

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.**

**6th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

16th 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 ~ Holy Family

School Mass 9.30 am Ballina

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

Feast

**Chair of St Peter,
Saturday**

The heart of the matter

Over the next few weeks we will continue to listen to the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew's Gospel. Today we hear of four (of six) examples of 'surpassing righteousness' which emerge out of the beatitudes and the images of salt and light we've heard over the past two weeks. Righteousness is a quality of God, as the beatitudes remind us.

All six bear upon right relationship between people, and what we're offered here, Jesus says, is meant to fulfill, or complete the law, not abolish it. A clue to the gospel's meaning is in the second paragraph where Jesus says, 'you will never get into the kingdom' if you think it's a matter of simply conforming to an agreed set of rules. Jesus is concerned with a change of heart, a new way of life that is centred on God.

So, we're not just opposed to murder, but to the anger that lies at the heart of it, as the recent stories of angry, murderous young men reveal. Jesus urges us to deal with it decisively, because if left to fester it will bring us undone. Leave your offering at the altar and go and be reconciled with your brother and sister. It's not only our anger, but theirs too we're concerned with.

Similarly, when it comes to adultery, we must deal with whatever stokes our desire. There have been enough disturbing

stories of people addicted to what's on their smartphones for us to realise that we might need to act. That's what Jesus is getting at when he says chop it off, pluck it out.

With divorce, it's not enough for a man to say, legally I'm allowed to do this – except in the case of infidelity – says Jesus, but there's more to it than that. Jesus isn't on about legalities – though we may turn it into this. Instead he proposes a 'vision

of marriage', where a man and a woman pledge themselves to each other.

Finally, we know how prone we are to equivocating in our daily lives. Indeed, with the influence of social media and the 24-hour news cycle these days, we're said to live in a 'post-truth' age and no amount of swearing on the bible will

counteract this. What does Jesus say? We have to learn to trust one another, otherwise no relationship, no truth.

The gospel is about the heart of the matter. We're not to be distracted by a literal reading, for its dramatic language, meant to stop us in our tracks, reveals 'the hidden wisdom of God', as Paul says in the second reading, given to us 'for our glory.'

Damian Coleridge

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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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: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 22nd/23rd February, 2020
Readings: Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18; Psalm 102; Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
		Greeters: Angela Beglin Sue Hetherington		9.00 am ~ Ballina
Readers	Youth Group Youth Group	Paul Wilson Helen Breen	Maria Casamento Maxine Cole	Margaret Tay & family
Ext. Ministers Holy Communion	John Kearney Samantha Slattery Trish Bazar Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Cathy Andrews Leanne Robbins Mary Steensob Cathy Campbell	
Sacristan	Phil Chapman	Marie Sullivan	Monica Anderson	
Altar Servers	Ari Slattery Ruby Slattery Zali Raudonikis Finn Freeman	Tye Hetherington Maya Grimwood	Emily Comin Olivia Comin Noah Gerrish	
Children's Liturgy		Jona Anderson Courtney Wells	Emily Webster Cathy Marangon	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Laurie Ianna, Roslyn Janet Evans (*parent of Dianna*), June Iverson, Mary Sullivan, Joan Charteris, Agnes Shovlin (Ireland)
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Bill Condon Jnr, Raymond Grant, Mary Grant

AND ALSO FOR: Armando Bordin, 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: Stephen Hill, Julie Benton, Arthur Potter, 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 Kolhbach, 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,

THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

BAPTISMS: Will be held at any time in either Church on any day. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

CONFIRMATION: 28th May, 2020. Parent Meeting: 1st April
RECONCILIATION: 2nd September, 2020. Parent Meeting: Wednesday 29th July.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 22nd March, 2020. Parent Meeting 19th February. Groups start 23rd February.

WEDDINGS: In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

ANointing OF THE SICK: during Mass on dates to be advertised during the year, and on request; and at regular intervals at the hospital and aged care facilities.

HOSPITAL: Catholic patients in Ballina Hospital are visited by a member of the parish team on a regular basis. Given the difficulty we have in obtaining names of those in hospital, a visit is made to **those who tell us** they are in the hospital. We will only know someone is in the hospital if we are told by family or friends. This is due to the Privacy laws that govern our nation.

**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

or directly to the DIF with the following bank details

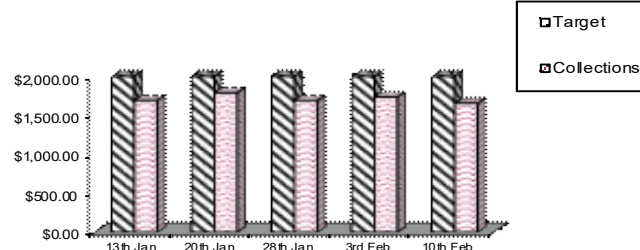
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Account Name: Diocesan Investment Fund
Reference: FIRE APPEAL THANK YOU

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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>	\$ 1,294.50
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 604.95
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,651.75
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

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

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



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 !**

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.



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 **RSVP : 6th March**



LENTEN TALKS ~ BISHOP GREG

Focus 'Holiness'

St Carthage's Cathedral Lismore ~ 6.00 pm

Tuesday 3rd March

Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday 17th March

Tuesday 24th March

All most Welcome!

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.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD 'FEBRUARY' 2020 BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA'

Sunday 23rd February
 following the 7.30 am Mass.
You are most welcome.



SFX CHURCH 'CUPPA'

Sunday 23rd February after the 9.00 am Mass
 at SFX Church, Ballina.

Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.



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.

FRIENDS OF THE CARMEL AUXILIARY MEETING

You are welcome to attend morning tea and the meeting at the Carmelite Monastery at 10 am on Wednesday
26th February Phone Narelle 6624 1973 **All Welcome!**

HEAR THEN WHAT YAHWEH ASKS OF YOU

A. Kelly

Chorus: Hear then what Yahweh asks of you
To live justly, to love tenderly
And to walk humbly with your God.

I have come that you may have life

And have it to the full. **C/**

Ask and you shall receive

Knock and it shall be yours. **C/**

Father, your Kingdom come

May your will be done. **C/**

Take up your cross and follow me

You shall share my life. **C/**

I am with you always

'til the end of time. **C/**

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED FOR VISITING NET MINISTRIES TEAM 11TH – 16TH MARCH

A group of young people aged 18 years and over Catholic missionaries from NET Ministries will be in Ballina from Wednesday 11th March until Monday morning 16th March. They will be working with students from Xavier Catholic College and the parish youth group as well as joining parishioners for Mass at the 6.00pm Vigil on Saturday 14th March.

NET Ministries visit Ballina each year. They are unpaid volunteers who give up a year of their lives to live out their mission "encouraging young people to love Jesus and embrace the Church." In recent years, parishioners have been very generous in extending hospitality to these young people who come from around Australia as well as countries such as Ireland, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

Team members need to be billeted in pairs (Two young men or two young women.) They need a place to sleep as well as breakfast on five mornings and dinner on four nights. If you are able to host some volunteers from NET Ministries on these dates – please contact the parish office ph: 6681 1048 or email: admin@sfxballina.org.au

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

First Reading: Sir 15:15-20

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) *Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!*

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading: 1Cor 2:6-10

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

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end.

The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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 several 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 infectious 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

Centacle Marian Movement of Priests: Monday 11.00—12.15 at 3/21 Swift St, Ballina. Further details Admin Office

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 8.00 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!**



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