

# 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.**

**Palm Sunday  
(C)**

**10th April, 2022**



**'WELCOME'**

### **Weekend Mass Times Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday — 9.00 am**  
**Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head**  
**Holy Family Church**  
**Easter Sunday—7.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES  
FOR HOLY WEEK:**  
**at St Francis Xavier Church**  
**TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY**  
**ONLY**  
**12.00 noon**

**RECONCILIATION**  
**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina**  
**St Francis Xavier Church**

## Mercy and compassion above all

Soon after a refugee family moved into their new home, they became victims of racial abuse. One morning, as Fariza left the house to walk her two young children to school, they were confronted by a rowdy mob waving placards, shouting obscenities, and smearing the house and front fence with hate-filled graffiti.

The encounter sent a wave of fear and panic through Fariza. Her frightened and confused children didn't understand what was happening. After all, this was supposed to be a new start for the family, free of the violence and mayhem from which they had fled.

As news of the despicable racial crime spread, the local community rallied in support of Fariza and her family. An elderly couple from the down the street arrived carrying paint, brushes and buckets and offered to remove the graffiti. Soapy water, sandpaper and paint soon obliterated the offensive words and images and a new friendship developed.

Throughout the day, a steady stream of concerned well-wishers and neighbours came by. One family brought food. A young couple gifted flowers and pot-plants. Teachers from the school arrived with toys for the children. Civic, police and faith leaders visited, offering support and assistance.

Fariza said, "The day ended so differently from the way it began." The community's bold and compassionate response, broke the power of hatred and evil. The locals took an ugly situation and made it beautiful. They transformed a situation of bigotry and exclusion into one of love and welcome.

The story of Jesus' Passion also ends very differently from the way it begins. As Jesus enters Jerusalem, there is praise and excitement as the people wave their branches and proclaim their blessings. But, it's not very long till praise turns to blood-thirsty shouts of "Crucify him!" Jesus is betrayed and deserted by many, even by some of his closest followers. He's treated like a common criminal; mocked, beaten and murdered on a cross.



Yet, God takes an ugly, hopeless situation and transforms it. Jesus' Passion and death become the revelation of God's unconditional faithfulness, compassion and love. Jesus, the Suffering Servant, who is utterly faithful to God's purpose for him, resists and breaks through evil and reveals a God of intimacy and relationship, forever bonded to humanity by a new and everlasting covenant in Jesus.

Jesus' suffering and death for our sake changes and transforms. Our lives are not to be surrendered to the power and domination of 'today's rowdy mobs'. Rather, the 'good news' is that life is to be lived to the full, in communion with the Risen Christ, in the service of others, forever seeking to make a difference and transform society into a reflection of God's Kingdom.

Passion/Palm Sunday spurs us to action, for we glimpse the victory of love and life over hatred and death. Evil, injustice, violence and death don't have the last word. For the way things begin is not the way they will end.

David J Hore CSsR  
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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

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Bianca McInnes **Email:** beemcinnnes@gmail.com

**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:** Peter Meehan, Rose Mulgrew (*Ireland*), Alan Ayton, Maureen Sullivan, Yvonne Tagget, Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Robert (Bob) Townsend, Mary Jack, John Condon, Nancy Grant,

**AND ALSO FOR:** Michael & Margaret Kovacs, Kath & Kevin Hankinson, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, 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:** Leila Aitken (Sydney), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Anna, Kerry Jones, 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, John Heaton, Dymrna 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 Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa

## 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.

**CONFIRMATION:** 9th June, 2022

**RECONCILIATION:** TBA

**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.

**FUNREALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

**HOSPITAL:** If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

### PLACES OF WORSHIP ~ KEEPING US SAFE.

- Hand sanitiser is provided at entrances to our Churches
- Masks are not mandatory, but encouraged in our churches
- Receival of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing is allowed
- Social distancing not mandatory
- Density limits are not mandatory
- If unwell please stay home until you feel well again.

**Thank you.**

### THE DIOCESE OF LISMORE 2022 FLOOD APPEAL

**The Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore offers his message of comfort, support and hope to the people of Northern NSW.**

The Diocese of Lismore has launched its 2022 Flood Appeal. To donate in Australia, please transfer funds to the account: BSB: **037-889** Account No: **1061 5829**

Account Name: **DOL Flood Appeal**

To donate from other countries please use this [PayPal link](#).

This link can also be used within Australia.

Unfortunately this appeal is not tax deductible.

If you are having trouble donating, please email: [appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:appeals@lismore.catholic.org.au).



**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.

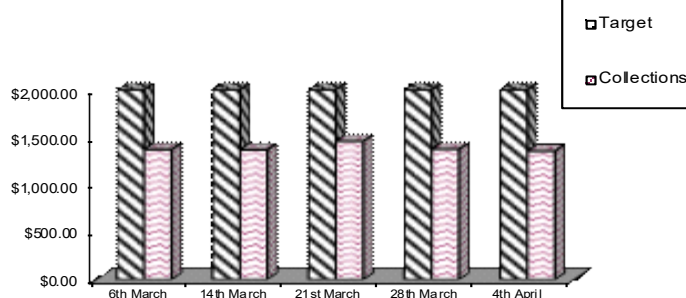
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

### 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	\$ 588.70
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 239.35
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,352.00
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.

