, featured nomadic characters, ex-sailors or ex-soldiers, trying to make a fast buck in far flung corners of the world, including Australia.

More recent films of this genre focus on a new breed of ex-soldiers, battle-worn veterans of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, who wander the countryside righting wrongs and challenging corruption in high places through force of arms and violence. The gospels read like scripts for a road movie. Their central protagonist, Jesus, leaves home on a great journey through the occupied territories of Roman Palestine. He gathers a group of companions to join him in battling injustice, sinfulness, and sickness. But, unlike the more recent road movie hero, Jesus does not triumph by force of arms or violence. Rather, he conquers prejudice and

fear by standing up peacefully for justice and charity.

Today's gospel reading (Luke 9:51-62) captures something of this in its vision of Jesus being "resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem" (Lk 9:51), where he will meet his death at the hands of the powerbrokers of this world. This episode marks an important turning point in Luke's story. From this event onwards until Jesus enters Jerusalem (Lk 19:28), Jesus travels with his disciples, teaching them and preparing them to understand

his death and resurrection. Like Jesus, his companions are called to leave their homes and families, take to the road, and pursue a heroic and seemingly ill-fated cause (Lk 9:57-62).

On one level, this story can be understood in literal terms. There are those who are called to a religious or priestly vocation of celibacy and obedience, to a life without a home, spouse or children. On another deeper level, however, this story

speaks to the essential Christian challenge to "repent", submit to a radical change of mind and heart (*metanoia*), and seek a new path in life no matter what obstacles one might encounter. This is the ironic message that lies at the heart of all great road movies, especially that of Jesus.

One must be willing to push beyond the comfortable and familiar in search of one's true home.

Ian J Elmer
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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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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

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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Max Badewitz (*Sydney*), Barry Wappett, Aileen Reen, Dr Norman Rogers, Bessie Higgins, Edward Boland, Bernardien van Nispen,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: George Saaib, Margaret Grant, Anne Moreland, John Timmins,
AND ALSO FOR: Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Kathleen Kelly, 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 ILL: Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, Trish Begley, Louise King, Greg Campbell, John and Conchita Schroder, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (*Sydney*), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (*Sydney*), Noro Ruben Mazzorch, Dorothy Preddey (*Sydney*), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Gregory Thomas, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, John Heaton, Dymphna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (*Dubai*), Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, John Moreland, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, *Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise

THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

BAPTISMS: Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

CONFIRMATION: TBA

RECONCILIATION: TBA

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: TBA

WEDDINGS: In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

ANointing OF THE SICK: Please contact the Parish Office if anointing is required.

FUNERALS: In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

HOSPITAL: If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

PLACES OF WORSHIP ~ KEEPING US SAFE.

- Hand sanitiser is provided at entrances to our Churches
- Masks are not mandatory, but encouraged in our churches
- Receival of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing is allowed
- Social distancing not mandatory, but encouraged
- Density limits are not mandatory
- If unwell please stay home until you feel well again.

Thank you.

THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE 2022 FLOOD APPEAL



The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account: BSB: **037-889** Account No: **1061 5829**
 Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal**
 To donate from other countries please use this [PayPal link](#). This link can also be used within Australia.
 Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible. If you are having trouble donating, please email: appeals@lismore.catholic.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 (1st collection).

Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.

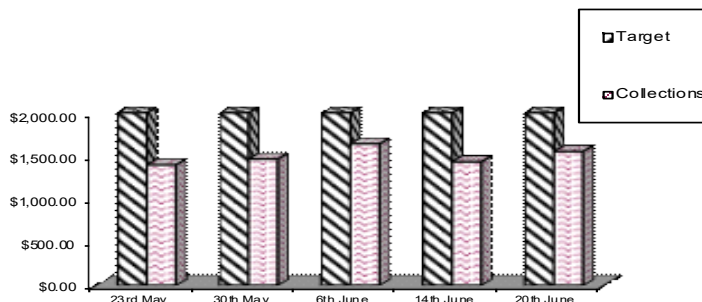
Father Peter and Father Anselm

DIF PAYS 0.45% 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	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 631.10
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 219.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,552.00
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 at the Parish Administration Office. Your details will be processed and a tracking number provided. 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 and monthly deductions by Credit Card.

