

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

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**St Francis Xavier Church,
Cnr Cherry & Crane Streets,
Ballina**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street,
Lennox Head.**

The Baptism of the Lord (A)

12th 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

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#### This week's Mass times in Ballina

**Monday ~ 8.00 am**

**Tuesday ~ 5.20 pm**

**Wednesday ~ 10.00 am  
Crowley Chapel**

**Thursday 8.00 am**

**Friday ~ 12.00 noon**

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Reconciliation

Saturday 9.00 to 10.00 am
also on request

Adoration

Friday 11.00 to 11.45 am

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#### Feast

**St Anthony, abbot  
Friday**

## You are my beloved

Father Anthony had a reputation of being a 'giant' among the Redemptorists and in the Church. He was a highly respected missionary priest, preacher, confessor, teacher, author, and spiritual director.

My experience of Anthony was not as a 'giant'. I never saw him stand. I never saw him walk. I never saw him celebrate Mass. I never heard him preach. My experience of Anthony was as a beloved confrere, confined to bed battling Parkinson's disease and suffering greatly from its effects. One memory of Anthony will always remain with me. I was saying goodbye to him one day before going away for work. He said to me, *Thank you for spending time with me, otherwise I would be here shaking alone.*

Anthony was referring to the constant tremors that racked his body, particularly his hands and arms. This simple encounter with Anthony was a turning point for me; a valuable life lesson. His words really struck a chord and they roused me from my slumber. His words challenged me to be more attentive to people and their needs and to appreciate what's really important and of value in life. Anthony's powerful statement taught me that I don't have to do very much to bring a little happiness, love, joy and companionship into someone's life. I left Anthony's room that day filled with new understanding and insight; sent out to live differently and to relate to people around me with renewed purpose.



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Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River is a major turning point in his life. After decades of silent obscurity in Nazareth, Jesus is overwhelmed by an experience of being the Son of God: *"This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased"*. Through these words, Jesus profoundly experiences that he is loved and delighted in by his Father and he's never the same again. He doesn't look back. Gone are his days of plying the carpenter's trade.

Now Jesus sets out on his mission to preach, teach and heal. He generously shares with everyone, the love and intimacy he experienced at his baptism, because God says to every person: *You are my beloved son or daughter. I love you. I delight in you.*

He reveals God's love to the whole world. Jesus is also ready to challenge his contemporaries by taking the side of the poor against their oppressors;

helping people reclaim their God-given humanity and dignity. Everything Jesus says and does during his public ministry comes from his intimate communion with his Father, so clearly demonstrated at his baptism.

*You are my beloved.* Today, God says this to each one of us, with immense love and delight. May these words be a turning point in our lives that lead us closer to God and each other.

David J Hore CSsR  
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**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

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**[www.sfxballina.org.au](http://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: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 18th/19th January, 2020**  
**Readings: Isaiah 49:3,5-6 ; Psalm 39; 1 Corinthians 1:1-3; John 1:29-34**

|                                              | 6.00 pm<br>Vigil Ballina                                          | 7.30 am<br>Lennox Head                             | 9.00 am<br>Ballina                                                        | Offertory<br>Procession                |
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|                                              |                                                                   | <b>Greeters:</b> Sue Hetherington<br>Angela Beglin |                                                                           | <b>9.00 am ~ Ballina</b>               |
| <b>Readers</b>                               | Bryan Marriott<br>Dave Wilson                                     | Helen Breen<br>Paul Milgate                        | Gemma Duffy<br>David Eyles                                                | <i>Cathy Campbell<br/>Greta Conlan</i> |
| <b>Ext. Ministers<br/>Holy<br/>Communion</b> | Samantha Slattery<br>Anna Bonello<br>Helen Cooney<br>Phil Chapman | Maddie Pride                                       | Maxine Cole<br>Cathy Andrews<br>Leanne Robbins<br>Cathy Campbell          |                                        |
| <b>Sacristan</b>                             | Phil Chapman                                                      | Jeannie Savage                                     | Lea Lane                                                                  |                                        |
| <b>Altar Servers</b>                         | <i>Ari Slattery<br/>Ruby Slattery<br/>Zali Raudonikis</i>         | <i>Tye Hetherington<br/>Sophia Agnew</i>           | <i>Sophie Sullivan<br/>Clare Lynch<br/>Anthony Coutinho<br/>Evie Hyde</i> |                                        |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Leonie Williams, Mona Giobatti, Father Anthony (Tony) Casey, Greg Ellis, Margaret Birmingham, Lydia Garrone, Dea Cairns (*Canberra*), Peter Scroope, Sr Mary Britt OP, Glenice Garrity, Kath Cavanagh, Ron Osborn, **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

