

# 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**

**Pentecost Sunday**

**(C)**

**9th June, 2019**

*Alleluia*

**Blessed Virgin Mary  
Mother of the Church**  
Monday

**St Barnabas**  
Tuesday

**St Anthony of Padua**  
Thursday

**WEEKEND'S  
READINGS**

Acts :1-11;  
Romans 8:8-17;  
John 14:15-16,23-26

**PSALM RESPONSE**

*Lord, send out your Spirit and  
renew the face of the earth..*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts  
of your faithful and kindle in  
them the fire of your love.*

*Alleluia!*

## Embracing the Holy Spirit!

At the centre of Christian faith is the great paradox: God is one, yet God is three. Our tradition also speaks of God as “three persons – Father, Son and Spirit.” But how do we know this? We know this because of the witness of Jesus’ own life and the gift of the Holy Spirit that Jesus promises his disciples.

Pentecost is the celebration of that promise when the disciples are “filled with the Holy Spirit” who upturns their lives, transforming them into teachers, preachers, evangelists and missionaries.

The testimony of St Luke in the Acts of the Apostles strains to explain this experience of the Holy Spirit in words. We are given images of a mighty wind, tongues of fire, and the disciples speaking to people from every known land in their own language!

Certainly, we cannot speak of the Holy Spirit as independent of the Father and the Son; nor should we speak of any ‘person’ of the Trinity in isolation. Too often our

culture is inclined to dismiss the “spirit world” as a place of magic, sorcery and the occult. This is a danger if we isolate spiritual knowledge and mystical awareness from the loving embrace of Father, Son and Spirit.

Our Christian vocation is to be “Spirit-filled” people who rely not on our own resources but on the power of the living God. To appreciate this gift of faith is to be

a mystic, and to live this faith is to be missionary. Pentecost was not a one-off event, but is the ongoing experience of the movement of the Holy Spirit in our world, calling us to the ever-deepening, always surprising, realisation that God is with us, God is in us, and God works through us. And so, we pray: “Come Holy Spirit”.



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**PRESBYTERY:** Phone: 6686 2042

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

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Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - **Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478**

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

**ROSTER: Trinity Sunday, Year C: 15th/16th June, 2019**  
**Readings: Proverbs 8:22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15**

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Offertory Procession
<b>Readers</b>	Parish Youth Parish Youth	Steve Seymour David Sullivan	Margaret Tay Mary Steenson	9.00 am ~ Ballina  Greta Conlan Mary O'Brien
<b>Ext. Ministers Holy Communion</b>	Michael Shay Matthew Ritchie Yvonne Head Pip Kidd	Julian White	Maxine Cole Leanne Robbins Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	
<b>Sacristan</b>	Pip Kidd	Jeanie Savage	Lea Lane	
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Allira Bateman Grace Quinn	Tye Hetherington	Emily Comin Olivia Comin Cooper Cahill	
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		Ann McIntosh Courtney Wells	Carol & Frank Lynch	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:** Margaret Clifford, Bill Woodward, Len Allison, Moya Woodlake (Warwick), Bernard Minogue (Harden), Annette Mison, Sr Jill Kennedy pbvm, Leo Nicholl,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Mavis Timmins, Vic Norris, Shirley Parr  
**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:** Reba Smidt, Greg Kerr, Gloria Greguric, Asha Ousby (17 months), Daphne Sweeney, Joe Paolino, Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, Elva Kidd, Tania Pieters, Betty Albertini, Hilda Carter, John O'Loughlin, Rosemary Russell, Rose Norris, John Moreland, Bill Duffy, Dympna Sheehy, Paul Rix, Margaret Birmingham, Virginia Paden, Greg Shore, Margaret Pyne, John McNamara, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Noeleen Gillies, Mal Gillies, Cecelia Waldron, Helen Johnston, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Maria Gorton, Liz Phillips & family, 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

**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.

**ANOIDING 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 2.15% 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	\$ 1,234.05
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 320.85
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,501.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00

Legend:  Target  
 Collections

**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

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2019/20 FINANCIAL YEAR** are now available for collection at the back of the Church in **alphabetical order**. Please notify the Parish Office if there are changes to any of your details or if you would like to contribute to the Planned Giving Program by Direct Debit.

If you are new to the parish please consider asking for envelopes. Talk to a priest after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.



## CATECHISTS MEETING

Saint Teresa Room ~ **Tuesday 2nd July** ~  
**10.00 am**

All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend.  
Morning Tea provided.

## CAN YOU HELP?

**Sheraton House** is in need of single bed frames and mattresses, together with blankets and linen. These items can be left at 87 Cherry Street, Ballina from 7.00 am to 11.00 am and then between 4.30 pm until 8.00 pm. *Thank you.*

**ROSARY AND CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY** held on Wednesdays at Holy Family Church Lennox Head, will be in recess until further notice.

