

# 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.**

**17th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (C)**

**24th July, 2022**

**'WELCOME'**

**Weekend Mass Times  
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday — 9.00 am**  
**Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head  
Holy Family Church**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**at St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Tuesday to Friday**  
**12.00 noon**

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

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**Feast Days**

**St James, apostle**  
*Monday*

**Sts Joachim and Anne**  
*Tuesday*

**Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus**  
*Friday*

## The promise of God's grace

A disciple says, "Lord, teach us to pray." In reply, Jesus offers a four-point lesson in prayer.

Firstly, Jesus invites his followers to address God as 'Father'. This would've been revolutionary! Out of respect and awe, they didn't use God's name in prayer. Now Jesus teaches that they're members of God's family; sisters and brothers who are to call God 'Father'. In Jewish society, fathers had responsibility to love and care for their wives and children; a very personal relationship. It's this kind of intimate relationship with God that Jesus invites us all to embrace.

Secondly, being sisters and brothers in God's family, we're to have concern for everyone and for the issues that are important to God's loving and merciful heart. In praying for our own needs, we're also called to broaden our perspective and see the 'bigger picture' by praying that God's love for humanity will be known everywhere and that all people will love each other and live in peace and harmony.

Thirdly, we're to be persistent in our prayer. In the first reading, Abraham asks God to spare Sodom – and he was persistent! Jesus tells his followers, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened" (Lk 11:9). Jesus tells them to ask their Heavenly Father who knows all their needs and they will be heard. He also reminds them that whenever two or three of them agree to ask anything in his name, it will be granted (cf. Mt 18:19). In other

words, never shy away from 'pestering' or 'bothering' God.

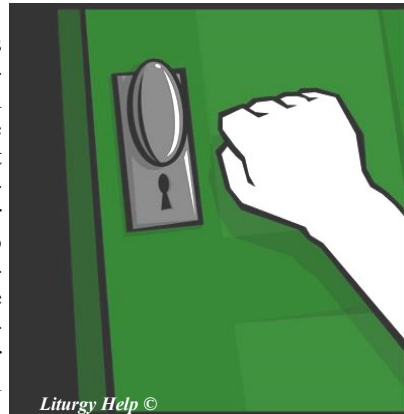
Finally, God gives what is good for us. Most of us have had the experience of praying for something, but God didn't answer the prayer as we wanted. It's hard to accept or understand that what we're asking for may not be good for us. Jesus says that a loving Father would never give a stone to anyone who wants bread, or a snake to anyone who wants fish, or a scorpion to anyone who wants food. Jesus doesn't promise what can't be delivered and he doesn't say 'your wish is granted'.

Rather, Jesus challenges us to realise "how much ... the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask" (Lk 13).

What Jesus promises is grace. He promises the Holy Spirit – to sustain us, uplift us, and help us to endure. The Holy Spirit empowers us to accept God's plan – even if it's not our plan – and to get up, go on and face another day.

St Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists and a Doctor of Prayer, says that we don't pray to change God, but that God might change the one who prays and the community which prays. When we open ourselves to God's grace and action in this way, we'll be changed and become instruments of God's love.

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**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

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Bianca McInnes **Email:** bianca@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:** Peter Fahle (*Brisbane*), Peter Coote (*Coffs Harbour*), Max Badewitz,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Hilary Dwyer, Victoria Kennedy, Coralie Morelands, Bill Anderson

**AND ALSO FOR:** Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, 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:** Maureen Donovan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Tommy Roskell, Leila Aitken (*Sydney*), Estelle Anderson, Tony Smith, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Mardi Seabrook, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (*Sydney*), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, , Rose Norris, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, John Heaton, Dympna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, 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

### 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.

**CONFIRMATION:** TBA                      **RECONCILIATION:** 30th August, 2022                      **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 18th September, 2022

**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.

**FUNERALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

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

### **PLACES OF WORSHIP ~ KEEPING US SAFE.**

- Hand sanitiser is provided at entrances to our Churches ~ Masks are not mandatory, but encouraged in our churches
- Receiving of Holy Communion in the hand only ~ Singing is allowed
- Social distancing not mandatory, but encouraged ~ Density limits are not mandatory
- If unwell please stay home until you feel well again.                      **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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection).

