

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.**

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

6th March, 2022



**Masks are no longer
mandatory**

'ALL 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—5.00pm
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 Days
Sts Perpetua & Felicity
Monday
St John of God
Tuesday
St Frances of Rome
Wednesday**

Spring cleaning our minds of temptation

Today's gospel tells us of the temptations which Jesus experienced when, in preparation for his public ministry, he'd gone out to the desert wilderness for a time of prayer and fasting. The gospel leaves us in no doubt Jesus knew the reality of temptation. He knew too that we, his followers, would face temptation of various kinds.

Temptation is certainly a part of our lives and struggles. We are tempted to want more and more, be it possessions, comforts, security, power, authority or prestige. We can be tempted to lose hope, to lose faith, to give up, to stop loving or caring, to walk away from the challenges we face, to lose trust in God.

With every temptation we face there is the underlying question of what is worthwhile, what is the true value of things; what is worth striving for, living for, dying for; what is our life all about. And in all of them is the temptation to lose trust in God and to let go or water down our commitment as followers of Jesus. Jesus' response to the three temptations he faces is instructive for us and how we deal with temptation in our lives.

The first temptation – to turn stones into bread – exemplifies the temptation of possessions, physical needs and "creature comforts." Jesus replies: "One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Truly, it is not bread or indeed any possession that will bring us to eternal life.

Jesus' second temptation – to have power and authority – exemplifies the temptation to

make them the goal and indeed the god of our life. It is the temptation of idolatry, of worshipping false gods. Jesus replies: "Worship the Lord your God and serve only him." Let us love and worship God with all our heart, soul, our mind, and our strength.

His third temptation – to throw himself down for angels to save him – is to test God's love and care for him, to see if God really does

protect him from danger. Jesus replies: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." Nor should we.

Let's take this season of Lent to reflect on our lives, our priorities, our commitments, and especially our relationship with God. Let's ponder God's faithfulness in caring for us and let's renew our trust in God's love and protection. Let's also make this Lent a time for giving thanks for

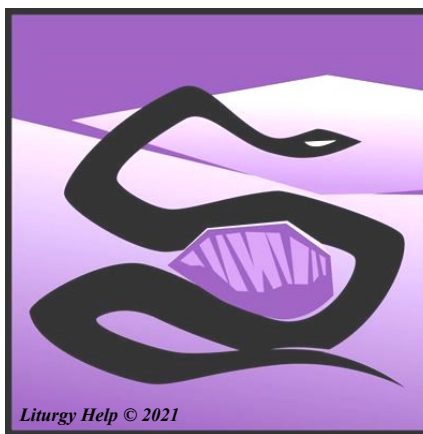
all the blessings of our lives. Let us express our thanks in some tangible ways.

Traditionally, Lent has been a time for prayer, for almsgiving to those in need, and for self-denial by way of fasting – giving up something, such as favourite foods or activities, or perhaps taking up something – such as giving time to assist others or time for prayer and contemplation.

Lent is a time for some 'spring-cleaning' and de-cluttering our lives, for gratitude, and for re-focussing our faith, hope and love.

It's worth doing!

Anne Hunt
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**Catholics from the Diocese of Lismore are dispensed from their
Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.**

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay
Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke
Pastoral Associate: John Kearney **Email:** john@sfxballina.org.au
Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Bianca McInnes **Email:** beemcinn@gmail.com
Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; **Email:** admin@sfxballina.org.au
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: June Ianna,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Michael Kearney
AND ALSO FOR: Lee, Donna & family; Rachele, Shane & family, 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: Tony Smith, Anna, Kerry Jones, Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Father Anthony Lemon, Mardi Seabrook, Helen Johnston, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (Sydney), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, 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, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, John Heaton, Dymrna 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 parish office if you wish names to remain or be removed if good health as been restored.)

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.

FUNREALS: 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.

REVISED NSW GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP.

- **Hand sanitiser is provided at entrances to our Churches**
- **Masks are not mandatory, personal choice can be made if you prefer to wear a mask.**
- **Receival of Holy Communion in the hand only**
- **Singing is allowed**
- **Social distancing not mandatory**
- **Density limits are not mandatory**
- **If unwell please stay home until you feel well again.** **Thank you.**

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.

