

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.

**4th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

29th January, 2023

'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**

Feast Days

St John Bosco

Tuesday

The Presentation of the Lord

Thursday



Small things with great love

In today's reading from Matthew's Gospel, one of the most famous in the New Testament, Jesus teaches us about the true nature of happiness and holiness.

The qualities which Jesus highlights in the Beatitudes can seem almost too ordinary when compared to the strategies for survival recommended by worldly sources of wisdom. Nevertheless, Jesus reminds us that it is precisely in our poverty of spirit, in our being gentle, merciful, and humble, and in seeing God's presence in the ordinary, unremarkable and even tragic circumstances of our lives, that we grow in holiness and embody his presence in the world.

In unobtrusive but significant ways, we can bring holiness to our world and so work to bring his kingdom to fruition. Mother Teresa spoke of not necessarily doing "great things, but small things with great love".

Pope Francis, in "Gaudete et Exsultate" offers us practical suggestions for how we might live out the qualities Jesus describes in the Beatitudes. Here is a brief summary of how he encourages us to strive for holiness in our lives:

Perseverance, Patience and Meekness: Remaining firmly grounded in a God who loves and sustains us, enables us to persist in our efforts to bring about his kingdom on earth.

Joy and a Sense of Humour: We live in the certain joy that we are "infinitely loved". This gives us "deep security", a "serene hope" and a sense of humour amidst life's circumstances.

Boldness and Passion: We are encouraged to be bold: to evangelise and to leave a mark in this world. Jesus promises: "Do not be afraid" (Mk 6:50) for "I am with you always, to the end of the world" (Mt 28:20).

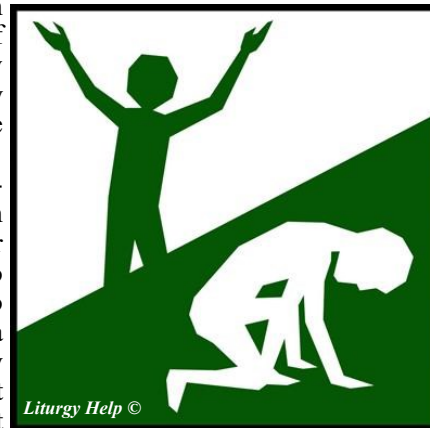
Community: We grow in holiness in "a journey in community, side by side with others." "Each community is called to create a God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord".

Constant Prayer: Our lives are to be "distinguished by a spirit of prayer and a need for communion with God." In the process, we discern "the paths of

holiness to which the Lord is calling us."

In the Beatitudes, Jesus beckons us to an openness to God: an openness which enables God to enter into even the unlikely moments of our lives and to accompany us intimately, allowing ourselves to be surprised and shaped and formed by his grace, his love and his joy.

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We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

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Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478

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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

ROSTER: 5th Sunday Year A: 4th/5th February, 2023
Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matt 5:13-16

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Jeanette Wilkins Dan Gubby	Wendy Hughes Richard Goss	Maurice Gahan Maxine Cole
EMHC	Tamara Gubby	Gary Reen Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Paul Milgate Murray Deeps	Marie Sullivan	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Cardinal Georg Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Pat Wilson, Greg Shore, Jack Gabler

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Joan Woolbank, Sharon-Lee McNiff Parkes, Brian Harris, Michael Timmins, Angela Crowley, Tom Crowley

AND ALSO FOR: Jack & Marie Flood, Beatrice Flood, 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: Pat Evans, Kathryn Nomchong, Isabel Margarita Jorquera, Carlos Solar, Joan Flew, Tony Smith, Hugo Long (*infant Brisbane*), Carmel Hackett, Michael Harris, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson 1 yr (*Brisbane*), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dymphna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt Julia Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care. (Please advise if a name is to be removed if good health has been restored).

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023

5th February	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
11th February	Saturday 10.00—11.30 am All Welcome!!	'Coming Closer to Jesus through Prayer'
22nd February	Mass 12.00 noon 6.00 pm	Ash Wednesday
27th February	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting



COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?

Pause before the Tabernacle by yourself, for no special reason, even without saying a thing, simply remaining in His presence.

Pope John Paul II

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday mornings from 11.00 am to 11.50 am
before the 12 noon Mass

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. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

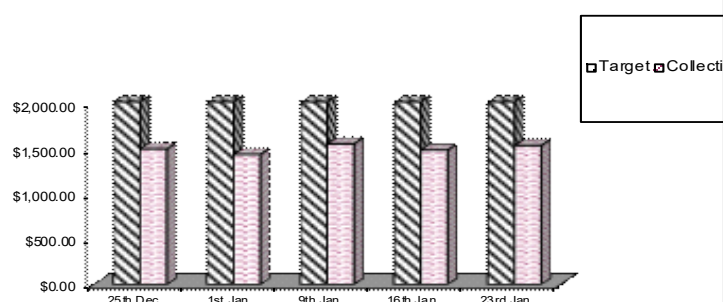
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218
- Please ensure you **use your Planed Giving number as reference**, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.

