

# St Francis Xavier

## Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting a traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



**St Francis Xavier Church,**  
**Cnr Cherry & Crane Streets,**  
**Ballina**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,**  
**94 Ballina Street,**  
**Lennox Head.**

**1st Sunday in**  
**Lent (A)**

**1st March, 2020**



**Parish Weekend**  
**Mass Times**

**St Francis Xavier Church**

**Saturday Vigil ~ 6.00 pm**

**Sunday ~ 9.00 am**

**Holy Family Church**

**Lennox Head**

**Sunday ~ 7.30 am**

**This week's daily**  
**Parish Mass times**

**Monday ~ 8.00 am**

**Tuesday ~ 5.20 pm**

**Wednesday ~ 10.00 am**

**Crowley Chapel**

**Thursday ~ 8.00 am**

**Friday ~ 12.00 noon**

**Reconciliation**

**Saturday 9.00 to 10.00 am**

*also on request*

**Rosary, Prayer of the Church**

**Saturday 9.00 am**

**Adoration**

**Friday 11.00 to 11.45 am**

**Autumn Ember Day**

*Friday*



## Healing the hurt of sin

The ancient texts in the book of Genesis, which speak to us of creation and then our fall from grace, provide us with the most marvelous insights into our nature and the nature of the world about us. Creationists who insist only on a literal interpretation of such biblical texts do themselves and us a great disservice, precisely because they fail to grasp the depth of meaning that lies within them.

We believe that the whole of the bible was written under the inspiration of God and has been preserved so that we can grow in knowledge and understanding and deepen our relationship with the Lord. Thus, we are told at the end of today's first reading: "Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked."

The temptation of our first parents that left them exposed was not simply a matter of disobedience, eating some fruit which they had been told not to eat. The temptation was presented by the serpent in these terms: "No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil."

We can put this another way: human beings have certainly discovered the difference between good and evil, but tragically we continue to create chaos in our own lives and in

the lives of those around us by being proud enough to think that this is our world and we can do what we like with it. Doesn't this sum up perfectly the source of all sin and the very nature of sin? The first eleven chapters of Genesis give us a graphic description of the chaos that ensues once human beings try to wrest the world from God.

Fascinatingly, the message of salvation begins in chapter 12 with the promise to Abraham of a saviour, and the rest of the Old Testament is the up and down story of the people through whom that saviour would

come into the world. On this First Sunday of Lent, the Church is inviting us once again to take stock and recognise that it is possible to heal the hurt of sin, so that we individually and the whole of creation, can be redeemed.

St Paul shows us how the new Adam, Christ, conquers death, the consequence of sin, and offers us new life. And as we listen to the temptations in Mat-

thew's Gospel, we see how Jesus refuses to be lured into the misuse of power and control. He has come to set us free, so that we, who have been created in the image of God, can learn to love again.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR

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**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

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**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

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**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: 2nd Sunday in Lent, Year A: 7th/8th March, 2020**  
**Readings: Genesis 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9**

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
		<b>Greeters:</b> Maria Foley Sue Hetherington		<b>9.00 am ~ Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Jeanette Wilkins Narelle Dewhurst	Steve Seymour Emma Fisher	Nicole Sullivan Sophie Sullivan	Gerry Taylor Pam Hanson
<b>Ext. Ministers Holy Communion</b>	Helen Cooney Peter Bowen Cheryl Bowen Phil Chapman	Kevin Sullivan	Margaret Tay Maxine Cole Mary Steenson Cathy Campbell	
	Monica Anderson	Marie Sullivan	Lea Lane	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Allira Bateman Grace Quinn Rhyah Bateman	Charlie Martin Luca Beasley-Kenk Annabella Clarke	Elijah Tay Bayden Tay Riley Rampling Noah Ramping	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		David Sullivan Michelle Sullivan	Cathy Marangon Maxine Cole	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Meta Anne Mirkovich, Pat Grant, Barry Kelly, James Walsh (Jim), Mira Slavic, Neta Mirkovich (Mackay), Laurie Ianna, Roslyn Janet Evans,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Michael Kearney, Stephen Sullivan

