

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting a traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina

Holy Family Church, Lennox Head

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

30th June, 2019

St Thomas, apostle
Wednesday

WEEKEND'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:16, 19-21;
Galatians 5:1, 13-18;
Luke 9:51-62

PSALM RESPONSE

*You are my inheritance,
O, Lord.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening, you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

The need to just do it

I have a friend who recently turned 70. At her birthday party, she told her gathered friends and family something of the values and principles that had governed her life. One of these principles was a constant exhortation, a motto she would recite when she was forced to negotiate with the many challenges that life presented. It was a motto that she shared with a well-known athletic shoe company – Just Do It!

Whenever my friend was confronted by a distasteful task at work or an unavoidable confrontation with a co-worker, she would tell herself “Just do it!” and face the problem. When serious ill health visited her in her fifties, she faced the ordeal of invasive treatment with the same invocation, “Just do it!” And even when family decided to plan a big 70th birthday, she related to us that, despite her misgivings, she embraced the occasion by telling herself “Just do it!”

In today's gospel, Luke tells us that Jesus at an important turning point in his ministry “resolutely took the road to Jerusalem” or as the original Greek has it, “[Jesus] set his face for Jerusalem” (Luke 9:51).

We cannot know how much Jesus knew of his coming mission in Jerusalem; what his expectations were; or what he thought might be the outcome. Did Jesus suspect what we know, that his mission in Jerusalem would end in his arrest, trial and death? The story that Luke tells about Jesus up until this point is one that is characterised by conflict and confrontation. Jesus must have known that taking his revolutionary message to the heart of the Jewish nation and the site of the Roman Imperial headquarters, would only escalate the controversy surrounding him. But he was resolved to “Just do it!”

Luke hints that Jesus' final, fateful journey to Jerusalem will not ultimately end in defeat, but rather in Jesus being “taken up” into heaven and exalted. Jesus' “path to life” would lead

down into the very depths of despair and even death. This is the paradox that lies at the heart of human existence. Often, we are the victim of circumstances beyond our control. There is a certain fateful inevitability to events that befall us in our everyday lives and test our resolve.

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Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

ROSTER: 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C: 6th/7th July, 2019
Readings: Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 65; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
Readers	Matthew Ritchie Narelle Dewhurst	Sue Hetherington Paul Milgate	Mark Biddle Maxine Cole	9.00 am ~ Ballina <i>Cathy Campbell</i> <i>Leon Weston</i>
Ext. Ministers Holy Communion	Michael Vella Anna Bonello Trish Bazar Phil Chapman	Julian White	Leanne Robbins Gary Reen Annette Reen Cathy Campbell	
Sacristan	Phil Chapman	Jeanie Savage	Monica Anderson	
Altar Servers	<i>Allira Bateman</i> <i>Grace Quinn</i>	<i>Tye Hetherington,</i> <i>Maya Grimwood</i>	<i>Sophie, Bailey & Christian</i> <i>Sullivan</i> <i>Clare Lynch</i> <i>Anthony Coutinho</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Kathleen Philp, Sr Anne Derwin rsj, Tania Pieters, Richard Nagle, Joe Paolino, Doug Hyslop, William Mertz, Harry Bahr, Margaret Clifford, Bill Woodward, Len Allison, Moya Woodlake Bernard Minogue, Annette Mison,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Margaret Grant, Anne Moreland,

AND ALSO FOR: *Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Thama Walker, Kathleen Kelly, Cath Waddell, James & Mary Rogers, C & S Hosie, 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 SERIOUSLY ILL: Rita Williamson, Jan Kelly, Kay Harth, Maria Gorton, Reba Smidt, Greg Kerr, Gloria Greguric, Asha Ousby (*17 months*), Daphne Sweeney, Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, Elva Kidd, Betty Albertini, Hilda Carter, John O'Loughlin, Rosemary Russell, Rose Norris, John Moreland, Bill Duffy, Dymrna Sheehy, Paul Rix, Margaret Bermingham, Virginia Paden, Greg Shore, Margaret Pyne, John McNamara, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Noleen Gillies, Mal Gillies, Cecelia Waldron, Helen Johnston, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Moore, Smith, McCowan-Dann, Webber Families, Layton family, Max Crosswell, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Len Rix, 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,*

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: TBA

RECONCILIATION: *Wednesday 28th August, 2019. Parent Meeting Wednesday 31st July*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: *22nd March, 2020. Parent Meeting 19th February. Groups start 23rd February.*

WEDDINGS: by 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.

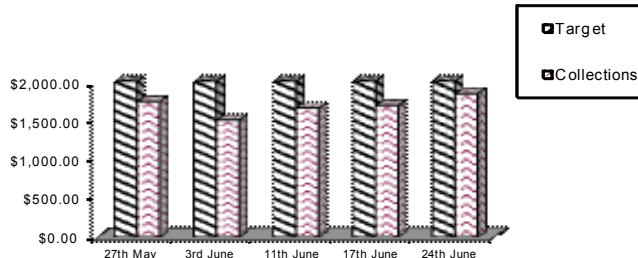
NEW PARISHIONER? If you are a new parishioner of St Francis Xavier Parish, ***we welcome you to our community.*** Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048.



DIF PAYS 1.90% 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>	\$ 1,391.35
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 566.55
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,842.30
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 **Dakota-Faith Collyer** daughter of Bryan and Kirsten; **Nate Warren Collyer-Kelly** son of Nathan and Emma; **Hailey Paula Jones** daughter of Jarrah and Jessica.

We look forward to seeing the newly baptised and their families worshipping with us each weekend.



