

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting a traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



**St Francis Xavier Church,
Cnr Cherry & Crane Streets,
Ballina**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street,
Lennox Head.**

**14th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)
5th July, 2020**



Parish Weekend Mass Times

**St Francis Xavier Church
Ballina (45 people)**

**Saturday Vigil — 5.00 pm
Sunday — 9.00 am
Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Holy Family Church
Lennox Head (20 people)**

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

**PLEASE REGISTER AT
PARISH OFFICE TO ATTEND
a weekend Mass by phoning
6681 1048**

by Friday at 3.00 pm

**WEEKDAY MASS:
At St Francis Xavier Church
TUESDAY to FRIDAY
12 noon (45 people)
Please register with Parish Office**

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



Feast

**St Benedict, abbot
Saturday**

Jesus provides a helping hand

Jesus was not easily shocked, but Matthew's gospel captures the shock of Jesus at the failure of his ministry even in his own small town of Capernaum. In the extraordinary passage preceding today's gospel, he says with hyperbole that Capernaum will share the fate of other ancient wicked cities like Sodom.

Matthew has Jesus reflecting on people's experience of coming to faith in him. The context is important.

Matthew is writing for his Jewish Christian community expelled from the synagogue. These Christians were steeped in Jewish tradition and the Hebrew Scriptures and would have recognised that Matthew was writing in terms of their wisdom literature, implying Jesus is the Wisdom of God who knows the Father intimately and reveals the Father to believers.

But God has hidden Jesus' message from the 'wise and learned', the experts in Jewish Law and tradition, the scribes and Pharisees. Instead the people who embraced the person of Jesus were the ordinary people who through God's good pleasure, his mysterious grace, experienced faith in Jesus as liberating them from the heavy burden, the 'yoke' of trying to observe the minutiae of Jewish religious custom and ritual.

Jesus uses the words 'little children', meaning not children but the unpretentious people who knew their need of God and whose hearts were open to God's Holy Spirit, but because of their poverty or life circumstances

were not numbered among the ritually clean or devout. The words and actions of Jesus resonated in their hearts, and like children, they were willing to learn from Jesus about the way to God.

The invitation of Jesus is not to those who felt self-satisfied or perfect in their religious observance, but to those who did not 'measure up', who struggled with failure like Jesus himself at Capernaum, who were 'weary and burdened'. Jesus's invitation is

deeply personal, but his promise of 'rest' is not for an easy life. It is the promise of eternal life in God.

Jesus says we can learn from him, since 'I am gentle and humble in heart'. He understands the yearnings of our hearts and is not full of self-importance. Jesus offers us friendship, leading us into astonishing intimacy

with the Father.

This Gospel passage is important for us today since it stresses that the invitation of Jesus is not for the perfect or those who scrupulously observe religious practices. It is for all of us who do not fully 'measure up'.

As Pope Francis constantly reminds us, Jesus walks with all of us as we journey through life, especially in times of failure or distress. Francis says it is not how much we stumble that finally matters, but that we can sense Jesus helping us up again and continuing to stay with us on our unique and precious journey.

Bruce Duncan CSsR

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

***Catholics from the Diocese of Lismore are dispensed from their
Sunday Mass obligation until further notice.***

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

Pastoral Associate: Sr Kathryn Sweeney rsj, Email: kathryn@sfxballina.org.au

Email: parishcouncil@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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria Potter, George Paden,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

AND ALSO FOR: Armando Bordin, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, 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: John Heaton, Cheryl Felsch, Reanna Mulholland (*Dubai*), Corazon Accon, Nola Johnson, Kath Young, Barbara Perry, Michael Patch, Gloria Greguric, Pauline McLachlan, Bill Colenso, Michael Daley, Chanice Wills, Julie Benton, Arthur Potter, Shokat Forghani & family, Margaret Murphy, Robert Sullivan, Terry Moore, Margaret Pyne, Kathleen Campbell, Kaia Randall, Darcy Martin, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, Rev Ray Fishwick, Glenn Campbell, Jan Kelly, Kay Harth, Maria Gorton, Peter & Reba Smidt, Asha Ousby (2 yrs), Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, Betty Albertini, Hilda Carter, Rosemary Russell, John Moreland, Dymphna 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.* (*Due to privacy laws, names are only placed on this list when requested, for six weeks*)

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 a maximum of 45 people can be in the Church at any time. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: TBA

CONFIRMATION: TBA

RECONCILIATION: TBA.

WEDDINGS: In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

ANOIDTING 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.

GUIDELINES WHEN ATTENDING MASS IN BOTH OUR PARISH CHURCHES.

- Ensure you have registered prior to attending Mass by ringing the parish office 6681 1048.
 - Your name is marked off our daily list before entering the Church.
 - Use hand sanitiser provided at entrance and exit doors.
- **Sit on or between the two crosses (X) allocated in the pew** to comply with the required social distancing rules — two people to a pew (*families can sit together*). Please **do not** sit at the end of pews.
- 45 people maximum in Ballina Church and 20 people maximum at Lennox Head church at one time.
 - 5 x weekend Masses and 4 x weekday Masses are celebrated each week in our parish.
- Our churches are open for private prayer Monday to Friday, please sign the sheet provided when visiting.
 - You are very welcome to our places of worship. Thank you.