**AND ALSO FOR:** Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, 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:** Marie Daley, Chanice Wills, Stephen Hill, Julie Benton, Arthur Potter, Shokat Forghani & family, Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Kaia Randall, Darcy Martin, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (Aunt) Julia Paden, Rev Ray Fishwick, Glenn Campbell, Jan Kelly, Kay Harth, Maria Gorton, Peter & Reba Smidt, Asha Ousby (2 yrs), Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, Betty Albertini, Hilda Carter, Rosemary Russell, John Moreland, Dymna Sheehy, Greg Shore, John McNamara, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Mal Gillies, Cecelia Waldron, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Moore, Smith, McCowan-Dann, Webber Families, Layton family, Fitch family, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Mick O'Brien, Graham Robertson, Gregory Thomas, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Leisa Wotton, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, Tony Lannan, 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

**LENTEN TALKS ~ BISHOP GREG**  
**Focus 'Holiness'**  
**St Carthage's Cathedral Lismore ~ 6.00 pm**  
**Tuesday 3rd March**  
**Tuesday 10th March**  
**Tuesday 17th March**  
**Tuesday 24th March**  
**All most Welcome!**

**ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR VISITING  
 NET MINISTRIES TEAM 11<sup>TH</sup> – 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**

A group of young people aged 18 years and over Catholic missionaries from NET Ministries will be in Ballina from Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March until Monday morning 16<sup>th</sup> March. They will be working with students from Xavier Catholic College and the parish youth group as well as joining parishioners for Mass at the 6.00pm Vigil on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March. If you are able to host some volunteers from NET Ministries on these dates – please contact the parish office ph: 6681 1048 or email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)

**LENNOX HEAD HOLY FAMILY  
 COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING**  
 The first meeting for 2020 will be held **THIS Thursday 5th March** at 8.45 am in the Sacred Heart Room.  
 All Welcome

**LENTEN PROGRAM FOR 2020**

This year the Lenten Program will focus on 'Grace' Books are \$10.00 each and are available from the Parish Administration Office. If you are interested in being part of a Lenten group, please place your name on the clip board at the back of the church or contact the Parish Administration Office 66811048.

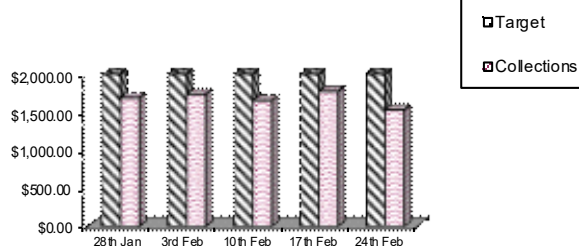


**DIF PAYS 1.40% PER ANNUM**

**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**

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,482.00
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 629.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,529.30
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.

# Parish Notices



**BAPTISM:** This week the parish warmly welcomes **Maisy Rose Antoninette McMahon** daughter of Joel and Lisa. We look forward to seeing the newly baptised and her family worshipping with us each weekend.



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA**  
**1st Saturday Devotions**  
 Rosary at Holy Family Church,  
 Lennox Head.  
**Saturday 7th March at 8.00 am.**  
*Everyone welcome.*



**MEN'S BREAKFAST with BISHOP GREG**  
**TUESDAY 10TH MARCH,**  
 Activity Centre, Crowley Village, Ballina.  
 Price: \$20.00 buffet breakfast  
 Time: 7.30 am – 9.00 am  
 Payment will be taken at the door.  
*Please advise if you have dietary requirements when you make your booking*  
 Bookings to Parish Administration Office  
 6681 1048 Email [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)  
**RSVP: THIS Friday 6th March**



## PROJECT COMPASSION— Week 1 Philippines

Shirley, 36, is an indigenous Manide woman living in a remote province in the Philippines. Shirley was struggling to support her family and keep their children in school. She faced regular discrimination and disadvantage, limiting her family's access to food, education, employment and healthcare. With Caritas Australia's support, Shirley trained to become an indigenous health worker. She has learnt to supplement her income and is able to feed her family. The program has also empowered Shirley to send her children to school.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to help people like Shirley, and her children gain confidence and respect within their community.**

**Let's Go Further, Together.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or phoning 1800 024 413.



## LAP PROGRAM

Holy Family Catholic Primary School is looking for any interested parishioners who are willing to give up an hour of their time each week, to work with children on a one to one basis. No skills are necessary, just a little time, care and concern.