## BALLINA REGION FOR REFUGEES Fundraiser—Musical Theatre 'The Pirates of Penzance'

- **Thursday 20th June 8.00 pm**
  - **Ballina Players Theatre,  
24 Swift Street, Ballina.**
  - **Tickets: \$35.00**
  - **Free supper at interval**  
(Coffee and tea available at any time)
- **Tickets for raffle available from 7.30 pm**
- **For further information please call  
Mary 0433 120 260**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY THIS MONDAY**  
**10TH JUNE—MASS 9.00 AM**  
**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH, BALLINA**

## ST VINCENT de PAUL WINTER APPEAL 2019 Ballina Conference



If you have a envelope for the Winter Appeal please place it on either of the collection plates, or bring to the Parish Office during Office hours, or to the St Vincent de Paul Conference Centre, Martin Street, Ballina.

*Please give generously!*



## 'CONGRATULATIONS' TO FATHER JOHN KELLY

*who celebrates his 59th  
Anniversary of  
ordination to the Priesthood  
this Wednesday, 12th June.*

*Love and best wishes from all the parish.*

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

## FRIENDS OF THE CARMEL AUXILIARY MEETING

You are welcome to attend morning tea and the meeting at the Carmelite Monastery on Wednesday  
**26th June 10.00 am**

Phone Narelle for further information on 6624 1973.  
Your support for our Carmelite Sisters will be very much appreciated.



**1ST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS  
OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
WILL BE IN RECESS FOR THE  
MONTH OF JULY.**

**REFLECTION:** We have been in the in-between time since the Ascension of the Lord. Today we celebrate the dramatic inbreaking of the time of fulfilment. We celebrate the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. The feast also brings the Easter season to its conclusion. Today's readings recapitulate many themes that appeared throughout the Easter season: Christology, Trinitarian theology, reign of God, repentance, salvation, mission, universality. All are brought together as we are brought together into the body of Christ.

The plan of salvation has been brought to its conclusion. Christ is exalted next to God and has sent his Spirit to fill the earth with God's power. The world is charged with divine energy; it needs but a spark to ignite it with life and with excitement. This vitality explodes into the extraordinary: tongues are loosed and speech overflows its linguistic constraints; charismatic gifts flood the valleys of human habitation; barred doors are burst open and frightened hearts are calmed. The Spirit of the Lord fills the whole world.

We gather together to discover that God has gathered us for another. Strangers assemble to fulfil personal obligations and they experience a phenomenon that bonds them together for life. Individual religious devotion is swept up into communal divine revelation. Through the Spirit of God, we are reconciled to each other and then together we spend ourselves for the common good. The world is renewed; the community is revitalised; we come to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.



**SPIRIT OF GOD**

*Sr. Miriam Therese Winter*

Spirit of God in the clear running water  
blowing to greatness the trees on the hill  
Spirit of God in the finger of morning ..

**Fill the earth, bring it to birth  
and blow where you will  
blow, blow, blow till I be  
but breath of the Spirit blowing in me.**

Down in the meadow the willows are moaning  
sheep in the pasture-land cannot lie still  
Spirit of God, creation is groaning ..

I saw the scar of a year that lay dying  
heard the lament of a lone whipoorwill  
Spirit of God, see that cloud crying ..

Spirit of God, ev'ry man's heart is lonely  
watching and waiting and hungry until  
Spirit of God, man longs that you only  
fulfil the earth, bring it to birth ..

**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**

**WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE  
ENCOUNTER**



**QLD Worldwide Marriage Encounter  
Weekend**

**Dates:** 2nd - 4th August 2019  
**Contact:** David & Maria Murphy or  
**Phone:** 07 3342 1456.  
**Email:** qldbookings@wwme.org.au  
**Location:** Santa Teresa Spiritual Centre,  
267 Wellington Street, Ormiston. QLD

**Invitation to Parishioners  
Information Night - Xavier Catholic College  
Ignatian Spirituality, The Society of Jesus and  
Jesuit Companion Schools  
Wednesday, June 19th**

Why did Xavier Catholic College become a Jesuit Companion College? What does this actually mean? What is Ignatian Spirituality? Who are the Jesuits and what is their Society of Jesus? These questions and more will be discussed at a special information evening at Xavier Catholic College on Wednesday night, 19th June between 6.00 pm and 7.30 pm. And XCC warmly invites parishioners to join us. A special guest on this night will be **Rev Dr Gerry Healy SJ**, an academic currently lecturing at the University of Melbourne and the Jesuit College of Spirituality. Fr Gerry has been a regular visitor to XCC since 2016. He will be part of a panel on this night including Principal Michael Vella and XCC Ignatian Coordinators, Mary Howard and David Eyles guiding us through an experience of Ignatian Spirituality. The Catholic Schools Parent Assembly will be hosting a light supper at the conclusion of the event. If you would like to join us please RSVP to Leanne Robbins on 0401 719 646 by Monday, June 17th for catering purposes. **Everyone is most welcome.**

**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 !**

**MASS  
TIMES**

**St Francis Xavier Church  
Ballina**

**Holy  
Family  
Church  
Lennox Head**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	<b>7.30 am</b>
<b>MONDAY</b> <i>Public Holiday</i>	<b>9.00 am</b>	
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>5.20 pm</b>	
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b> <i>SMoC Chapel Crowley</i>	
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>8.00 am</b>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	

**OTHER CEREMONIES THIS WEEK**

<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>11.00 to 11.45 am</b> <i>Exposition</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <i>Prayer of the Church</i>	
<b>RECONCILIATION</b>		
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>9.00—10.00 am</b> <b>Also on request</b>	



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