

# 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.**

**5th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time C**

**6th February, 2022**

**QR check-in is  
mandatory and the  
wearing of a mask**

**'ALL WELCOME'**

**Weekend Mass Times  
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church  
184 people per Mass  
Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm  
Sunday — 9.00 am  
Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head**

**Holy Family Church  
70 people per Mass**

**Saturday Vigil—5.00pm  
Sunday—7.30 am**

**PLEASE QR IN UPON ARRIVAL**

**Manual registration is also  
provided.**

**WEEKDAY MASS:**

**at St Francis Xavier Church  
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY  
12.00 noon**

**Register with NSW QR codes or  
manual registration sheets.**

**RECONCILIATION**

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

## Preaching as we walk

According to the book, *Life of Francis Assisi*, Francis once invited a young monk to join him on a trip to town to preach. Honoured to receive the invitation, the monk readily accepted. All day long he and Francis walked through the streets, byways, and alleys. They rubbed shoulders with hundreds of people.

At day's end, the two went home. Not once had Francis addressed a crowd, nor had he talked to anyone about the gospel. Disappointed, his young companion said, "I thought we were going into town to preach."

Francis responded, "My son, we have preached. We were preaching while we were walking. We were seen by many, and our behaviour was watched. It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach everywhere as we walk!"

We too are called to bear witness to Christ through our lives. Rarely will it mean explicitly explaining why we believe, although there may be such opportunities, our primary witness will be through the example of our lives and our prayer for others. However, we can learn from the example of those great figures who have given witness in trying circumstances.

The prophet Isaiah told the Lord that he was not up to the task, but God empowered him, and he became a messenger to the people of Israel despite his feeling of inadequacy. His mission was to call people to renew their relationship with God. It was not an easy mission and he experienced opposition and rejection, but he also gave the people hope at a time

when their nation was crumbling under the assault of the Assyrians in the eighth century BCE.

Saul the persecutor, becomes Paul the preacher and missionary. He writes to the Corinthian community telling them again the story of Jesus who lived and died for the forgiveness of our sins who has been raised to new life. This Jesus appears to the apostles and disciples and gives them the strength to bear witness just as Paul has been doing since his conversion.

Our gospel tells the familiar story of Jesus teaching the crowd from the boat of Peter. When he had finished teaching, he invites the weary fishermen to put out into deep water where they catch an enormous number of fish and Jesus invites them to spend their lives not in catching fish but in reaching out to people with the message of the Good News.

Jesus, the Apostles, and Paul, all bear witness by word and deed. Isaiah, a reluctant prophet, also bears witness of God's message to the people of Israel. Although there may be occasions when we share with others our story and our reasons for belief, it will be the witness of our lives that speaks more eloquently and consistently to our family friends and acquaintances.

A quotation often attributed to St Francis reminds us: "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words."



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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

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:** Thea Berrell, Joan Woolbank, Marie Rogers,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Michael Daley, Sharon-Lee McNiff Parkes,  
 Laurie Ianna, Roslyn Evans, Dean Russell Redford

**AND ALSO FOR:** Sr Agnes Mary Flood (LCM), Stan Parry, Beatrice Flood, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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:** Kerry Jones, Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, 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, June Ianna, John Heaton, Dympna 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 Kolbach, Samantha Anderson, Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care. (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise the parish office if you wish names to remain or be removed if good health as been restored.)

## 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.

Under the current restrictions of 2 square metres people to sit in pews marked with X. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

**CONFIRMATION:** TBA      **RECONCILIATION:** 22nd March, 2022.      **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.

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

Our Parish Churches are both registered Covid-19 Safe places of worship.

### NSW GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP.

- Covid-19 check-in is mandatory for places of worship.
- Manual registration is available, place your name and contact on sheet provided
- Please wear a mask while indoors
- Receival of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing by choir only
- 2sq metre density limit while seated—Social distancing of 1.5m when standing where possible and practical
- If unwell please stay home until you test negative, and feel well again.



*Any amended public health orders that come into place will be followed.*

**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.

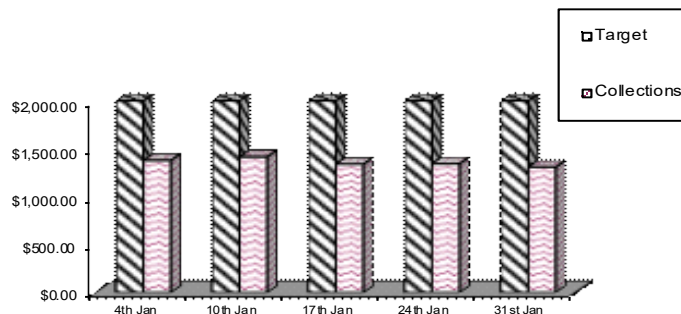
**Father Peter and Father Anselm**

### 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>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 497.35
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 196.85
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,307.00
<b>Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target</b>		<b>\$2,009.00</b>



#### 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.



## PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM for 2022

Theme: 'REMEMBER'

When : Tuesday mornings in Lent  
Time to be advised.