It is based on a scheme called the Learning Assistance Program which was successfully implemented into our school twenty years ago.

The program is based on five simple principles:

- It is always one to one
- Is about relationships
- Builds confidence and self esteem
- Takes a creative approach to learning
- Promotes parent and community participation

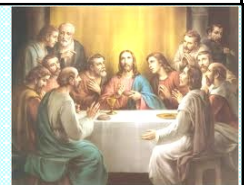
*Volunteers benefit as much as the children they work with.*

If you are interested, please contact the school office on 6687 5311 and ask for Cheryl Winkler.



## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This week's focus ...  
**'This is My Body'**  
 We wonder how Jesus and his disciples felt, as they ate and drank together at this last supper.



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
**Sunday 22nd March, 11.00 am**



## 'CONGRATULATIONS'

**Richard Goss** who will be commissioned this weekend as a **Reader** for the parish.



## NEW ROLE—DEPUTY DIRECTOR FINANCE & OPERATIONS

The Diocese of Lismore Catholic Schools Office (CSO) is seeking to appoint a Deputy Director - Finance & Operations to contribute to the Mission of Catholic education in the Diocese of Lismore. In this new position, the successful applicant will collaborate in collective decision making as a member of the Executive Team and will carry out a senior strategic role in the management of finances, information technology, payroll, school planning and human resources.

The successful applicant will have:

- CA/CPA certification or equivalent with relevant tertiary qualifications in Finance and/or Accounting and will ideally have education at or above Masters level and membership of an appropriate professional association
- Demonstrated ability to lead significant strategy that relates to school and system improvement and cultural and organisational change while anticipating and responding to opportunities and risks
- Effective communication and influencing skills with the ability to negotiate desired outcomes and influence organisational reform and direction
- Demonstrated ability to build productive relationships with internal and external stakeholders
- Experience leading and managing large multi-faceted teams to achieve strategic and operational priorities and build organisational skills, capacity and responsiveness
- Willingness to work within the ethos of the Catholic Church.

For confidential enquiries and expressions of interest in this position, please contact the Director of Catholic Schools [+61 2 6622 0422](tel:+61266220422). An information package will be provided to interested applicants.

Applications close Wednesday 18th March 2020

Please note the successful applicant is subject to a National Criminal History Check and Working with Children Check.

## 2020 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PRAY FOR ZIMBABWE 'RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK'

**Date: THIS Friday 6th March**  
**Time: 10.00 am**

**Where: Emmanuel Anglican College**  
**62 Horizon Street, West Ballina.**

**Guest Speaker: Mr Amkela Malab**



*You are welcome to participate in Christian unity and friendship.*



**First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9-4,3:1-7,2,***A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

(R.) *Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me.

Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done. (R.)

3. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

4. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. (R.)

**Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a mat-

ter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

***Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!***

**Gospel: Mt 4:1-11**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

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

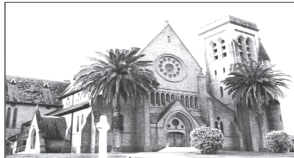
**Centacle Marian Movement of Priests:** Monday 11.00- 12.15 at 3/21 Swift St, Ballina. Details Admin Office

**Parish Youth Group:** Saturday 6.00pm - Mass then

to St Francis Xavier School Hall, Crane Street.

**Sisterhood:** Monday 10.00 am Mother Teresa Room, Parish Admin Centre.

**Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** is held every Wednesday 8.00 am Holy Family Church, Lennox Head  
**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). **All Welcome!**



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