CATECHISTS MEETING

Saint Teresa Room ~ this **Tuesday 2nd July** ~ **10.00 am**. All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend. Morning Tea provided.
**** Urgent call for a extra catechist for school terms 3 and 4. Please contact the Parish Office if you can assist.** Thank you.**



HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD 'JUNE'

'BIRTHDAY MORNING TEA'

This **Sunday 30th JUNE** following the 7.30 am Mass. **You are most welcome.**

CATHOLIC LIFE MAGAZINE

The **June** edition is available at the doors of our two churches.

Please take home a copy of this **free** magazine.



COLLECTION ~ ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal = **\$1,902.00**

'Thank you to all who gave so generously toward the education of our seminarians.'

HOLY FAMILY COMMUNITY GROUP MEETING

The **next** meeting - **Thursday, 25th July**

at 8.45 am in the

Sacred Heart Room at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head.

All Welcome.

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

LISMORE DIOCESE MENS CHARISMATIC RETREAT

'Discover who I am in Christ'

13th-14th July

9.00 am

Kyogle Catholic Church

(Accommodation at the local hotel)

\$150..00 plus accommodation and meals

Retreat Facilitator is Martin Costigan.

For further information please contact

Paul Murphy 0400 752 072

SAFETY IN OUR PARISH CAR PARKS

Please be mindful and use care when entering and exiting our parish parking spaces before and after Mass. This includes weekday Masses as well as our weekend Masses.

Now that winter is here and our days are shorter and sometimes overcast, it is difficult to see pedestrians and others using the parking spaces. *Thank you*

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the Church in **alphabetical order. Please collect following Mass as the new envelopes begin next weekend.**

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Jesus waits for us in this Sacrament of Love

"In the sacred Host, He is present, the true treasure, always waiting for us.

Only by adoring this Presence do we learn how to receive Him properly."



What is Eucharistic Adoration?

Understood simply, Eucharistic Adoration is adoring or honouring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ. In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us".

During Eucharistic Adoration, we "watch and wait", we remain "silent" in His Presence and open ourselves to His Graces which flow from the Eucharist ... By worshipping the Eucharistic Jesus, we become what God wants us to be! Like a magnet, The Lord draws us to Himself and gently transforms us.

In its fullest essence ... Eucharistic Adoration is "God and Man reaching out for each other, at the same time!"

ADORATION EVERY FRIDAY ST FRANCIS

XAVIER CHURCH 11.00 AM TO 11.45 AM

www.catholic-church.org

REFLECTION: Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love. If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

(continued from page 1) And, yet, we do have the “freedom” of which Paul speaks in today’s second reading to imitate Jesus and “set our faces” to these challenges with love, tolerance, and hope. Responding to disaster and disappointment with such a positive ‘just-do-it’ attitude would seem meaningless if it were not for the promise of the gospel. As Paul writes elsewhere, “For I am convinced that neither death, nor life . . . nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord”. (Romans 8:38-39).

Ian J Elmer
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**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM
2019 RECONCILIATION**
Parent Meeting Wednesday 31st July
6.00 pm
Upper Room, Parish Administration Centre.
Groups start Sunday 4th August
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Wednesday 28th August at 6.00 pm.

**CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS
ST JOSEPH’S CATHOLIC SCHOOL
ALSTONVILLE**
Friday 30th August—Family Day
Saturday 31st August—Centenary Dinner at
McCarthy Hall
Sunday 1st September
Centenary Mass, open school and fun day
For further information contact the school
6628 1009
email: alstp@lism.catholic.edu.au
www.alstplism.catholic.edu.au

100 Years

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

Cenacle Marian Movement of Priests: Monday 11.00 am—12.15 pm at 3/21 Swift Street, Ballina.

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).

Ballina CCR Intercession from 10.45 am to 11.45 am in the Anawim Room. **Prayer Meeting:** Mondays 2.15 pm to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room

Prayer of the Church and Rosary Saturday at 9.00 am SFX Ballina

Parish Youth Group: Saturday 6.00 pm, Mass then to St Francis Xavier School Hall, Crane Street- 7.00pm to 8.30 pm.

Sisterhood: Monday at 10.00 am in St Teresa Room, Parish Administration Building.

All Welcome !

CATECHISTS MATTER - Volunteers Needed

Can you spare a 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 School?

The Church needs more Catechists and Helpers to assist the faith development of children in the State schools in our parish family. Are you able to assist? Even to rediscover your abilities as natural parents and parishioners. 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.



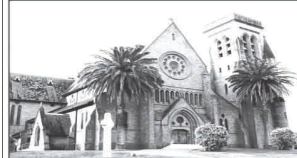
LET’S TALK ABOUT DYING!
End of life care—a session for all.
10.30 am Tuesday 16th July.
McCarthy Hall, Alstonville
(adjacent to Catholic Church)

Preceded by morning tea at 10.00 am
Facilitated by Kylie Greensill, Nurse Unit Manager of Palliative Care Unit St Vincent’s Hospital Lismore.

MASS TIMES	St Francis Xavier Church Ballina	Holy Family Church Lennox Head
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	
SUNDAY	9.00 am	7.30 am
MONDAY	8.00 am	
TUESDAY	5.20 pm	
WEDNESDAY	10.00 am SMoC Chapel Crowley	
THURSDAY	8.00 am	
FRIDAY	12.00 noon	

OTHER CEREMONIES THIS WEEK

FRIDAY	11.00 to 11.45 am Exposition	
SATURDAY	9.00 am Prayer of the Church	
RECONCILIATION		
SATURDAY	9.00—10.00 am Also on request	



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