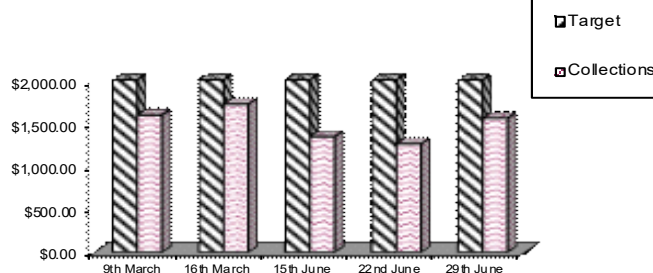
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Church THANK YOU

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 (1st collection).

Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 545.00
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 103.60
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,555.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



DIF PAYS 1.10% 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

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.

Parish Notices

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2020/21 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.



CHANGE OF DATE

CATECHISTS MEETING~ Upper Room, Parish Administration Building ~ **Tuesday 11th August - 10.00 am.** All Catechists and helpers are encouraged to attend. Morning Tea provided.



NAIDOC WEEK ~ SUNDAY 5TH JULY TO SUNDAY 12TH JULY
'ALWAYS WAS, ALWAYS WILL BE'

Always Was, Always Will Be recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. NAIDOC Week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities, but by Australians from all walks of life. The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community. humanrights.gov.au/about/get-involved/events/naidoc-week-2020

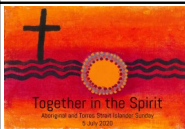


BISHOP GREG'S SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE LIVE

You are invited to view the Sunday Mass live and on demand from your devices. You can access the livestream by following the link from lismorediocese.org, or by going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube, or by pointing the camera on your smart device to this digital code:



Time of Live Streaming: Sunday ~ 8.00 am



2020 'TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT' ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY

'Learn from Me for I am Gentle And Humble in Heart' Matt 11:29

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

God of all creation, as we journey together in this Great Southern Land, we pray for healing, forgiveness and unity, creating a path of good will, with justice and compassion. Jesus, through the power of your love, you have given us the courage, wisdom and strength to share our gifts and talents in humility. In peace and understanding we reconcile with each other. Creator Spirit, we come together in prayer and thanksgiving for the many blessings we have received. Allow your Spirit to wash over us and give us strength to walk together as one.

Reconciliation Church prayer was written by a small group of Aboriginal Elders and Reconciliation Church staff members in 2014.

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PARISH BUSINESS MANAGER – CATHEDRAL PARISH, LISMORE ~ PART-TIME,

FIXED-TERM POSITION ~ St Carthage's Cathedral Parish, Lismore is seeking the services of a qualified person for the position of part-time (16 hours per week) Parish Business Manager on a temporary, fixed-term basis. This position is an administration role in support of the Parish Priest's/Administrator's responsibilities to the parish and the management of resources to fulfil the Church's mission and purpose. This position leads a multidiscipline team comprising of secretarial support, administration, financial, accounts receivable/ payable, reception, maintenance and education. The fixed-term position excludes the St Carthage's Community Care CEO part of the role.

Essential Criteria

- Suitable qualifications and 4 – 5 years' experience in a similar leadership role.
- Demonstrated leadership and business management experience including financial management and reporting skills in a faith-based, or not-for-profit, or commercial, or professional services environment.
- Sound understanding of effective corporate governance, risk mitigation and resource allocation as well as a strong understanding of the legal and regulatory environment governing parishes including tax and statutory compliance.
- Sound working knowledge of Work Health & Safety compliance.
- Proven ability to develop and implement financial and strategic plans.
- Strong analytical skills to effectively monitor, manage and challenge results.
- Communication skills are key as communication with various senior internal and external stakeholders are required.
- High level of computer literacy.

The role offers a highly organised, focused, and energetic individual the opportunity to put their expertise into practice. Resourcefulness and flexibility will be integral to the success of this post.

Interested parties should forward applications addressing the above criteria to the **Diocesan HR Manager, 10 Orion Street, Lismore NSW 2480 or email to jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au**

APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 5.00 pm Monday 13th July 2020

** Applicants must have the right to work in Australia (Australian citizen or permanent resident) to be considered eligible to apply for this position.*

***This position requires a National Criminal History Check and Working with Children Check*

Prayer of the Church: is held every Saturday at **9.00 am** St Francis Xavier Church

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

Ballina CCR Intercession Mondays from 10.45 to 11.45 am in the Anawim Room.

Prayer Meeting: Mondays 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room

Cenacle, Marian Movement of Priests ~ Ballina Cenacle meets every Monday at 11.00 am until 12.15 pm in the Saint Teresa Room, Parish Admin Centre, Ballina.

Books are available to assist with the prayers. For further information phone 6681 1048.



First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10;*A reading from the prophet Zechariah*

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm**(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 8:9,11-13*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home

in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

**An Act of Spiritual Communion**

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though You have already come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. melbournecatholic.org.au

**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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