

# 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.**

**6th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time C**

**13th February, 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**

**NO MASS TUESDAY**

**22nd Feb**

**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 Cyril and Methodius  
Monday**

## Not bad but good

A small boy once asked me what has been the most pertinent question I've ever been asked in my more than 50 years as a priest. The children were being prepared for Easter and reflecting on the events of Holy Week when the boy suddenly launched into a second question:

"Why do we call it *Good Friday* when it was such a bad Friday?"

Mind you, it was not the first time I'd been asked that question. But it was clear that his question had sparked the interest of the whole class and, to begin with, I could only congratulate him on asking it. I agreed with him that his assessment was correct: the day on which Jesus suffered his Passion and Death was a dreadful day and would have remained so but for Easter Sunday.

St Paul could not be more explicit when he tells us in his first letter to the Corinthians: "If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins." Everything depends on the resurrection: without the resurrection nothing makes sense but in the light of the resurrection all that Jesus teaches us becomes life-giving.

The Old Testament prophets, like Jeremiah, continually invited their people to reflect on the importance of putting their trust in the Lord. The perennial temptation down through the ages is that we are inclined to put our trust

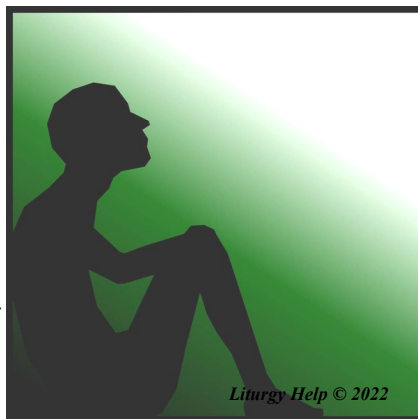
in ourselves and imagine that it is our world and that we can sort everything out.

Jesus goes a step further, suggesting that our human way of thinking and acting needs to be turned on its head. In their gospels, both Matthew and Luke give us the Beatitudes: this is Christ's new charter for his followers and it takes us way beyond the Old Testament charter, the Ten Commandments. Now we are invited to think about what makes us ready for the kingdom of God. It is when we are poor, hungry and in distress that we are more prepared to recognise our need of God and experience the power of his presence.

Indeed, Paul grasps this when he reminds us that "if our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people." Our hope is precisely that everything is being redeemed in Christ, but more than that, it is that already we are living the new life which Jesus won for us through his Passion Death and Resurrection.

The ultimate paradox of the Christian life is that Jesus entered into the world as it is and entered into the pain of suffering and death. Through his Passion and Death, he breaks through their hold on us and frees us for our own resurrection. The cross becomes a triumph (we even have a feast for this in September) and Bad Friday becomes Good Friday.

Tim Buckley 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:**

**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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Thea Berrell, Joan Woolbank,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

**AND ALSO FOR:** Sr Agnes Mary Flood (LCM), Stan Parry, Beatrice Flood, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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:** Anna, Kerry Jones, Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Father Anthony Lemon, Mardi Seabrook, Helen Johnston, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (Sydney), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, 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, Dympna 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 Kolbach, 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 been restored.)

### 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
- Receival 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.

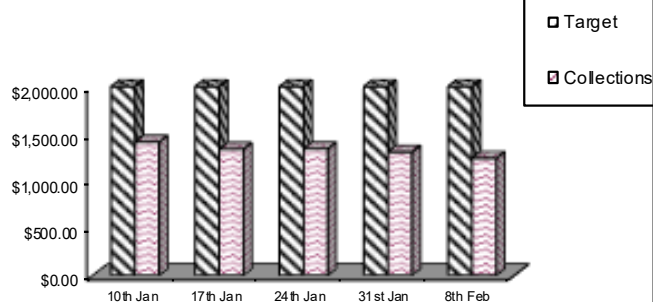
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

#### 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	\$ 574.35
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 223.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,241.00
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.



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:  
**Banks Robert Foster-Boyd** son of Leigh and Katie.

## NO MIDDAY MASS TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY

The Mass will not be celebrated on this day due to the bi-monthly Deanery Meeting of the Clergy

### RESUMING THIS WEEK

- **PARISH YOUTH GROUP: Tonight 12th Feb**  
6.00 pm Mass then Upper Room until 8.30 pm
- **SISTERHOOD: Monday 14th Feb, 10.30 am**  
St Teresa Room, Parish Admin Centre



### 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**

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

**Reflection:** Not a Celestial Joke!

*Blessed* are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes?

Jesus was not a 'pie in the sky' dreamer saying: 'You are destitute, hungry now. Don't worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.' *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people's destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus' credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father's will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.



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*Liturgy Help*

## The 2023 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

### Introduction to the Synod

#### The Preparatory Document (from the Vatican)

Our Bishop, Greg Homeming OCD, has asked parishioners throughout the Diocese to pray and reflect on and discuss the three themes for this Assembly, specifically in relation to the Lismore Diocese.

**Theme 1 – Communion.**

**Theme 2 – Participation.**

**Theme 3 – Mission.**

Individuals and or groups can make submissions. For information regarding submissions please contact Tony Worner at St Agnes Parish, Port Macquarie by Sunday 27th February [tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au](mailto:tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au)



Aid to the Church in Need

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN AUSTRALIA Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)



### CATECHISTS MATTER Volunteers NEEDED for 2022 An invitation to consider and reflect upon if you are able help in this rewarding mission.

For more information on becoming a Catechist contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or Peter Bowen Parish Catechist Co-ordinator phn 0421 518 371

### 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)

### 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)



**Christian Meditation Group:** Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday

**Sisterhood:** Resumes this Monday 14th February 10.30 am St Teresa Room, Parish Administration

**Parish Youth Group:** Resumes Saturday, 12th February. 6.00 pm Vigil Mass then Youth Group in Upper Room until 8.30 pm.

**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.





## First Reading: Jer 17:5-8

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.’

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm: Ps 1:1-4

**(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. **(R.)**
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. **(R.)**
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R.)**

## Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins.

And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Lk : 6:17, 20-26

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**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**
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