## CHRISM MASS 2022

**St Augustine's Church ~ Coffs Harbour**  
**This Monday 11th April at 7.00 pm**

## THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

**HOLY THURSDAY ~ MASS**

**6.00 pm ~ Ballina**

**GOOD FRIDAY ~ LITURGY**

**3.00 pm ~ Lennox Head**

**3.00 pm ~ Ballina**

**HOLY SATURDAY ~ VIGIL**

**6.00 pm ~ Ballina**

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**EASTER SUNDAY MASSES**

**7.30 am ~ Lennox Head**

**9.00 am ~ Ballina**

**11.00 am ~ Ballina**



**For your Calendar.**  
**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**24th April 2022**

**Holy Family Church, Lennox Head.**

**2.00 pm to 3.30 pm**

We are encouraged to pray privately the Novena of Divine Mercy that commences on Good Friday until Divine Mercy Sunday.

Novena Prayer Leaflets are available at the doors of our Churches.

For further information please phone Marie on 0409 887 677 or the Parish Office on 6681 1048

## HAIL REDEEMER KING DIVINE

**1.**

Hail Redeemer, King  
Divine,  
Priest and Lamb the  
throne is thine  
King whose reign shall  
never cease  
Prince of everlasting  
peace. **R/**

**Refrain:**

*Angels, saints and  
nations sing,  
Praised be Jesus Christ  
our King  
Lord of life, earth,  
sky and sea,  
King of Love  
on Calvary.*

**2.**

King most holy, King of truth,  
guide the wayward, guide the youth:  
Christ our King of glory bright,  
be to us eternal light. **R/**

## HOLY LAND COLLECTION—GOOD FRIDAY



The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday. Monies will be used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus as well as welfare assistance to local Christians. Please remember the Christians of the

Holy Land on Good Friday.

If you wish you can do **Electronic Transfer:**

**Commonwealth Bank, Waverley NSW— A/c Name:**

**Holy Land Commissariat - BSB 062 267 -**

**Account No 10014847 - Your Ref Diocese, Town, and Parish.**

Then email [admin@franciscans.org.au](mailto:admin@franciscans.org.au) the details of your electronic transfer. Thank you.



## 6th SUNDAY OF LENT

**Holy Week**

**'Let justice flow like water,  
and integrity like an unfail-**

**ing stream'. Amos 5:24**



Every day, more than 200 million children miss out on school, around 690 million people go hungry and 2.2 billion people cannot access clean drinking water. In recent years, COVID-19 has also devastated vulnerable communities already living in poverty, with the health and economic impacts to reverberate for years to come.

It's through the generous support of people like you, even amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, that we are able to continue to help lift vulnerable communities out of poverty – support that is needed now more than ever. Thousands of schools and Parishes in Australia have supported Project Compassion over the past year alone.

**Thank you** for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations.**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish Church, or by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



Aid to the  
Church in Need  
ACN AUSTRALIA

## EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

**ACN AUSTRALIA** has launched an emergency appeal to support the Catholic Church in Ukraine.

Please donate to help ease the burden that the people of Ukraine are shouldering at this time. Please pray for peace and protection for this country and its people. Prayer cards and donation forms are at the entrances to our Churches.

## ROSTER : TRIDUUM AND EASTER SUNDAY 2022

Holy Thursday 6.00 pm	Good Friday 3.00 pm	Holy Saturday 6.00 pm Vigil	Easter Sunday 9.00 am	Easter Sunday 11.00 am
<b>Reader:</b> Nicole Sullivan	<b>Readers:</b> Richard Goss <b>The Passion of Our Lord</b> Maxine Cole Narrator Leanne Robbins Crowd/other Jesus—Priest	<b>Readers:</b> Trish Bazar Pauline Fingleton Maurice Gahan Maxine Cole Epistle	<b>Reader:</b> Richard Goss	<b>Reader:</b> Warwick Manning
<b>EOMHC</b> Trish Bazar	<b>EOMHC</b> Denise Miller	<b>EOMHC</b> Phil Chapman	<b>EOMHC</b> Adam Sullivan	



**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7***A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech.

Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.  
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.  
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;  
let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

2. Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.  
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.  
I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

3. They divide my clothing among them.  
They cast lots for my robe.  
O Lord, do not leave me alone,  
my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

4. I will tell of your name to my brethren  
and praise you where they are assembled.  
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;  
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.  
Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Phil 2:6-11;***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross.

But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!**

**Gospel: Luke 22:14—23:56***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke**The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ*

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**PRAYER FOR UKRAINE**

O Lord our God, look down with mercy on the Ukrainian people. Protect and save them from the unjust aggressors who seek to subdue them. Grant them steadfast trust in your mercy and protection.

O Mother of God, who gave us your miraculous icon at Zarvanytsia, intercede for the Ukrainian people, who run to the shelter of your mercy in their times of need.

O Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Grant peace and protection to the people of Ukraine. Give them strength and courage to defend what is good, right, and holy. Keep them safe from harm and provide for all their needs, both temporal and spiritual.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and deliver us from distress, for You are merciful and compassionate and love mankind. To You we give glory: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.

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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**
- **By completing a form that allows your bank to deduct your gift from your account into the account of the Parish, available from the Parish Office or, place your envelopes in the baskets provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience. Thank you.**



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