

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.



Australia Day
Sunday (A)

26th January, 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 ~ 9.00 am
Public Holiday

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

Adoration

Friday 11.00 to 11.45 am

Feasts

St Thomas Aquinas
Tuesday

St John Bosco
Friday

Step into the light

Traveling overnight on a plane, the cabin is mostly in darkness. Looking out of the small window, not much can be seen. The flashing lights on the plane's wings are visible, but everything else is covered in darkness, including the sky, and the ground many miles below is shrouded in shadow. There's an eerie silence – the dull drone of the engines the only sounds to be heard, as the plane flies through the night sky.

There can be hundreds of passengers on the flight, and millions more people in cities far below, but because of the darkness, the plane can be a lonely place. However, dawn will eventually break, and the first rays of sunlight will penetrate the night sky. After the cabin lights are turned on, passengers in the main cabin will start to stir, and the faces of fellow travellers will come into focus. In the journey of our life and faith, there

can also be periods of darkness where we can feel alone and isolated, even though we may be surrounded by people. These feelings of loneliness and isolation can have a crippling effect on us, especially if it's for extended periods. We might sometimes wonder if, and when, the darkness will end.

But darkness, loneliness, isolation and despair are not what God intended for us or our lives. God provides light and urges us to step towards that light. "The people that

walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow, a light has shone." God calls out to us in the darkness and encourages us to walk towards the light at every moment of our lives. It is for us to listen and to have courage and faith.

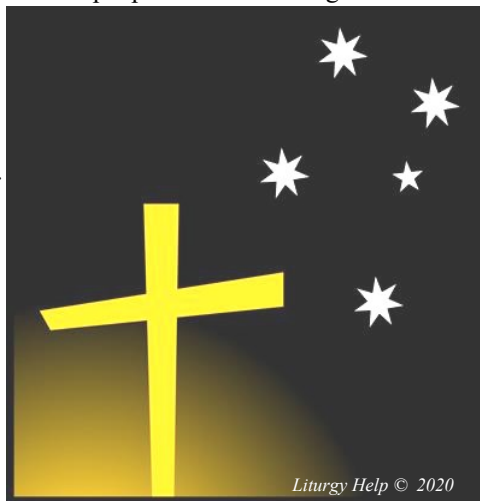
The world that we live in is a wonderful place filled with life and light. From the trees, flowers and grass, to the sound of flowing waters and the fall of rain; to the buzzing insects and chirping birds; to the

beautiful sunrises and sunsets that colour the sky. Sometimes, we just need to take a deep breath, and let that light and life begin to shine into our lives.

Do not let the darkness overtake or overwhelm you. The Good News of God's Kingdom is all around us. It's in nature; it's in the smiles of people going by; it's in the

hello or greeting of a stranger in the supermarket. Where there is life, there is God. Let us embrace the life to which God calls us. Just as the darkness during a flight passes and light returns with the dawn. So too for us. The darkness is not forever; a light has dawned. Let us take that step towards that light.

Mark Chia CSsR
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Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - **Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478**

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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: Presentation of the Lord, Year A: 1st/2nd February, 2020
Readings: Malachi 3:1-4; Psalm 23; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
		Greeters: Paul Turnbull Maria Foley		9.00 am ~ Ballina
Readers	Dave Wilson Mick Vella	Emma Fisher Mark McDonald	Sophie Sullivan Ben Crawford	
Ext. Ministers Holy Communion	Samantha Slattery Pauline Fingleton Matthew Ritchie Phil Chapman	Judith Fitzhenry	Leanne Robbins Denise Miller Cathy Andrews Cathy Campbell	<i>Maxine Cole Mary O'Brien</i>
Sacristan	Phil Chapman	Jeannie Savage	Monica Anderson	
Altar Servers	<i>Lucy Schofield Liam, Benedict, Rose & Sophie Meany</i>	<i>Tye Hetherington Grace Wood</i>	<i>Thomas Robbins Charlotte Kennedy Clayton Pereira Fletcher Pereira</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Charteris, Leone Williams, Mona Giobatti, Father Tony Casey, Greg Ellis, Margaret Bermingham, Lydia Garrone, Dea Cairns,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

Father Leo Donnelly, Jack Patch, Cammille Martin, Coralie Moreland, Sharon Lee McNiff-Parkes
AND ALSO FOR: Stan Parry, 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: Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Ailsa Patch, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Trish Warwarek, Roslyn Evans, Kaia Randall, Mary Sullivan, Garry Howard, Darcy Martin, Jim Walsh, Charlie Clements, Ted Murphy, Charlie Scotcher, (Aunt) Julia Paden, Rev Ray Fishwick, Laurie Ianna, 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, Dymrna 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)



AUSTRALIA DAY PRAYER

O God, powerful and gentle, you love this southern land and all its peoples, old and new.

