

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 Presentation of the Lord (A)

2nd 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

**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 Agatha
Wednesday**

**St Paul Miki
and companions
Thursday**

The need to belong

I once baptised three adults at an Easter Vigil. They had a sense of joy and awe during the Easter celebration, especially during their baptism. At the end of Mass, the happy trio said they felt liked they "belonged".

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus. The circumcision of Jesus marked his acceptance into the covenant community. This feast tells us that God belongs to our human community. God is incarnate within a family and in a social context. The Son of God enters into the ordinary experiences of human life, even being subjected to the law, in order to bring about the salvation of all.

Luke tells us how Jesus is presented in the temple, as was required by the law of circumcision and purification, obligatory for Jewish firstborn males. This religious practice is written in the book of Exodus of how the Lord spared the life of the Israelite firstborn when he slew the firstborn of the Egyptians. The original idea was that the firstborn male belonged to the Lord and would spend his life serving the Lord.

There were two Jewish customs behind the story. There were two different Jewish customs. One was about the purification of a Jewish mother after childbirth. The other was about the 'redemption' of the firstborn male in a Jewish family. The actions taken by Joseph and Mary fulfil what the law

prescribes regarding circumcision of the child and purification of the mother. God comes to humanity to be under the law like everyone else.

The prophet Simeon, inspired by the Spirit, praises God for what is revealed. He has now seen the coming of the one who will bring salvation for all peoples. He praises God for the deliverance of Israel that is now fulfilled. God is at work in the world.

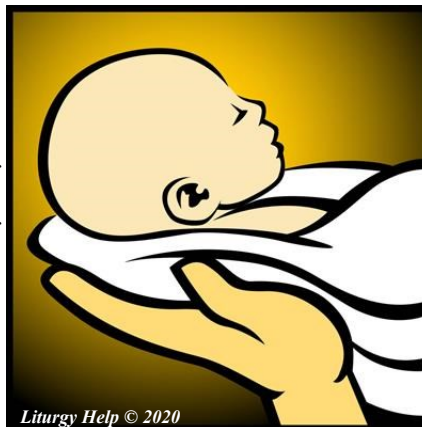
Jesus' presentation therefore, signifies God's entrance into His temple to be present to his people.

For those who are searching for God, the challenge is to find the presence of God in the ordinary world. Sometimes, the pressures of secularism and modern life can reduce our sense of God's presence in the here and now. Busy schedules,

dual-career marriages, and after-school activities can weigh us down, and sensing God's presence in everyday events is difficult. Families eat fewer meals together and prayer before meals is observed in far fewer homes today.

Today's feast reminds us of what the Holy Family did to express their deepest awareness of God and their dedication to God's will. Mary and Joseph saw God at work in events they had experienced. May we always recognise the presence of God in our daily commitments.

Anthony Tran CSsR
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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

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ROSTER: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 8th/9th February, 2020
Readings: Isaiah 58:7-10; Psalm 111; Corinthians 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
		Greeters: Tye Hetherington, Zac Sullivan, Genevieve Starr		9.00 am ~ Ballina
Readers	Sr Kathryn Dan Gubby	Michelle Sullivan David Sullivan	Nicole Sullivan Margaret Tay	Warwick Manning Leon Weston
Ext. Ministers Holy Communion	Tamara Gubby Hamish Valentine Trish Bazar Phil Chapman	Sue Hetherington	Mary Steenson Gary Reen Annette Reen Cathy Campbell	
Sacristan	Phil Chapman	Marie Sullivan	Monica Anderson	
Altar Servers	Ari Slattery Ruby Slattery Zali Raudonikis	Zayneb Hetherington Annabella Clarke	Elijah Tay Bayden Tay Riley Rampling Noah Ramping	
Children's Liturgy		Jo Scotcher Rebecca Kennedy	Cathy Marangon Maxine Cole	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mary Sullivan (*sister of Kevin Reynolds*), Joan Charteris, Leone Williams, Mona Giobatti, Father Tony Casey, Greg Ellis, Margaret Bermingham, Lydia Garrone, Dea Cairns,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT

THIS TIME: Glorie Kelly, Michael Boland, Brian Harris, Tom Crowley, Angela Crowley, Dean R. Redford,
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: Shokat Forghani &

family, Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Ailsa Patch, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Trish Warwarek, Roslyn Evans, Kaia Randall, Garry Howard, Darcy Martin, Jim Walsh, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (*Aunty*) 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.*

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.

