

# 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.**

**5th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)**

**9th February, 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**

**at 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**

### **Feasts**

**St Scholastica,**

*Monday*

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

*Tuesday*

**Sts Cyril & Methodius**

*Friday*

## How are we salt and light?

St Paul, the Apostle, had a powerful intellect, and he was well trained in rhetorical eloquence and philosophic reasoning. Yet he writes: "I did not come with sublimity of words or of wisdom." He knew that spreading the gospel did not depend upon brilliant oratory or erudite argumentation, but on the sincerity of his simple faith in 'the crucified Christ'.

Neither did Jesus rely on sublime words or clever argument. He preferred simple everyday imagery to make his point, as demonstrated in today's gospel reading. Following on from the Sermon on the Mount which we heard in last week's gospel, Jesus articulates clearly what is expected of his followers. He uses the powerful images of salt and light: We are to be salt of the earth; we are to be light of the world.

Salt was highly valued in the ancient world. It was used as a seasoning, a preservative, a disinfectant, a component of ceremonial offerings, and as a unit of exchange in trade and currency.

Just as salt enhances the flavour of food, and serves as a preservative, to 'be salt of the earth' means to be useful and helpful, and to make a real and positive difference to the world. We are to be a presence which brings out the best in our society.

As for light, it too is vital to life. Light dispels darkness, warming all it reaches, illuminating all in its path. Jesus' followers

would have appreciated how a single lamp would illuminate their one-room home at night. We know that the very existence of life on Earth depends on the light from the sun. It warms our seas, generates our weather patterns, powers our solar energy systems, and gives energy to the growing green plants that provide food and oxygen for life on Earth.

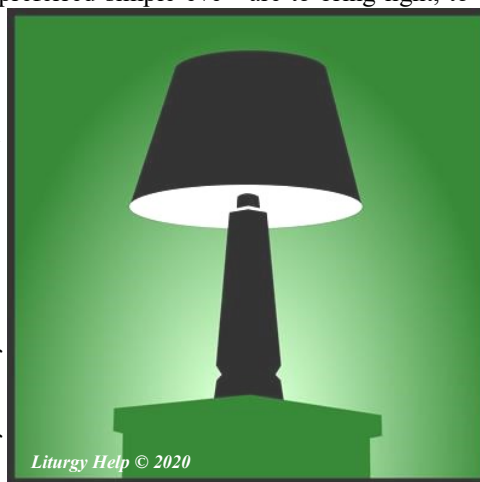
To be the light of the world means that we are to bring light, to bring warmth, to illuminate and enlighten all that nurtures life in our world. It means that we will dispel darkness caused by ignorance or selfishness or prejudice. It means that we will be a light for others, illuminating their way on life's journey.

The prophet Isaiah in today's first reading spells out what this means in very practical terms: "share your bread with the hungry, shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked when you see them, and do not turn your back on your own."

Jesus' teaching, the Christian message, is so very simple and yet so profoundly challenging. We are to have a life-giving effect on others, on the society in which we live, and on the world around us. He challenges us to reflect on what we do and how we might do better.

Ann Hunt

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**[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

**ROSTER: 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 15th/16th February, 2020**  
**Readings: Sirach 15:15-20; Psalm 118; Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37**

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
		<b>Greeters:</b> Kristie Coster Val Culican		<b>9.00 am ~ Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Jim O'Kane Matthew Ritchie	Marie Sullivan Murray Deeps	Tom Robbins Margaret Tay	<i>Margaret &amp; Len Moore</i>
<b>Ext. Ministers Holy Communion</b>	Tess Colenso Mick Vella Maurice Gahan Phil Chapman	Mark McDonald	Denise Miller Gemma Duffy Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Phil Chapman	Jeannie Savage	Monica Anderson	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Allira Bateman Grace Quinn Rhyah Bateman	Luca-Beasley-Kenk Annabella Clark Charlie Martin	Sophie Sullivan Clare Lynch Anthony Coutinho Evie Hyde	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Tom O'Dwyer Naomi O'Dwyer	Nicole Sullivan Adam Sullivan	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Laurie Ianna, Roslyn Janet Evans (*parent of Dianna*), June Iverson, Mary Sullivan, Joan Charteris, Leone Williams, Mona Giobatti,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

**AND ALSO FOR:** Armando Bordin, Stan Parry, 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:** Shokat Forghani & family, Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Ailsa Patch, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Kaia Randall, Garry Howard, Darcy Martin, Jim Walsh, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (*Aunt*) Julia Paden, Rev Ray Fishwick, Glenn Campbell, Jan Kelly, Kay Harth, Maria Gorton, Peter & Reba Smidt, Asha Owsby (2 yrs), Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, Betty Albertini, Hilda Carter, Rosemary Russell, John Moreland, Dymphna 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 Kolbach, 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 six weeks*)

**THE ROSARY**

**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**

**Rosary** is recited every Saturday morning at 9.00 am followed by Prayer of the Church concluding at approximately 9.45 am. Please join us if possible in community prayer. You are most Welcome  
*Reconciliation is available at this time.*



**PARISH YOUTH GROUP:** The first gathering for 2020 is this Saturday evening, following Mass. Our youth gather in the School Hall, Crane Street until 9.00 am.