As the Cross shines in our heavens so may Christ bring light to our nation.

As the waves encircle our shores so may your mercy enfold us all.

O God, the wonders of our vast and rugged land reflect your beauty, ever ancient, ever new.

May your blessings flow upon us as a stream in the desert, and may your spirit prompt us to use your gifts for the good of all.

May God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength.

May God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm.

May God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.

Amen.

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**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

BSB: 060 565 Account No 10854726
Account Name: Diocesan Investment Fund
Reference: FIRE APPEAL

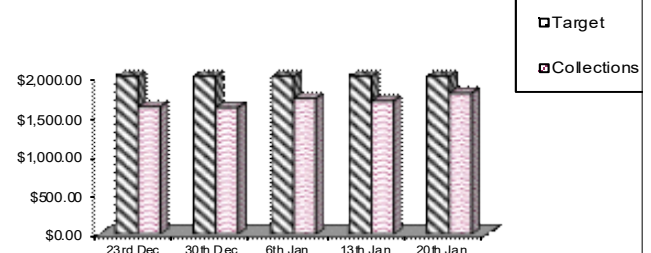
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DIF PAYS 1.40% PER ANNUM

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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,294.25
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 531.30
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,788.00
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



**AUSTRALIA DAY
PUBLIC HOLIDAY—MASS**
This Monday 27th January
9.00 AM
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

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.

SFX CHURCH 'CUPPA'
This Sunday 26th January,
after the 9.00 am Mass at SFX Church,
Ballina.
Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.
Everyone is Welcome.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH
recommences **this Saturday 1st February** at 9.00 am
St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina



OUR LADY OF FATIMA — 1st Saturday Devotions— Rosary at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head. **This Saturday 1st February** at **8.00 am**. **Everyone welcome.**



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD
'JANUARY 2020
BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA'
This Sunday 26th January following
the 7.30 am Mass.
You are most welcome.

HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, LENNOX HEAD
Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
is recited every Wednesday at 8.30 am.
You are welcome to attend.

CATECHISTS MEETING
Saint Teresa Room
Parish Administration Centre
Tuesday 4th February 10.00 am.
All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend this first meeting for 2020.
The ministry of Catechesis in our Sate Schools still requires volunteers. Please consider, you will be most welcome at our first meeting. *Morning Tea provided.*



2020 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY
22nd MARCH 2020 at 11.00 am
Parent Meeting Wednesday 19th February ~
6.00 pm ~ Upper Room
Parish Administration Centre.



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

All are welcome to participate in
Christian unity and friendship.



The Relics of St Therese of
Lisieux and her parents
SS Louis and Zelig 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 relics will arrive at the **Carmelite Monastery**
between **3.00—4.00 pm** followed by a Welcoming
Ceremony on **Saturday 15th February** and will remain
until mid morning on Sunday 16th February. They will then
proceed to St Carthage's Cathedral and remain at the
Cathedral until Monday morning **17th February.**

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.

LISMORE DIOCESAN CURSILLO
There will be an Aboriginal Lismore Diocesan Cursillo weekend to be held at the Yarrawarra Aboriginal Cultural Centre, Corindi Beach from 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.



FUNERAL DETAILS: Requiem Mass for
Joan Charteris will be held on Tuesday 28th
January at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head
commencing at 11.30 am.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Ash Wednesday 26th February 2020**
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- **Parent Meeting for First Holy Communion ~**  
**Wednesday 19th February at 6.00 pm**  
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- **First Holy Communion Sunday ~ 22nd March**
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- **Easter Sunday 12th April 2020**  
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AUSTRALIA DAY SUNDAY MASS READINGS

First Reading: Is 32:15-18

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The effect of justice will be peace.
Once more there will be poured on us
the spirit from above;
then shall the wilderness be fertile land
and fertile land become forest.
In the wilderness justice will come to live
and integrity in the fertile land;
integrity will bring peace,
justice give lasting security.
My people will live in a peaceful home,
in safe houses,
in quiet dwellings.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The Lord speaks of peace to his people.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *(R.)*
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:4-11

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

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to
the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in
different people, it is the same God who is working in
all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is
given to each person is for a good purpose. One may
have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by

the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching in-
struction given him by the same Spirit; and another the
gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the
gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power
of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of rec-
ognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another
the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of
one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts
to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.



Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 5:2-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you
and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in
heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

NATIONAL PRAYER FOR DROUGHT

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary, help of Christians— Pray for us. St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—Pray for us.



Christian Meditation Group: is held every Saturday at 9.30 am in Anawim Room.

Cenacle Marian Movement of Priests: Is in recess and will resume on Monday 10th February.

Ballina CCR is in recess until Monday 3rd February.

Prayer of the Church will recommence this Saturday 1st February.

Parish Youth Group: is in recess

Sisterhood: is in recess until Monday 3rd February.



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