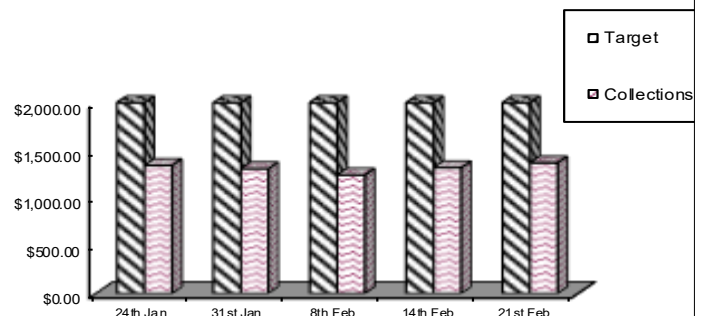
Father Peter and Father Anselm

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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$
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: **India Jade Wing** daughter of Ashley and Rachele; **Rafferty Charles Singh-Bagraith** son of Kulveer and Danielle; **Jasper Scott** and **Quinn Mable Peterson** children of Bjorn and Peta.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
each **Friday** evening during Lent - **5:30 pm**
SFX Church Ballina.
Beginning this Friday 11th March.



PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM for 2022

Theme: **'REMEMBER'**

Beginning THIS Tuesday 8th March

When : Tuesdays @ 9.30 am.

Where : Upper Room, Parish Admin Centre.

Registrations: Please phone or email the Parish Admin Centre 6681 1048

Email: admin@sfxballina.org.au

Books will be \$8.00 each, available from the Parish Office

Please register for this combined parish gathering to prepare for Easter.

Morning tea will be supplied each Tuesday.



APPOINTMENT OF PARISH YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR

The parish has a new Youth Co-ordinator, replacing Amelia Kearney.

We welcome **Bianca McInnes** to our parish. Bianca will work from the Parish Administration Office on Fridays.

Contact can be made on 6681 1048.

LIVESTREAMING OF MASSES IN THE CATHEDRAL

From Sunday February 27th, livestreaming of the 9.00 am Mass will recommence.

It may be livestreamed on YouTube and Facebook. Attendance at these Masses is with the understanding that an audio and video recording may be made publicly available.

For more information please call Joe Pereira, Diocesan Director of Communications on 0492 889 193



BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS
The Spirituality of St John of the Cross

St John of the Cross teaches us how to live authentically in the real world and in the presence of God. He shows us how to love and how to pray.

Bishop Greg's talks will be held on Thursdays and will begin at 6.00 pm in St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore.

Thursdays 10th March, 17th March, 24th March.

It will be live on the YouTube channel

<https://www.youtube.com/c/LismoreDiocesAU>

All are most welcome!

1st SUNDAY OF LENT
Anatercia's Story—Mozambique



Anatercia 12, was struggling to cope with adult responsibilities after her father died. Then she participated in Caritas Australia-supported training and gained access to psychosocial supports.



Now, Anatercia can easily access clean drinking water, community members are able to grow healthy crops all year round, and there is enough nutritious food to eat. Anatercia feels better supported by her community, has more time to study and do her homework, and hopes to fulfil her dream of becoming a nurse. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 to help young people succeed in the future and bring stability to vulnerable youth like Anatercia.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



ST VINCENT de PAUL CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS
Please help us: 'WE NEED YOU'



The St Vincent de Paul Society needs you to serve Christ's poor.

COVID has hit us hard in Ballina in two ways. It forced retirement of our most vulnerable volunteers, we lost 12 members, and at the same time demand for our support increased.

We would normally open 5 days per week, but now with reduced volunteers we can only open 3 days putting a big load on reduced numbers of volunteers.

The Society work helps the poor, but our members gain a deeper understanding of their own spiritual journey by seeing Christ in the face of the poor and vulnerable. Demanding but rewarding work.

This is a Society of friends helping each other and the disadvantaged people of our Parish and the community of Ballina. Local members, with further information will be in the foyer of our Churches to answer any questions or contact us:

Rosetto Leo—recruiting officer:

02 6621 5835

0490 258 139

Email: rosetta.leo@vinn.es.org.au

Single Again

A 10 week online Beginning Experience programme "Coping with life alone" is scheduled to commence on **5th March to 14th May, 2022.**

The programme is for those who are now widowed, separated or divorced, as a first step in the recovery process.

The programme is run by Beginning Experience Singapore. Register your interest at: tinyurl.com/be-sg-cwla



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 St Teresa Room, Parish Administration

Parish Youth Group: Saturday, 6.00 pm Vigil Mass then Youth Group in Upper Room until 8.30 pm.

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

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.



Welcome to our prayer gatherings.

First Reading: Deut 26:4-10;

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: "The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **(R.)**

2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **(R.)**

3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **(R.)**

4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you

will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

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: Lk : 4:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

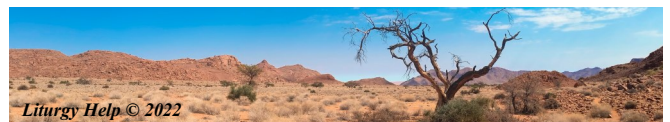
Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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 Planed Giving number as reference

• **By completing a form that allows your bank to deduct your gift from your account into the**



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