

# 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 C**

**30th January, 2022**

**QR check-in is  
mandatory and the  
wearing of a mask**

**'ALL WELCOME'**

**Weekend Mass Times  
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church  
184 people per Mass**

**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm**

**Sunday — 9.00 am**

**Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head**

**Holy Family Church**

**70 people per Mass**

**Saturday Vigil—5.00pm**

**Sunday—7.30 am**

**PLEASE QR IN UPON ARRIVAL**

**Manual registration is also  
provided.**

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

**at St Francis Xavier Church  
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**

**12.00 noon**

**Register with NSW QR codes or  
manual registration sheets.**

**RECONCILIATION**

**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina  
St Francis Xavier Church**

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**Feast Days**

**St John Bosco**

*Monday*

**The Presentation of the Lord**

*Wednesday*

**St Agatha**

*Saturday*

## Be open to God's message

In this astonishing incident in Luke's gospel, those listening to Jesus suddenly turn from praising him to rage against him. So intense was their anger that they attempt to kill him. And these are people from Jesus' home town of Nazareth, who knew his family and had grown up with him. How do we explain this? Today's gospel follows on from Jesus in the synagogue reading from Isaiah about bringing Good News to the poor, proclaiming new sight to the blind, liberty to captives and setting free the downtrodden. He then stuns everyone by claiming he was fulfilling this text; he is the prophet they had been longing for. His listeners were astonished, and greatly approved of what Jesus was saying. But then they struggled to take this in. They had heard about his miracles and teaching elsewhere, and demanded he do the same in their town. Perhaps that would really

put Nazareth 'on the map', bringing them honour and prestige. What a shock when Jesus suddenly pulls the rug from under their feet. Far from healing the blind, Jesus in effect accuses them of being blind to the message of God. He highlights how God ignored the plight of Israel when Elijah only helped the Sidonian widow, and when in Elisha's time no lepers in Israel were cured except a Syrian foreigner. Jesus' listeners were in no doubt about the significance of what Jesus was saying, that God's message of love and solidarity was not

just for the Jewish people alone, but for everyone. Jesus was not original in saying this, since it is a theme in the Jewish prophets. But these people in Nazareth did not want to accept this, and their initial admiration for Jesus turned to absolute fury.

Pope Francis repeatedly insists that Jesus' words are powerfully relevant for us in our very different world. Francis urges us to see with the eyes of Jesus those on the margins, those excluded and hard done by. These are

the ones for whom God's heart especially aches.

Pope Francis says the Christian community is not meant to be a museum or a cocoon keeping us safe from the problems of the world, but rather a 'field hospital', bringing healing and seeking out the wounded. His catchy phrases, like getting mud on our boots, or smelling like the sheep, remind us that each of

us, in our own way, shares this mission.

We know God loves everyone without exception, but in Jesus' eyes those who are most 'special' to God are the outsiders, like refugees and asylum seekers, the unemployed, or the homeless. As Pope Francis spells out in his document *Laudato Si'*, God is calling us to transform our world by protecting the well-being of everyone and preserving our glorious planet for future generations.

Bruce Duncan CSsR

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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:**

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**Assistant Priest:** Father Anselm Okeke

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Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto: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](http://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

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joan Woolbank, Marie Rogers, Sr Patricia Smith RSM (Sr Mary Pauline), Betty Bellamy (Portland), Jean Ruth Brady,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Sr Agnes Mary Flood (LCM), Dean R Redford, Glorie Kelly, Tom Crowley, Angela Crowley, Brian Harris, Michael Timmins

**AND ALSO FOR:** Stan Parry, 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:** Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Father Anthony Lemon, Mardi Seabrook, Helen Johnston, 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, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, June Ianna, 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

## 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.

Under the current restrictions of 2 square metres people to sit in pews marked with X. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

**CONFIRMATION:** TBA

**RECONCILIATION:** 22nd March, 2022.

**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.

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

Our Parish Churches are both registered Covid-19 Safe places of worship.

## NSW GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP.

- Covid-19 check-in is mandatory for places of worship.
- Manual registration is available, place your name and contact on sheet provided
- Please wear a mask while indoors
- Receiving of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing by choir only
- 2sq metre density limit while seated—Social distancing of 1.5m when standing where possible and practical
- If unwell please stay home until you test negative, and feel well again.



*Any amended public health orders that come into place will be followed.*

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection).