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

**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.

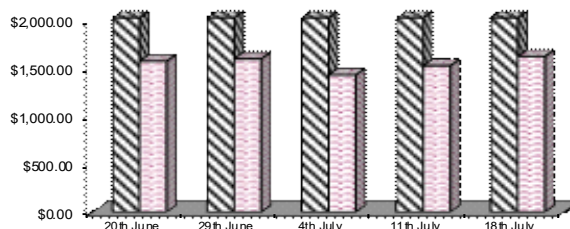
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium    BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 *ref: your name*    2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish    BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218 Please ensure you use *your Planed Giving number as reference*, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.

### **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 or online [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au)

### **THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 868.75
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 321.25
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,602.00
<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.



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:  
**Thomas Morgan and Samuel Patrick Atkinson** sons of Andrew and Belinda.



## CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be this **Monday 25th July at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre.

**You will be most Welcome!**

**Please Note: Christmas in July has had to be cancelled.**

**The Auxiliary expresses sincere apologies due to circumstances beyond our control.**

**PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2021/22** Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish administration office ~ 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.

## 2022/2023 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Envelopes that have not been collected from the back of the Church are now available from the Parish Reception Office.



## FEAST OF STS ANNE AND JOACHIM This Tuesday 26th July

Our parish would like to acknowledge Narelle Dewhurst and her staff at St Anne's for their ongoing care and education of so many young children within our community.

We are privileged to have such a well run facility in our parish.

**'HAPPY FEAST DAY'  
ST ANNES LONG DAY CARE CENTRE**



## Catholic Theological College Semester 2 Study Options

Explore your questions in theology and ministry at CTC in Semester 2 with our introductory and advanced units, for audit or credit study.

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## Catholic Theological College Online unit via Zoom

### Ageing Persons and Pastoral Care

6 Saturdays: 30th July; 31st, 27th August;  
17th September; 8th, 22nd October:  
10.00 am – 12.00pm plus 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm  
To enrol or for further information:

Email: [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au)  
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## PARISHIONERS PLEASE BE AWARE

**It has come to our attention that many of you are receiving emails from Father Peter Padsungay. These emails are scams, and if you reply they will ask for money, or gift cards etc. They are not from our Father Peter. Please check the domain email address all correspondence from our clergy or office staff will have ... @sfxballina.org.au. Thank you**



## POSITION VACANT

The Safeguarding Office is currently recruiting for the position of Safeguarding Officer – Education & Training. The position advertisement is currently on SEEK please see the link below .  
[https://www.seek.com.au/job/57691705?](https://www.seek.com.au/job/57691705?type=standout#sol=e9ed5535fd06702a6fa407e72ae1906c327aee4a)

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Please contact Julie in the Safeguarding Office 02 6621 944 for any inquiries!

Applications should be submitted by close of business Friday 29th July, 2022.

## WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

**Today Sunday 24th July**



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Today is the *Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly* and will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by our Holy Father, Pope Francis for the occasion is "*In old age they will still bear fruit*" (Psalm 92:15) and intends to emphasise how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities.

<http://www.laityfamilylife.va>

## ASPIRE

**Young Adult Spiritual Formation  
with Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD - via Zoom  
For Ages 18– 35 years old.**

**July 26th—This Tuesday**

**For more information, contact Sr Di, cm**

**Mobile 0405 327 153**

**Email: [youth@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:youth@stcarthages.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)

**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)

**Christian Meditation Group:** Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries please contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048

**Marian Cenacle:** Monday 11.00 am Anawim Room enquiries to Narelle King via the Parish Admin Centre

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday  
**Sisterhood:** Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building Contact Leanne Robbins via Admin Office.

**Parish Youth Group:** 7.00 pm Saturday evening following the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Upper Room Parish Admin Centre.

Contact Bianca McInnes 6681 1048

**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

**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.**



**First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32;***A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:*****Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.***

**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.** The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty  
he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(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: Col 2:12-14;***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

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

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

***Alleluia!*****Gospel: Lk 11:1-13***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,  
your kingdom come;  
give us each day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.  
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER****TUESDAY— FEAST OF STS JOACHIM AND ANNE**

**Entrance Antiphon :** Let us praise Joachim and Anne, to whom, in their generation, the Lord gave him who was a blessing for all the nations.

**Communion Antiphon:** They received blessings from the Lord and mercy from God their Saviour.

**WEDNESDAY —THURSDAY**

**Entrance Antiphon :** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

**FRIDAY— FEAST OF STS MARTHA, MARY AND LAZARUS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Jesus entered a village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home.

**Communion Antiphon:** Martha said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into this world.

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