**LENNOX HEAD HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING**

The first meeting for 2020 will be held on  
**Thursday 27th February** at 8.45 am  
in the Sacred Heart Room.  
*A cuppa is available.*

**THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE - BUSHFIRE APPEAL**

Over the Australia Day weekend across all Australian parishes an Appeal will be launched for those affected by the recent bushfires. Rather than having a separate collection parishioners can donate by going to the website:  
[www.catholic.org.au/bushfires](http://www.catholic.org.au/bushfires)  
or directly to the DIF with the following bank details

**BSB: 062 565 Account No 10854726**  
**Account Name: Diocesan Investment Fund**  
**Reference: FIRE APPEAL**

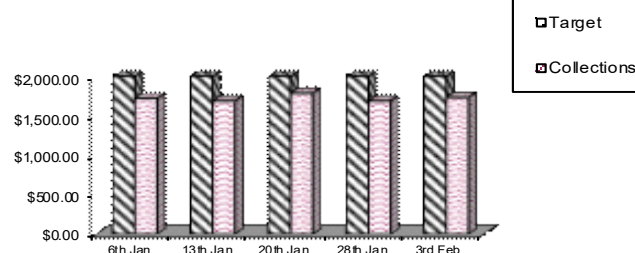
**THANK YOU**

**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>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,170.55
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 529.05
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,733.00
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 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 **Levi Kenny O'Brien** son of Jade and Lauren; and **Valeria Faith Shepherd** daughter of Wesley and Liisa. We look forward to seeing the newly baptised and their families worshipping with us each weekend.

## 2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY 22nd MARCH 2020 at 11.00 am

**Parent Meeting NEXT Wednesday 19th February ~  
6.00 pm ~ Upper Room  
Parish Administration Centre.**



**The Relics of St Therese of Lisieux and her parents SS Louis and Zelie Martin. October 1st, 2019, the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, marked the official launch of this**

### National Pilgrimage.

The pilgrimage will be a special time of grace for all who venerate the relics and a prayerful precursor to the historic convening of Plenary Council 2020.

*The proposed itinerary at the Carmelite Monastery is follows:*

#### Saturday 15th February

**4.30—5.00 pm:** The relics will arrive at the **Carmelite Monastery**

**5.00 – 6.00 pm: Welcoming Ceremony** by Bishop Greg, Paralyturgy and Silent Veneration of Relics, Final Blessing

**6.30 pm—5.40 am:** All night Vigil of Silent Veneration

**5.40 am:** Lauds

**7.00 am:** Mass

**8.15 am:** Terce

**8.30 am—11.20 am:** Silent Veneration

**11.20 am: Farewell Ceremony**

The Relics will then proceed to St Carthage's Cathedral and remain at the Cathedral until Monday morning.

*The proposed itinerary at the Cathedral is as follows:*

#### Sunday 16th February:

**Arrival 12.30 pm**

**Welcome Ceremony 12.45 pm**

**Veneration 1.00—4.00 pm**

**Rosary 4.00—5.00 pm**

**Mass 5.30—6.30 pm**

**Holy Hour 6.30— 7.30 pm**

*Relics will be moved to St Mary's Chapel where an all night vigil will be led by the Carmelite Missionary Sisters.*

#### Monday 17th February:

**Morning Prayer 8.00 –8.30 am**

**Veneration 8.30—9.30 am**

**Mass 9.30—10.30 am**

**Departure 11.00 am to Casino Parish**

Everyone is most welcome to attend at any of these times.

## COFFEE CRAWL

**LANTERN TEA ROOM  
Ballina Central Shopping Centre,  
44 Bangalow Road, Ballina.**

**Monday 24th February at 10.00 am.**

*Come along for a chat and good company.*



**SFX CHURCH BALLINA ROSTERS** for Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Offertory Procession, are available at the back of the church in alphabetical order.

## PARISH SCHOOLS CHAPLAINS

Xavier Catholic College ~ **Father Anselm Okeke**  
Holy Family Primary School ~ **Father Anselm Okeke**  
St Francis Xavier Primary School ~ **Father Peter Padsungay**

Parish Youth ~ **Father Anselm Okeke**  
Sacramental Program Co-ordinator—  
**Sr Kathryn Sweeney rsj**

## LISMORE DIOCESAN CURSILLO

There will be an Aboriginal Lismore Diocesan Cursillo weekend to be held at the Yarrowarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Corindi Beach from this Thursday 13th February until Sunday 16th February.