DIF PAYS 2.60% 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 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,040.45
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 606.45
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,521.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



Parish Notices

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

PARISH 'CUPPA'
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church
Next Sunday 5th February, 2023
following the 9.00 am Mass.
Our first for the year.
Everyone is very welcome.



CATECHISTS MATTER
Volunteers NEEDED for 2023
An invitation to consider and reflect
upon if you are able help in this
rewarding mission.

Can you spare 30 minutes a week to help sow the seeds of **FAITH, HOPE and LOVE in GOD** into the hearts of the children in our local State Schools?
Our parish needs Catechists and Helpers to assist in the faith development of children in the State schools in our community. For more information on becoming a Catechist contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or Peter Bowen Parish Catechist Co-ordinator phn 0421 518 371.

Please give some thought to this important invitation. You will be supplied with resources and be part of a very enthusiastic and vibrant team.



2023 LENTEN PROGRAM 'TRIUMPH'

*Let's have Lenten Reflection groups!
Come out of Covid isolation and join
with others in the 'Triumph' program
(from the Wollongong Diocese)*

*What day and time would you like to
come?*

*Please place your name on the sheet
at the back of the church.*

Reminder! Ash Wednesday 22nd February.



ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY BALLINA CONFERENCE 'JESSE TREE'

THANK YOU to all those who supported the
Annual 'Jesse Tree' Appeal. Your generosity helped us to
assist those in need in our community to have a
brighter Christmas.

\$4,800.00 was received.

If you would like to donate to assist with our ongoing
requests for help to those in need.

BSB: 062 000

Account No: 1988 9862

Ref No : 43450

Thank you.



Position Vacant

Garden & Home Maintenance

Applications are sought for a suitably experienced, versatile handy-person to undertake both indoor and outdoor home/business maintenance work. Additional skills in horticulture, landscaping or building trades would be advantageous. The position is initially offered as casual with a view to permanent employment for the right applicant. Tools, equipment, vehicle and uniform supplied. Impeccable attention to detail will be sought from the successful applicant. An understanding of the Catholic faith is desirable for this trusted position. Email your application to admin@stcarthages.org.au



WELCOME BACK TEACHERS AND STUDENTS OF OUR THREE SCHOOLS

*May 2023 be a year of many blessings and
successful achievements for everyone.*

**Resuming this Monday 30th January
BALLINA CCR**

2.15 pm to 4.00 pm

Anawim Room, Parish Admin Centre

You are most welcome to join this prayer group.

COMING CLOSER TO JESUS

**Saturday 11th February ~ 10.00 am to 11.30 am
St Francis Xavier Church Ballina**

A prayer reflection experiencing World Community for
Christian Meditation and Scripture Journaling
of MenALIVE.

All Welcome

SUNDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

**You are invited to St Joseph's Church
Coraki Centenary Mass at 9.15 am**

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 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

PARISH YOUTH GROUP DONATION BOX AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH

Our St Francis Xavier Parish Youth Ministry is a growing, thriving youth group that relies on your generous support. Your donations can help support initiatives such as: Materials for our regular youth events ~ Food, items and other resources for our activities ~ Financial support for youth in need ~ Materials needed for conferences, youth camps, World Youth Day and other events.

If using electronic transfer please direct your donation to St Francis Xavier Parish ~ Ref 'Youth' ~ BSB 082 522 ~ A/c 50960 3218 Thank you.

Prayer of the Church & Rosary ~ 9.00 am Saturday mornings ~ St Francis Xavier Church

Christian Meditation ~ Saturday 9.30 am ~ Anawim Room, Admin Centre

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament ~ Friday 11.00 am—11.50 am

Ballina CCR recommencing Monday 30th January, 2023

Parish Youth Group is in recess

Sisterhood is in recess

First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13;

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth,
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find
shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people,
and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured
tongue will no longer be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to
disturb them.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of
heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 1:26-31;

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were
called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense
of the word, how many were influential people, or came
from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that
God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to
shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by hu-
man reckoning; those whom the world thinks common
and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen –
those who are nothing at all to show up those who are
everything. The human race has nothing to boast about
to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus
and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our
virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture

says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the
Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in
heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:1-12

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASS—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER

FEAST OF ST JOHN BOSCO ~ TUESDAY 31ST JANUARY 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to
you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ~ THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O
God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Communion Antiphon: My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



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