

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.

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

5th February, 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 Paul Miki and companions
Monday

St Scholastica
Friday

Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday



Sharing Christ's light

Following on from the beatitudes in Matthew's gospel, Jesus speaks of his followers as salt and light. Is that us, we might wonder? While we may no longer preserve food with salt, though millions in the world still do, we all know something of the lift it can give to food. We don't want to overdo it, but no salt and our food might lack for something.

So, salt comes into its own when added to something else. That's our task, to add something to people's lives, to give what life we're able to those who share our lives. But Jesus then reminds us that salt can lose its distinctive character and be of no use except for salting the path. So too can we, when the world is too much with us.

If we adopt unwittingly the ways of the world and the call of Jesus fades into the background of our lives, we too will lose our character. To be in the world, to love it, but not be of it, is what's required of us if we are to be 'salt of the earth'. That is what we are to be in our street, in our neighbourhood, in our town and even beyond.

Jesus goes on to say that 'you are the light of the world'. Rather like salt, light doesn't illumine itself, so we're to share the light of Christ, who is the light of the world. That's what we are called to be: a light which will

help illumine the lives of those with whom we share our lives. And as we begin to open our lives to others, we begin to recognise we belong to one another, and that this includes people in need, the hungry, the homeless, those left with nothing (as Isaiah says in the first reading). Then our light will shine 'like the dawn.'

When we do this we'll begin to live the beatitudes and be counted blessed. We'll learn to reveal the power of the Spirit and of God, as Paul says in the second reading. It begins with doing simple things. This light can also illumine the unease and, at moments, even the despair of our lives; and then we might find we're able to sit with people who feel weighed down by their lives. As we begin to do this, let us give thanks to God for enabling it, because we're living as God wants us to live.

So, don't hide our lights away, for what use is that, but put them on a stand, in order that they might shed some light in a darkening world. Let our good works be that light.

In this way Jesus encourages us to be salt and light for the world. When we do this, we're able to make a difference, and to witness to this way of living.

Damien Coleridge
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St Thomas Aquinas: "The Eucharist is the sacrament of love: it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

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

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

ROSTER: 6th Sunday Year A: 11th/12th February, 2023
Readings: Sir 15:15-20 ; Psalm 118; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matt 5:17-37

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Kristie Coster Peter Fear</i>	<i>Mark Biddle Margaret Tay</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Helen Cooney</i>
EMHC	<i>Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Annette Reen Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	<i>Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Damien Kennedy</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fay Biddle (*Muswellbrook, mother of Mark*), Michael Harris (*Melbourne*), Richard Patterson (*Wardell*), Cardinal George Pell,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Roslyn Evans, Laurie Ianna, Dean Russell Redford

AND ALSO FOR: Stan Parry, 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, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson 1 yr (*Brisbane*), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dympna 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	This Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
11th February	Saturday 10.00—11.30 am <i>All Welcome!!</i>	'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
3rd March	Friday 9.30 am	World Day of Prayer

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Thursday 30th March ~ 5.30 pm

St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina

Bishop Gregory Homeming OCD

For further information regarding enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation contact your School Office or the Office of the Parish Administration. 6681 1048

Students enrolled in Year 3 and above and have been baptised are eligible to be Confirmed.

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.

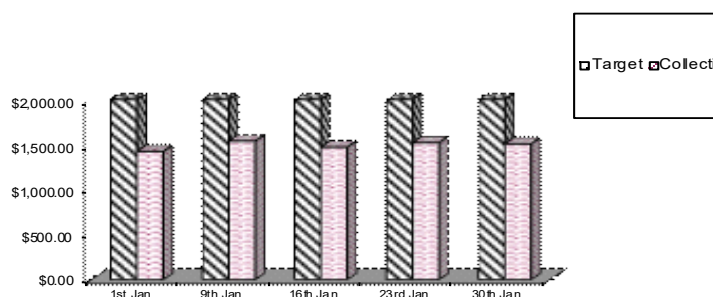
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,076.90
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 698.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,508.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



Parish Notices

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Tadhg Coen Flynn** son of Anthony and Jenna.

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



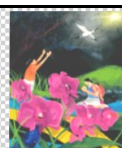
COMING CLOSER TO JESUS
Next Saturday 11th February ~
10.00 am to 11.30 am
St Francis Xavier Church Ballina
A prayer reflection experiencing Scripture Journaling and Christian Meditation. **All Welcome**



2023 LENTEM 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.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FRIDAY 3rd MARCH, 2023
'I have heard about your faith?'
Prepared by the Taiwanese
WDP Committee



St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Ballina.
9.30 am
followed by morning tea.

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY
OF THE OPENING OF
ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH CORAKI
with Mass at 9:15am
Next **SUNDAY 12th February 2023**
celebrated by Bishop Greg
Morning Tea will be available after the Mass
Come and reminisce with those for whom the building has
been a significant part of their lives.



Position Vacant
Garden & Home Maintenance



Applications are sought for a suitably experienced, versatile handyperson 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

St Carthage's
Community Care

OUR PARISH IS IN NEED OF

CATHECHISTS FOR 2023 ~ Please consider.

An invitation to reflect upon if you are able help in this rewarding mission.

Please contact the Parish Office 6681 1048.



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The first Crowley Auxiliary meeting for 2023 will be held **Monday 27th February at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre.

You will be most Welcome!

OFFERING

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1.

Lovingly we offer this sacrifice.
These grains of wheat we offer today.
The bread of life you gave as your sacrifice.
We bless and break and share this holy bread.
We come to celebrate as Jesus said.

2.

Tenderly we offer this sacrifice.
This cup of wine, we offer today.
The blood of life, you gave as your sacrifice.
We bless and drink and share this holy cup.
The blood of Christ to raise your people up.

3.

Faithfully we offer this sacrifice.
Each one of us we offer today.
His holy life, you gave as your sacrifice.
We celebrate the mystery of your Son
and pray these holy gifts will make us one.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Are you interested in learning more about Liturgy, Sacraments, Prayer, Scripture, Church History, Ministry Leadership, Catholic Doctrine, Ecclesiology, Social Justice, Spirituality, Morality and/or Youth Ministry at a basic, intermediate or advanced level at a very reasonable cost and over three or five weeks? Parishioners can now access the **VLCFF** through the Lismore Diocesan partnership with Dayton University.



Cycle 2 Registrations are now open, closing 22nd February Learn more about the VLCFF, the available courses, timetable, costs and how to register.

Contact Tony Worner for further information, to discuss options, or enquire about a closed course (minimum of 10 people) VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparrish.org.au.

Parents - in the interest of safety, please always accompany your children to the church toilet.

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

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries please contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday
Sisterhood: in recess.

Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church
Parish Youth Group: in recess
Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

First Reading: Isaiah 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.)**

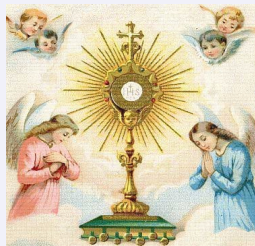


FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASS—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER
FEAST OF ST SCHOLASTICA ~ FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY, 2023

Entrance Antiphon: Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.

COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?



'Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure.

Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart'.

St Alphonsus de Liguori

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

(except when there is a funeral at that time)

Second Reading: 1 Cor 2:1-5;

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 philosophy, 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 philosophy; 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 to 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.



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