**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

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Account Name: Diocesan Investment Fund

Reference: FIRE APPEAL

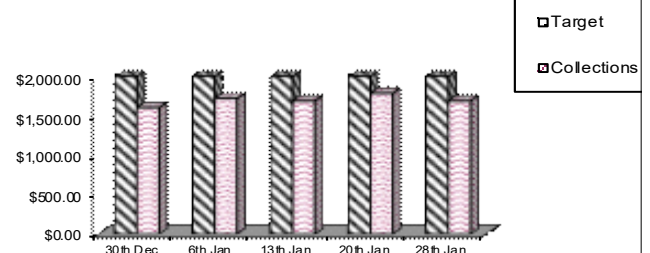
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BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, **L J Hooker** 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,403.10
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 755.25
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,688.35
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



BAPTISM: This week the parish warmly welcomes **Declan John and Freya Claire Lovell** children of Benjamin and Melissa; **Leo Porfiri** son of Roberto and Linda; and **Sloane Murphy Proudman** daughter of Daniel and Angela. We look forward to seeing the newly baptised and their families worshipping with us each weekend.



CATECHISTS MEETING

Saint Teresa Room
Parish Administration Centre

This 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 State Schools still requires volunteers. Please consider, you will be most welcome at our first meeting. *Morning Tea provided.*

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**
- First Holy Communion Sunday ~ **22nd March**
- Men's Breakfast with the Bishop  
**Tuesday 10th March** (further details to follow)  
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- Easter Sunday **12th April 2020**
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- Women's Breakfast with the Bishop  
**Tuesday 15th Sept** (further details to follow)



**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 Na-**

## tional 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.

**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.

## 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.**



## LISMORE DIOCESAN CURSILLO

There will be an Aboriginal Lismore Diocesan Cursillo weekend to be held at the Yarrowarra 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.

## THE BEATITUDES

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| 1.<br>Blessed are the poor in spirit<br>for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,<br>Blessed are the gentle<br>For they shall possess the land. | 2.<br>Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice.<br>Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake. |
| 3.<br>Blessed are they that mourn<br>for they shall be comforted,<br>blessed are the clean of heart<br>for they shall see God.             | 4.<br>Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,<br>and speak all evil against you<br>untruly for my sake.         |
| 5.<br>Blessed are the merciful<br>for mercy they will find,<br>blessed are the peace-makers<br>for they shall be called God's children.    |                                                                                                                        |

## 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.

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



**First Reading:** Mal 3:1-4*A reading from the prophet Malachi*

The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:***(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

1. O gates, lift up your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! *(R.)*
2. Who is the king of glory?  
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,  
the Lord, the valiant in war. *(R.)*
3. O gates, lift high your heads;  
grow higher, ancient doors.  
Let him enter, the king of glory! *(R.)*
4. Who is he, the king of glory?  
He, the Lord of armies,  
he is the king of glory. *(R.)*

**Second Reading:** Heb 2:14-18*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to

himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:*****Alleluia, alleluia!***

This is the light of revelation to the nations,  
and the glory of your people Israel.

***Alleluia!*****Gospel:** Lk 2:22-32*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace,  
just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation  
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans  
and the glory of your people Israel.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**NATIONAL PRAYER FOR THE END OF THE 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 Intercession** from 10.45 to 11.45 am in the Anawim Room. **Prayer Meeting:** Mondays 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room

**Prayer of the Church:** every Saturday 9.00 am SFX Ballina

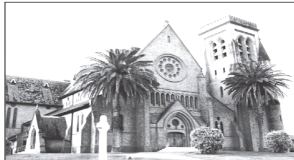
**Parish Youth Group:** is in recess

**Sisterhood:** will resume this Monday 3rd February 10.00 am Mother Teresa Room, Parish Admin Centre.

**Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy:** is held every n Wednesday 8.30 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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