

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.

3rd Sunday in
Lent (C)

20th March, 2022



'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 Day

The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday

MESSAGE FROM HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS

TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD IN THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE



The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming
Bishop of Lismore

HAVING LEARNED OF THE LOSS OF LIFE AND DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY CAUSED BY HEAVY FLOODING IN THE LISMORE DIOCESE, HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS ASSURES YOU OF HIS HEARTFELT SOLIDARITY AND CLOSENESS IN PRAYER TO ALL THOSE AFFECTED BY THIS TRAGEDY.

HE PRAYS ESPECIALLY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE DECEASED, AND THE HEALING OF THOSE INJURED, AND FOR THE IMPORTANT WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION. COMMENDING ALL TO THE MATERNAL INTERCESSION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, HIS HOLINESS CORDIALLY SENDS HIS BLESSING AS A PLEDGE OF STRENGTH AND PEACE IN THE LORD.

Cardinal Pietro Parolin
Secretary of State.

'WELCOME' BISHOP GREG TO OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND and 'THANK YOU' FOR BEING WITH US AT THIS TIME.

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: beemcinnnes@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: Maureen Sullivan, Yvonne Tagget, Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, Caroline Lannan (*Melbourne*), Denham Cathro (*Sydney*),

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Monica Dwyer, Margaret Clissold, Kerry Ruge
AND ALSO FOR: Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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: Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Anna, Kerry Jones, 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, Dympna 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

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: 9th June, 2022

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

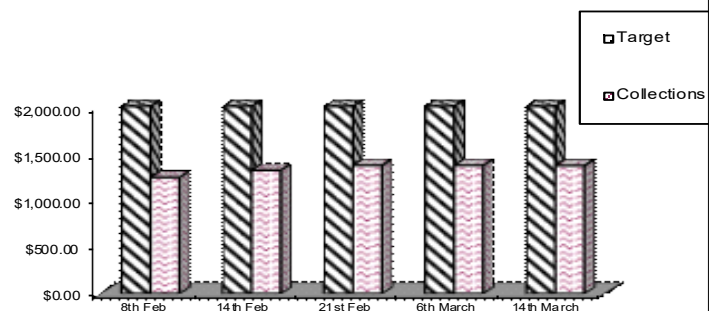
DIF PAYS 0.45% PER ANNUM

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>	\$ 622.70
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 300.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,366.00
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:
Banyan Wyn and Oliver Wyn Gregory, sons of Scott and Caroline.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS
each **Friday** evening during Lent - **5.30 pm**
SFX Church Ballina.



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 below:

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL FLOOD APPEAL

Immediate needs of our affected families are food, clothing and housing items or items for their children. While offers of physical resources and equipment are appreciated, unfortunately, it is challenging to store, sort and distribute such forms of generosity. Therefore, we would appreciate donations of *Coles Group and Woolworths Gift Cards (preferably the gift cards that cover groceries plus Big W or K-Mart)*. These Gift Cards can be dropped at the parish office and will then be shared amongst the most needy families by the school as soon as possible. (Approximately 30 families)

SYRINX—Vocal ensemble

Mendelssohn, Gjeilo, Poulenc, Martin
This Sunday 20th March at 3.00 pm
St Mary's Anglican Church, Ballina.

Hamsa Arnold: Director—Marius Mulder: Organ
Enquiries phone 6686 2094
Sponsored by Music Ministry Anglican Parish Ballina.
Donations taken at the door for Flood Appeal.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Yvonne Tagget** who has passed away. Yvonne's funeral service will be held at St Francis Xavier Church on this Wednesday 23rd March at 10.00 am.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Maureen Sullivan** who has passed away. Maureen's Requiem Mass will be advised in next weekend's bulletin.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT Janice's Story—Australia



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, living in a remote community in the Northern Territory. As elders grow older and pass away, she knows she must share her knowledge with the younger generation. However, the community faces multiple challenges, including a lack of jobs, limited educational opportunities, and socio-economic which can lead to young people becoming disconnected from culture.

With your help, Caritas Australia supports Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation, which operates a centre for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal arts and culture, providing employment and generating income for local communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive.

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.



WORKWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

We are offering an opportunity for you to learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Come and join us on 22nd to 24th April, 2022 at a Marriage Encounter Weekend in a Covid safe environment at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW—a stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au
or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on
0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au



BISHOP GREG'S LENTEN TALKS
The Spirituality of St John of the Cross
Due to flooding, Bishop Greg's talks can be viewed on the Diocesan YouTube channel at 6.00 pm Thursdays.

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.
Final session Thursday 24th March.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm** who has passed away. Sr Therese's Requiem Mass will be held at St Joseph's Church, Coraki at 10.30 am this Monday 21st March 2022.

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: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15;*A reading from the book of Exodus*

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.**

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

3. The Lord does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R)**

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:1-6;*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Glory to you word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of God is at hand.

Glory to you word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!**Gospel: Lk : 13:1-9***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Luke*

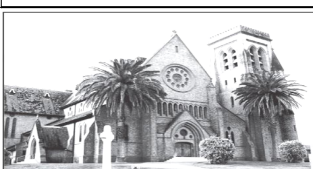
Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."

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 Presbyterian
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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