*Cursillo weekends help to build up Christian Communities.*

If you know any one who could be interested please contact Paul Murphy, Secretary 0428 665 445.

## ST MARY'S ANGLICAN PARISH BALLINA 2020 Music Program

**This Sunday 9th February 3.00 pm at St Mary's Anglican Church, 38-42 Norton Street, Ballina.**

Entry Fee is by Donation and you will enjoy

Cellissima—Cello Duo

Syrinx Vocal Ensemble

Marius Mulder, Organ

Hamsa Arnold, Director.

*All very Welcome.*



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

## ASH WEDNESDAY 26th FEBRUARY MASS TIMES ~ BALLINA

St Francis Xavier Church ~ **8.00am**

Crowley Chapel ~ **10.00 am**

St Francis Xavier Church ~ **5.20 pm**



## 2020 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER PRAY FOR ZIMBABWE

**'RISE! TAKE YOUR MAT AND WALK'**

**Date: Friday 6th March**

**Time: 10.00 am**

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

**Guest Speaker: Mr Amkela Malaba**

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



## CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be

**Monday 24th February—3.00 pm**

at Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street.

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the

Aged Care Centre. **WELCOME !**



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Laurie Ianna** who has passed away.

Requiem Mass is to be held this Tuesday at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.

## FROM THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering with 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)



**First Reading:** Is 58:7-10*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,  
and shelter the homeless poor,  
clothe the man you see to be naked  
and turn not from your own kin.Then will your light shine like the  
dawn  
and your wound be quickly healed  
over.Your integrity will go before you  
and the glory of the Lord behind  
you.Cry, and the Lord will answer;  
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'  
If you do away with the yoke,  
the clenched fist, the wicked word,  
if you give your bread to the hungry,  
and relief to the oppressed,  
your light will rise in the darkness,  
and your shadows become like  
noon.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:***(R.) A light rises in the darkness for  
the upright.*1. He is a light in the darkness for  
the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,he conducts his affairs with honour.  
(R.)2. The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.  
He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the  
Lord. (R.)3. With a steadfast heart he will not  
fear; open-handed, he gives to the  
poor; his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)**Second Reading:** 1Cor 2:6-10*A reading from the first letter of St  
Paul to the Corinthians*When I came to you, brothers, it was  
not with any show of oratory or phi-  
losophy, but simply to tell you what  
God had guaranteed. During my  
stay with you, the only knowledge I  
claimed to have was about  
Jesus, and only about him as the  
crucified Christ. Far from relying on  
any power of my own, I came among  
you in great 'fear and trembling' and  
in my speeches and the sermons  
that I gave, there were none of the  
arguments that belong to philoso-  
phy; only a demonstration of the  
power of the Spirit. And I did this so  
that your faith should not depend on  
human philosophy but on the power  
of God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**I am the light of the world, says the  
Lord; the man who follows me will  
have the light of life.**Alleluia!****Gospel:** Mt 5:13-16*A reading from the holy Gospel  
according Matthew*Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are  
the salt of the earth. But if salt  
becomes tasteless, what can make it  
salty again? It is good for nothing,  
and can only be thrown out to be  
trampled underfoot by men.'You are the light of the world. A city  
built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.  
No one lights a lamp to put it under  
a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand  
where it shines for everyone in the  
house. In the same way your light  
must shine in the sight of men, so  
that, seeing your good works, they  
may give the praise to your Father in  
heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST with BISHOP GREGORY HOMEMING****TUESDAY 10TH MARCH,**

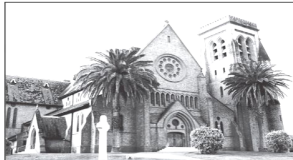
Activity Centre, Crowley Village, Ballina.

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 : 6th March****AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE ADVICE ON CORONAVIRUS AND LITURGICAL PRACTICE.**The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has not called for the suspension of  
any practices at Mass in response to novel coronavirus that appeared in China and has been detected in sever-  
al countries, including Australia. The Conference is closely monitoring the situation.As always, common sense dictates that people who suspect they may be suffering from or carrying an infec-  
tious condition should stay home until they are well.At this point, health authorities have said that the risk of exposure to the public is very low, especially if they have not  
travelled to one of the affected areas or have had contact with someone who has.If health authorities provide further advice on public gatherings or regarding the reception of Holy Communion, the  
Conference will issue further instructions. Dioceses, in liaison with parishes and other ministries, are encouraged to  
monitor local and national health advice. *January 31st, 2020***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

**Parish Youth Group:** Saturday 6.00 pm - 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 8.30 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****Invest** with peace of mind[www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) 1800 802 516

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