

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.

**7th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

23rd 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



Ash Wednesday

8.00 am Ballina

10.00 am Crowley Chapel

5.20 pm Ballina

Thursday ~ 8.00 am

At *Lennox Head*

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

Living a moral life

Gordon Gekko, the infamous lead character in the 1987 movie *Wall Street*, uttered the dictum, "Greed is good", which was to become the anthem for the decade of the 80s. Greed, or variously avarice and covetousness, are one of the Seven Deadly Sins, that popular list of "cardinal vices" that seem to have entered Catholic lore back in the 13th century.

The Seven Deadly Sins (pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth) have left their imprint on art and literature over the centuries. They

figure in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales* and the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch. Stephan Sondheim's musical *Getting Away with Murder*, Kurt Weill's opera and ballet *The Seven Deadly Sins*, as well as the 1995 movie *Se7en* all took the cardinal vices as their leitmotif.

The impetus behind this listing of sins is founded on the notion that simply following rules or laws is not enough to ensure a moral life. Observing the letter of the moral code may make one appear virtuous; but genuine virtue derives from the quality of one's character. To live a moral life, one must cultivate virtuous habits and avoid habitual vices.

The same thought is woven through today's readings, where Moses, Jesus and Paul recommend the habitual practices of love over envy, mercy over wrath, and generosity over greed.

Such a lifestyle that seeks to foster the

virtue of loving neighbour and enemy alike might seem foolish or unwise, as Paul notes. It would appear to be counterintuitive to let one's guard down, to build bridges across economic, cultural and ideological boundaries, rather than to construct walls that perpetuate such divisions. It may also challenge our natural inclinations to be greedy and jealous of own ideas, culture and lifestyle. Being generous, merciful and inclusive may require us to give up some aspects of our

cherished possessions.

Pope Francis has noted that human morality is akin to the maintenance of ecological balance in the world. Just as we can violate and compromise the environment by polluting our waterways and air with toxic waste, we can do violence to our moral ecology when we sully our relationships with discord, dissension, fear, mistrust and alienation.

Vices such as greed, wrath, pride, envy or more accurately

avarice (Lt *avarus*, meaning "to crave"), becomes injurious to the moral ecology when "wanting more" or "wanting what others don't have" becomes obsessions that pollute and poison relationships with other people.

In *Wall Street*, Gordon Gekko, typified the person whose obsession to possess money, power and influence would lead him to sacrifice all the relationships in his life.

Today's readings ask us to reflect on our relationships and consider how our obsessions may be preventing us from a more fulfilling engagement with our neighbours and with God.

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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

ROSTER: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 29th Feb/1st March, 2020
Readings: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Psalm 50; Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
		Greeters: Sue Hetherington Tye Hetherington & Zac Sullivan		9.00 am ~ Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott Pauline Shay	Paul Milgate Kristy Coster	Warwick Manning Ben Crawford	<i>Michael & Lois McNamara</i>
Ext. Ministers Holy Communion	Matthew Ritchie Michael Shay Pauline Fingleton Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Adam Sullivan Annette Reen Gary Reen Cathy Campbell	
	Phil Chapman	Jeanie Savage	Lea Lane	
Altar Servers	<i>Liam, Benedict, Rose & Sophie Meany</i>	<i>Zayneb Hetherington Grace Wood</i>	<i>Thomas Robbins Charlotte Kennedy Clayton Pereira Fletcher Pereira</i>	
Children's Liturgy		Emma Fisher Katie Rich	<i>Maxine Cole Emily Webster</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Pat Grant, Barry Kelly, James Walsh (Jim), Mira Slavic, Neta Mirkovich (Mackay), Laurie Ianna, Roslyn Janet Evans (parent of Dianna), June Iverson, Mary Sullivan, Agnes Shovlin (Ireland)

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Bill Condon Jnr,

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: Chanice Wills, Stephen Hill, Julie Benton, Arthur Potter, Shokat Forghani & family, Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Kaia Randall, Darcy Martin, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (Aunt) Julia Paden, Rev Ray Fishwick, Glenn Campbell, Jan Kelly, Kay Harth, Maria Gorton, Peter & Reba Smidt, Asha Ousby (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

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 22nd March, 2020. Groups start 23rd February.

