

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.**

**18th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

31st 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 Alphonsus Liguori
Monday

St Dominic
Wednesday

St John Vianney
Thursday

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Saturday

What is important in life?

The story is told of a rich industrialist who was disturbed to find a fisherman sitting lazily beside his boat. "Why aren't you out there fishing?" he asked.

"Because I've caught enough fish for today," said the fisherman.

"Why don't you catch more fish than you need?" the rich man asked.

"What would I do with them?"

"You could earn more money," came the

impatient reply, "and buy a better boat so you could go deeper and catch more fish. You could purchase nylon nets, catch more fish, and make more money. Soon you would have a fleet of boats and be rich like me."

The fisherman asked, "Then what would I do?"

"You could sit down and enjoy life," said the industrialist.

"What do you think I'm doing now?" The fisherman replied as he looked placidly out to sea.

This is an interesting story, but it asks us about what is important in life. We all strive to achieve, provide for our families, and the next generation. This is perfectly reasonable, but when is enough? If we are blessed with a stable work situation and a good income, we are fortunate, but there will come a time in life when we ask what is important. The gospel begins with a dispute about an estate, and sadly the death of a parent or a relative sometimes leads to arguments about the estate. The person who made the bequest wanted to divide assets for the benefit of all but some-

times a member of the family gets preferential treatment and others are excluded. It is easy to see how this can lead to dispute and litigation between family members which can end in bitterness and estrangement. This is always a very unfortunate outcome.

The parable of the rich man is like that of the industrialist who spoke to the fisherman, and it asks us to think about our priorities in life and whether or not they are governed by the

economics of accumulation or other principles. There is nothing wrong with having assets for they are necessary for life, but it's what we do with these assets. Obviously, we should provide for our family and business partners, but we also have a responsibility if we are blessed with assets to look to the good of those in need.

Do we have a plan for the distribution of some of our yearly gains to

different charities? Have we considered the needs of our faith community and our commitment to educate children, support those in need of housing, rehabilitation programs, aged care and what can we do for countries suffering disaster? The gospel is not only about proclaiming good news but witnessing by our actions that the message of Jesus resonates in our lives and leads us to bear witness not just in word but also by deed.

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We are a community who welcome everyone without exception.

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

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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: Irene Cassar-Daley (*Grafton*), Colleen Anderson, Peter Fahle, Peter Coote,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Jeremy Warwarek, John O'Lachlan, Victoria Kennedy, Gerry Mergan

AND ALSO FOR: *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: Jack Chapman (*Kempsey*), 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, Dymrna 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, *Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care. (Names of those*

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.

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 (1st 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.

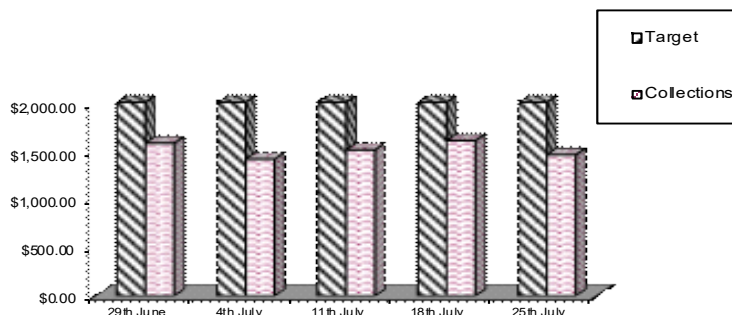
- **By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- **By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 563.15
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 250.60
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,456.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices

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

ROSTER: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 6th/7th August

Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Ps 32, Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott Trish Bazar	Richard Goss Gary Reen	Maurice Gahan Warwick Manning
EMHC	Pauline Fingleton	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	
Readers	Emma Fisher Wally Carter	Jean MacKay	



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Jagger Brian Stafford** son of Jai and Hannah; **Nevaeh Soul and Cruz Phoenix Faifai** sons of Solomona and Sarah-Kate.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Colleen Anderson** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held on Thursday 4th August at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

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.

FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS
MONDAY 8TH AUGUST
Mass ~ 12.00 noon
St Francis Xavier Church



Celebrating a Return to Global Mission

Once again Australian Catholics are being **Palms Australia** offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider **Mission opportunities abroad**. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

Enquire online or **Ph: 0422 742 567** about a placement to engage your skills and **Register** for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

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

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.

THE BEATITUDES

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| Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven, | 2. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice. |
| Blessed are the gentle For they shall possess the land. | Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice' sake. |
| 3. Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted, blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God. | 4. Blessed are you when they revile and harm you, and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake. |
| 5. Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find, blessed are the peace-makers for they shall be called God's children. | |

CHAPLAIN POSITION: We are seeking applications for a role within the Diocese, a Catholic Chaplain who will be supporting the Mid north Coast Correctional Centre in Kempsey, NSW. The Chaplain position is 70 hours a fortnight, however part-time will also be considered. The suitably qualified Chaplain will provide high quality transformational pastoral care and spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff. Email jobs@lismore.catholic.com.au or call the People and Capability Advisor on 02 6621 9444. The closing date for this role is 12th August 2022.



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.

If 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. **We look forward to meeting you.**

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23;

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say:
'Go back, sons of men.'

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday,
come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5,9-11;

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion,

evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon : O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Communion Antiphon: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

WEDNESDAY—FEAST OF ST DOMINIC

Entrance Antiphon : In the midst of the Church he opened his mouth, and the Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding and clothed him in a robe of glory.

Communion Antiphon: This is the steward, faithful and prudent, whom the Lord set over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time.

THURSDAY—FEAST OF ST JOHN VIANNEY

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property

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