**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:** Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Ailsa Patch, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Trish Warwarek, Roslyn Evans, Kaia Randall, Mary Sullivan, Garry Howard, Joan Charteris, 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*)

**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.

**NEW PARISHIONER?** If you are a new parishioner of St Francis Xavier Parish, ***we welcome you to our community.*** Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR PARISH IN 2020**

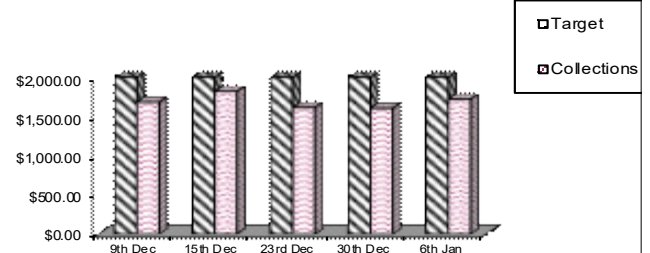
If you would like to help out as a **catechist** in our state schools, or be a member of the happy team at the **Hot Meal Centre**, or have your name added to the roster for **parish morning teas** or maybe **St Vincent de Paul Centre**, please contact the Parish Office on 6681 1048.

**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**

|                                                                                                                        |                                       |             |
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| <b>First Collection</b>                                                                                                | <i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i> | \$ 1,444.50 |
| <b>Second Collection</b><br><i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i> | Loose Plate                           | \$ 710.25   |
|                                                                                                                        | Planned Giving Envelopes Collected    | \$ 1,720.70 |
| 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



**'THANK YOU'**

*Hannah, Carmen and Nelson  
Stock who have alter served in  
our parish over many years.*



## CATECHISTS MATTER Volunteers NEEDED

Can you spare 30 minutes a week to help sow the seeds of **FAITH, HOPE** and **LOVE** in **GOD** into the hearts of the children in our local State Schools?

The Church needs more Catechists and Helpers to assist the faith development of children in the State schools in our parish family. For more information on becoming a Catechist contact the Parish Office 6681 1048.

**Please give some thought to this important invitation. You will be supplied with resources and be part of a very enthusiastic and vibrant team.**

## SFX CHURCH 'CUPPA'

**Sunday 26th January,**  
after the 9.00 am Mass at SFX Church,  
Ballina.

*Helpers on the day would be greatly appreciated.  
Everyone is Welcome.*



## HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD

**'JANUARY 2020**

### BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA'

Sunday 26th January following the 7.30 am Mass.  
**You are most welcome.**



## HOT MEAL CETRE

**will reopen this Tuesday 14th January**



**The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Saints Louis and Zelig Martin will be in the Diocese from Saturday 15th to Wednesday 19th February 2020.**

Tuesday 1st October 2019, the feast of St Thérèse 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 prayerful precursor to the historic convening of Plenary Council 2020. The relics will visit the following churches and the Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah.

- **Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah**  
**Arrive: 15th February at 4.00 pm**  
**Depart: 16th February at 12.00 noon**
- **St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore**  
**Arrive: 16th February at 12.30 pm**  
**Depart: 17th February at 11.00 am**
- **St Mary's Church, Casino**  
**Arrive: 17th February at 11.45 am**  
**Depart: 17th February at 8.00 pm**

Invocare and its funeral brands will kindly provide transport and secure storage of the relics throughout the National Pilgrimage.