Parish Notices

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Leona Elizabeth Dolan** daughter of Colm and Rebecca.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Barry Wappett** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass was held on Saturday 25th June in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.



BALLINA CONFERENCE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY 2022 WINTER APPEAL

THIS WEEKEND 25th/26th June

Our work in giving a "Hand Up" to the homeless, victims of Domestic Violence, marginalized and those struggling within our community continues through your on-going donations to the Poor Box and our Winter Appeal for which we are very grateful.

If you are able to support us, Winter Appeal envelopes are available for you to take home and return to the collection box during the next two weekends.

Every dollar can make a difference

If you would prefer to donate through internet banking:

**BSB: 062 000
Account No: 1988 9862
Ref No : 43450
Thank you.**

Please give generously!

Adult Faith Formation

Registrations for Cycle 5 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation* (VLCFF) are now open. Close on July 13th. (Courses begin July 18th.) See Course offerings for Cycle 5.

If anyone is interested in doing the **'Images of Jesus'** Course or needs more information about other possibilities, please get in touch with Tony Worner at VLCFF. LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.org.au as soon as possible as we are discerning a 'closed course' for Lismore Diocese participants. [Images of Jesus](#). Learn more about the VLCFF by contacting Tony on 0436 941 280
Email: tony.worner@stagneparish.org.au



TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or email: tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

There is a special collection **THIS** weekend 25th/26th June for **'Peter's Pence'** which is the annual offering to our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for the works of charity supported by the Holy See.

Envelopes available from our two Churches.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2022/23 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the Church 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 a priest after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **this Monday 27th June at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street.

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **You will be most Welcome!**

Catholic Gift Shop opening in Lismore—A Gift Shop - branch of the Catholic Book and Gift Shop - will be opening at the Dalley Street entrance to St Vincent's Hospital on Monday 27th June, weekdays 9.00am - 4.00pm on the Mezzanine floor of Friends Coffee Lounge. Feel free to purchase a coffee and bring it up with you. For those who don't wish to navigate stairs enter through the front entrance, around to the lifts and up to level 2, and follow the sign to the Gift Shop Door. Volunteers will be there to assist you. Usual religious gifts available for all occasions particularly Baptism, Confirmation, Communion and Easter and Christmas Gifts. General gifts of toiletry gift packs, soft toys, books, confectionery will also be available. Tables and chairs are available for you to relax and have morning and afternoon tea or a light lunch. EFTPOS will be available and all proceeds will go to the purchase of special projects and equipment for the comfort of the patients of St Vincent's Hospital.

After 27th June the contact number will be 6627 9229.

SMARTLOVING BREAKTHROUGH: An Online Course for spouses in troubled marriages. If your marriage is under stress or you feel disconnected from your spouse, but don't know how to ease the pain, join us for this online course. * Identify your conflict triggers.

*Learn strategies to de-escalate an argument.

*Restore hope with practical relationship strategies.

smartloving.org/breakthrough



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. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday

Sisterhood: Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building

Parish Youth Group: 7.00 pm Saturday evening following 6.00 pm Vigil Mass, Upper Room Parish Admin Centre.

Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room,

Prayer of the Church and Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head: 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

First Reading: 1Kings 19:16,19-21;*A reading from the first Book of Kings*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.**

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;

it is you yourself who are my prize. **(R.)**

2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight:

since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Gal 5:1,13-18;*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch

or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 9:51-62***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER**

TUESDAY- Entrance Antiphon: The law of truth was in his mouth; no dishonesty was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and peace, and turned many away from evil.

Communion Antiphon: Remain in me, as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty.

WEDNESDAY-Entrance Antiphon: These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ 1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS: 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 ensure you use your *Planned Giving number as reference*, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience. Thank you.



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