CONFIRMATION: 28th May, 2020. Parent Meeting: 1st April

RECONCILIATION: 2nd September, 2020. Parent Meeting: Wednesday 29th July.

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

ANOIDING 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.

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 Malab You are welcome to participate in Christian unity and friendship

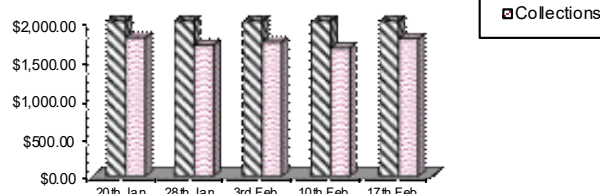
PRIVATE PURCHASE: Young Catholic family, new to Parish wish to privately purchase a home. Details Admin Office 6681 1048

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

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,170.65
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 682.35
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,773.60
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



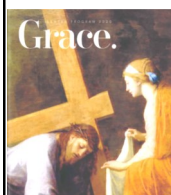
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH BALLINA - PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: If you are a new parishioner to Ballina or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, cards are available for completion in the foyer of the Church. Please complete your details and place on the collection 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



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**



LENTEN PROGRAM FOR 2020

This year the Lenten Program will focus on
'Grace'

Books are \$10.00 each and are available from the Parish Administration Office. If you are interested in being part of a Lenten group, please place your name on the clip board at the back of the church or contact the Parish Administration Office 66811048.

'CONGRATULATIONS'

John Jarzynski who will be commissioned this weekend as a **Reader & an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion** for the parish.



COFFEE CRAWL LANTERN TEA ROOM

Ballina Central Shopping Centre
44 Bangalow Road, Ballina.
Monday **24th February** at 10.00 am.

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!



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



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 !**

AMMENDED DATE: LENNOX HEAD HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING:

The first meeting for 2020 will be held on **Thursday 5th March** at 8.45 am in the Sacred Heart Room.
All Welcome

AS OUR CHILDREN PREPARE FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The first week's focus is
'Bread of Life'

We wonder how Jesus felt, seeing that the people were hungry.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Sunday 22nd March,
11.00 am

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the families of Jim Walsh and Barry Kelly who have passed away. Requiem Mass was held last Wednesday at St Patrick's Church, Wardell for Jim Walsh and Funeral Prayers for Barry Kelly will be on Monday 24th at 10.30 am

'CONGRATULATIONS'

Yvonne Doherty who will receive a Papal Award this weekend



AS GENTLE AS SILENCE: By Estelle White Used with permission ONE LICENCE #A641103

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence,
Of all that I love here on Earth.
All the beauty I see, He has given to me.
And His giving is as gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment,
Have been blessed by the strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide, He is there at my side,
And His touch is as gentle as silence.

There've been times when I've turned from His presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on His name, In the dark of my shame,

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

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD 'FEBRUARY' 2020

BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA'

THIS Sunday 23rd February
following the 7.30 am Mass.

You are most welcome.



SFX CHURCH 'CUPPA'

THIS Sunday 23rd February

after the 9.00 am Mass at SFX Church, Ballina.
Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.
Everyone is Welcome.

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. If you are able to host some volunteers from NET Ministries on these dates – please contact the parish office

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

First Reading: Lev 19:1-2,17-18*A reading from the book of Leviticus*

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy."

"You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. *(R.)*

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. *(R.)*

3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. *(R.)*

4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. *(R.)*

Second Reading: 1Cor 3:16-23*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the**Corinthians*

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God.

As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are your Servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mt 5:38-48***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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. Details Admin Office

Parish Youth Group: Saturday 6.00pm - 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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