Where : Upper Room, Parish Admin Centre.

Registrations: Please phone or email the Parish Admin Centre 6681 1048

Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)

All welcome to register for this combined parish gathering to prepare for Easter.

## QUOTES FROM SR JOAN CHITTISER

'Just when summer gets perfect-fresh nights, soft sun, casual breezes, crushingly full and quietly cooling trees, empty beaches, and free weekends- it ends. Life is like that too. Just when we get it right, it starts to change. The job gets easy and we know just how to do it, and they tell us we're retired. The children grow up and get reasonable and they leave home, just when it's nice to have them around. . . . That's life on the edge of autumn. And that's beautiful-if we have the humility for it'

'We talk religion in a world that worships the bread but does not distribute it, that practices ritual rather than righteousness, that confesses but does not repent'

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**Reflection:** Today we consider the call to continue the mission of Jesus by engaging in some form of ministry. The first and the last readings are call narratives; the epistle contains a statement of the faith that undergirds our response to our call; the psalm response celebrates the gracious goodness of God that makes all of this possible.

Our call is more than a summons to faith; it is a call to ministry. Isaiah is called in order to be sent; the fishermen are called in order to gather others to Jesus. So it is with us. We are called to be sent out to the world. This call comes to us in the ordinariness of life. It will usually come to us as we wash our nets or our dishes, as we teach or raise children, as we prepare a brief for trial or examine a patient; as we repair cars or work at the computer. The call of God comes to us in the ordinariness of life.

We are called to proclaim the message of the resurrection by any and every means possible. Some, like Isaiah and the disciples of Jesus, will witness in open and dramatic ways. They will teach and preach; they will nurse the sick and care for the elderly. Others will witness in less conspicuous ways. They will insist on fair practices in their own workplaces; they will weed out expressions of prejudice and violence so that a new and just world can be fashioned for themselves and for their children. Called in the ordinariness of their lives, they will witness to the death and resurrection in that very ordinariness, thus transforming everything into extraordinariness.

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Liturgy Help



**Christian Meditation Group:** Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday

**Sisterhood:** is in recess

**Parish Youth Group:** is in recess

**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, Admin Centre

**Prayer of the Church and Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

**Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head:** 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

*Welcome to our prayer gatherings.*



## The 2023 XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops

### Introduction to the Synod

### The Preparatory Document (from the Vatican)

Our Bishop, Greg Homeming OCD, has asked parishioners throughout the Diocese to pray and reflect on and discuss the three themes for this Assembly, specifically in relation to the Lismore Diocese.

**Theme 1 – Communion.**

**Theme 2 – Participation.**

**Theme 3 – Mission.**

Individuals and or groups can make submissions. For information regarding submissions please contact Tony Worner at St Agnes Parish, Port Macquarie by Sunday 27th February [tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au](mailto:tony.worner@stagnesparish.org.au)



Aid to the Church in Need

### A message from Aid to the Church in Need Australia

ACN AUSTRALIA Each month ACN highlights a project of the month that helps support projects in need of your support. This month could you help the church in Ethiopia to build permanent churches that will support the Catholic faithful in Ethiopia to live their faith and receive the Sacraments? To learn more visit [www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject](http://www.aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject)



### CATECHISTS MATTER

**Volunteers NEEDED for 2022**

**An invitation to consider and reflect upon if you are able help in this rewarding mission.**

For more information on becoming a Catechist contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or Peter Bowen Parish Catechist Co-ordinator phn 0421 518 371

### The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

### TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process.

All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or email: [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**Quote:** 'I do not promise you happiness in this world but in the next'. Our Lady of Lourdes to Saint Bernadette.



## First Reading: Is 6:1-8

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,

for I am a man of unclean lips

and I live among a people of unclean lips,

and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,

your sin is taken away,

your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the Lord's ways;

'How great is the glory of the Lord!' **(R.)**

4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

## Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:3-8,11

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

In the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. But what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Lk : 5:1-11

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke*

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



**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**



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