**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Leonie Williams** who has passed away. A Prayer Service will be held at St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina on Thursday 16th January at 11.00 am.



## ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

**'A Big Thank You'**

On behalf of all the members and volunteers of St Vincent de Paul we would like to thank our community at Ballina and Lennox Head for their most generous assistance with the Christmas appeal. This year has been very challenging for our community who are in need and many who outside our community have been affected by drought and fire. This has brought many challenges to Vinnies, in our endeavour to provide assistance. It is overwhelming and humbling that our community have been outstanding in assisting Vinnies with the Christmas appeal. This year's donation has been **\$5,207.40** and we have provided assistance to **240** families. Please be assured that your generosity has made it a brighter Christmas for many people in our community.

We would also like to add our thanks to Holy Family and SFX Primary Schools for the wonderful hampers which they provided.

Please accept our most sincere thanks.

David Derrick, *President*



## 'CONGRATULATIONS'

*on your*  
**Golden Wedding Anniversary**  
**Tony and Una Smith**  
Married at Our Lady Help  
of Christians, South Lismore  
10th January, 1970.



**Love and Best Wishes from all the Parish.**



**FR. TONY CASEY RIP:** Fr. Tony Casey, who had been a priest of the Lismore Diocese for 65 years, died on 8th January at the age of 90. Fr Tony moved to Crowley Village, approximately 6 years ago. Fr.

Tony's funeral will take place at St. Augustine's Church, Coffs Harbour on Thursday 16th January at 10.30am.

**May he rest in peace.**

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to Therese and Jim Walsh and their family on the passing of Fr Tony, brother of Therese.



**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Greg Ellis** who has passed away.

A Requiem Mass will be held at St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina on Friday 17th January at 9.30 am.



**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Margaret Bermingham** who has passed away, her Funeral Service has taken place.



**First Reading:** Is 42:1-4,6-7  
*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord:  
Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
my chosen one in whom my soul delights.  
I have endowed him with my spirit  
that he may bring true justice to the nations.  
He does not cry out or shout aloud,  
or make his voice heard in the streets.  
He does not break the crushed reed,  
nor quench the wavering flame.  
Faithfully he brings true justice;  
he will neither waver, nor be crushed  
until true justice is established on earth,  
for the islands are awaiting his law.  
I, the Lord, have called you to serve the cause of right;  
I have taken you by the hand and formed you;  
I have appointed you as covenant of the people and  
light of the nations,  
to open the eyes of the blind,  
to free captives from prison,  
and those who live in darkness from the  
dungeon.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

*(R.) The Lord will bless his people with peace.*

1. O give the Lord you sons of God,  
give the Lord glory and power;  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Adore the Lord in his holy court. *(R.)*

2. The Lord's voice resounding on the waters,  
the Lord on the immensity of waters;  
the voice of the Lord, full of power,  
the voice of the Lord, full of splendour. *(R.)*

3. The God of glory thunders.  
In his temple they all cry: 'Glory!'  
The Lord sat enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits as king for ever. *(R.)*

**Second Reading:** Acts 10:34-38  
*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.

It is true, God sent his word to the people of Israel, and it was to them that the good news of peace was brought by Jesus Christ – but Jesus Christ is Lord of all men. You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

The heavens were opened and the Father's voice was heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

***Alleluia!***

**Gospel:** Mt 3:13-17  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptised by John. John tried to dissuade him. 'It is I who need baptism from you,' he said 'and yet you come to me!' But Jesus replied, 'Leave it like this for the time being; it is fitting that we should, in this way, do all that righteousness demands.'  
At this, John gave in to him.

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** is in recess until Saturday 1st February.

**Parish Youth Group:** is in recess

**Sisterhood:** is in recess until Monday 3rd February.



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