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

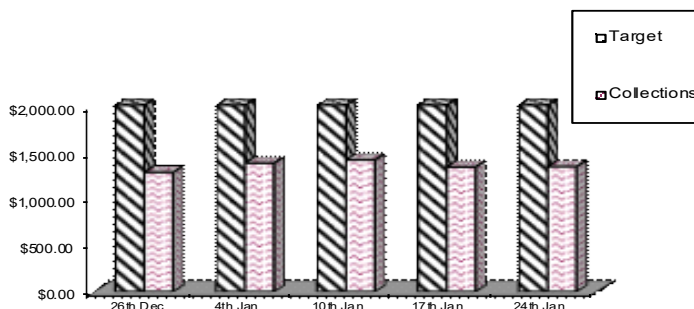
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

## 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

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 560.00
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 209.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,341.00
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.



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Joan Woolbank** who has passed away. Joan's funeral service has been held.



## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM for 2022

Theme: 'REMEMBER'

When : Tuesday mornings in Lent

Time to be advised.

Where : Upper Room, Parish Admin Centre.

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

Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)

All welcome to register for this combined parish gathering to prepare for Easter.

## RESUMING THIS WEEK

- **BALLINA CCR Mondays 2.15 to 4.00pm**  
Anawim Room, Parish Admin Centre
- **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH Saturdays 9.00 am**  
St Francis Xavier Church. All Welcome

## CATHOLIC MISSION

### CELEBRATES 200th ANNIVERSARY

..... Catholic Mission is this year celebrating key anniversaries as a global mission agency – 200 years of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith and the beatification of its founder, Pauline Jaricot.

"2022 is special year for us, as it marks significant anniversaries in our history," said Catholic Mission national director Fr Brian Lucas.

"We will also celebrate Pauline Jaricot's beatification, a key milestone on the journey towards being recognised as a saint. Pauline Jaricot is the founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, our mission activities."

The beatification ceremony for the Venerable Pauline Jaricot will be held in Lyon, in May.

As a young, faith-filled woman who desired to support missionaries around the world, she founded the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1822.

..... The celebration of the beatification of Pauline Jaricot, and her founding of the Propagation of the Faith, also coincides with a unique series of significant anniversaries for the agencies of mission that have been at the service of global mission.

Details: [www.catholicmission.org.au/paulinejaricot](http://www.catholicmission.org.au/paulinejaricot)

Published: 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2022 [www.cathnews.com](http://www.cathnews.com)

## 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](mailto: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:** is in recess

**Parish Youth Group:** is in recess

**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.*

## SUMMER HOMILY SERIES WITH THE GOSPEL BY BISHOP GREG HOMEMING



Series'.

Bishop Greg invites you to access each week this new series by going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube 'Bishop Greg's Summer



**Caritas**  
AUSTRALIA

## PRAY FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption

triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock.

Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater.



Tonga needs your support urgently. Give now to help with the emergency response.

Visit [www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific) or call **1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.**

## SYNOD OF BISHOPS



Catholics across Australia are being consolidated for the next International Synod of Bishops, the theme; "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Pope Francis asks us to dream of a renewed church where all people feel that they have a home and can participate.

We are encouraged to prayerfully reflect and make submissions via a user-friendly online portal. All people are encouraged to meet in groups or submit individually. Multiple submissions are welcome. These submissions will comprise the report from the Diocese of Lismore for the 2023 Synod. See the process at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

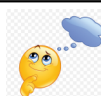
## CATECHISTS MATTER

**Volunteers STILL URGENTLY NEEDED for 2022**

**PLEASE CONSIDER THIS INVITATION**

*"The day the power of love overrules the love of power, the world will know peace."*

Quote by © Mahatma Gandhi



## 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](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)





**First Reading: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19***A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations. So now brace yourself for action.

Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land: the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:*****(R.) I will sing of your salvation.***

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

In your justice rescue me, free me:  
pay heed to me and save me. **(R.)**

2. Be a rock where I can take refuge,  
a mighty stronghold to save me;  
for you are my rock, my stronghold.  
Free me from the hand of the wicked. **(R.)**

3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope,  
my trust, O Lord, since my youth.  
On you I have leaned from my birth,  
from my mother's womb you have been my help. **(R.)**

4. My lips will tell of your justice  
and day by day of your help.  
O God, you have taught me from my youth  
and I proclaim your wonders still. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 Cor 13:4-13***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the

gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:*****Alleluia, alleluia!***

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

***Alleluia!*****Gospel: Lk 4:21-30***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

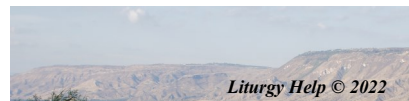
Jesus began to speak in the synagogue, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.' And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips.

They said, 'This is Joseph's son, surely?' But he replied, 'No doubt you will quote me the saying, "Physician, heal yourself" and tell me, "We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside." And he went on, 'I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

'There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah's day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha's time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.'

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.

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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