

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.**

**19th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

7th August, 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 Mary of the Cross

Monday

Mass 12.00 noon



St Lawrence

Wednesday

St Clare

Thursday

Waiting for Jesus' return!

A priest walked into a bar and made an announcement. "Anyone who wants to go to heaven, please stand up now."

Everyone stood except for one man who continued to sip his drink at the bar. The priest said to him, "Sir, don't you want to go to heaven when you die?"

The man looked up and said, "When I die? Yes. But I thought you were gathering a group to go now."

In today's gospel, the Evangelist Luke brings together several of Jesus' parables that focus on the call to persevere and to be vigilant as we await the final end-time drama.

As Christians, we inhabit a strange situation where we must live out our busy, work-a-day lives while always conscious that Jesus will one day return and utterly transform the world as we know it. The very ordinariness of our lives is always threatened by a possible outbreak of the extraordinary. As Luke's Jesus warns us, his return will come on "a day and at an hour we do not expect" (Luke 12:40)

Like the man in the story above drinking quietly in the bar, however, we are not quite prepared for that final day to happen any time soon. While each day we pray the words of the Our Father, "may your kingdom come", we silently add the caveat, "but not right now". We have plans and dreams yet unrealised; tasks unfinished; and hopes unfulfilled. If the second coming of Jesus is imminent, it would prove inconvenient.

This reaction is, in part, due to fear – fear of the unknown. Jesus told us very little about the when and the what of the end times. Indeed, in Mark's Gospel (13:32) Jesus says that not even he was privy to the exact timetable of the last days. We are told that we must remain at our posts, be on guard, and be ready for Jesus' return.

But generations have passed since the time of

Jesus, and little has changed. War and want, pandemics and politicking, disease and death continue to define our world. So, it isn't simply fear that has led to trepidations about the end, it is also weariness; we have grown weary of waiting for Jesus' return.

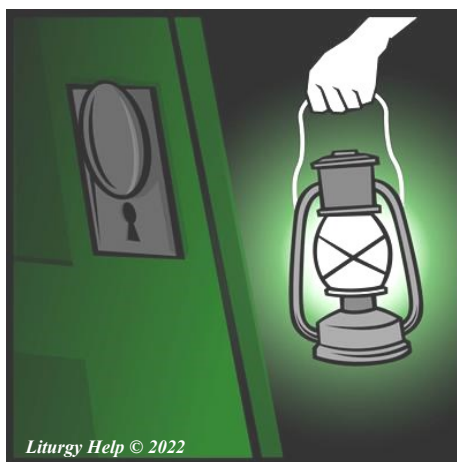
Today's gospel suggests that because of this weariness, our focus has turned from the return of Jesus'

return and the coming of the God's kingdom to the acquisition of worldly wealth and the attainment of personal success.

We must ask ourselves, have we lost sight of what ultimately matters in life? If so, then it may be time to reboot and to renew; to reconsider our priorities and reorder our plans and dreams, tasks and hopes. We may not know the day or the hour when Jesus will return. But 'right now' is the perfect day and hour to reflect on our goals, our achievements, and our values to determine if they are helping or hindering our faith journey.

Ian J Elmer

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www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

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: Isley Smith (*mother of Amanda Falvey*) Bev Foley, Len Rix (*Brisbane*), Geoffrey Brown (*Griffith*), Irene Cassar-Daley (*Grafton*), Colleen Anderson, Peter Fahle, Peter Coote, **THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Ambrosia Ibarrientos, Charlie Clements, Alan Hay, Fredrick Hitchens, Yvonne de Signore, **AND ALSO FOR:** Jeremy Warwarek, 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: 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, Dymphna 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 who are ill will be removed)*

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.**

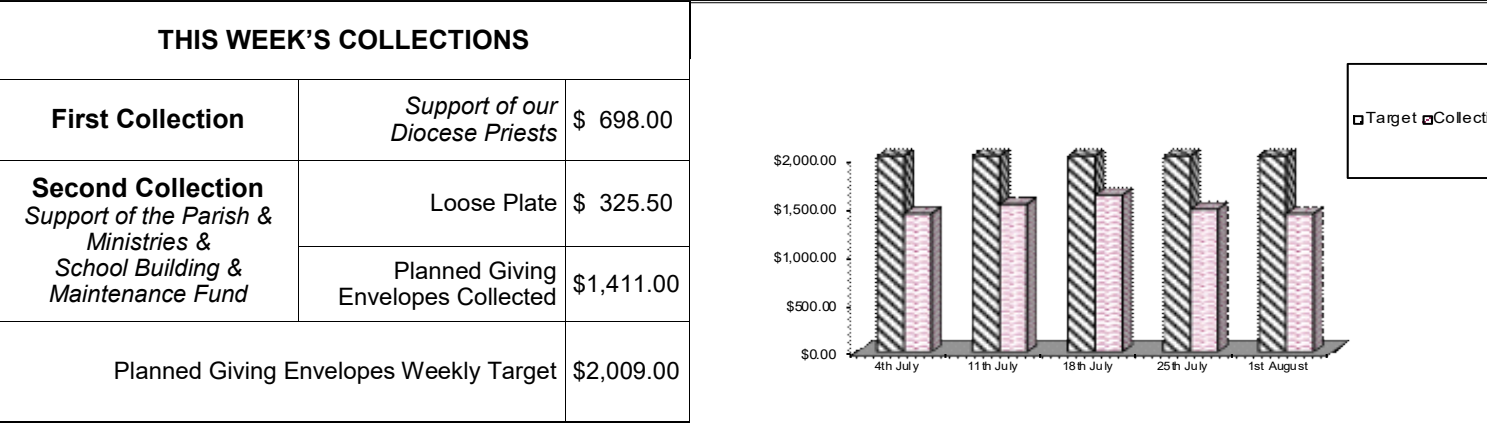
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese (1st collection).
Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy.

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 1.05% PER ANNUM as of 1st August, 2022
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



Parish Notices

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

ROSTER: 20th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 13th/14th August
Readings: Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Jeanette Wilkins Trish Bazar	Margaret Tay Nicole Sullivan	Maxine Cole Helen Cooney
EMHC	Yvonne Head	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps	Kevin Lewis	



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:
Savannah Louise Mathers daughter of Grant and Jessy; **Dylan Matthew Cornish** son of Craig and Sharon; **Summer June Prime** daughter of Jonathon and Margaret.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Geoffrey Brown** who has sadly passed away. A funeral prayer service was held on Friday 5th August in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

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



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
NEXT MONDAY 15TH AUGUST
MASS — 9.30 AM
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.

Catholic Book and Gift Shop ~ Lismore

Sacraments as well as special events are happening, and we have that gift you are seeking for the occasion. Situated at St Vincent's Hospital (having been wiped out downtown in the flood) enter from Dalley Street into the Coffee Lounge and up the stairs, or in main entrance of hospital around to lifts up to level 2, and follow signs. Take the opportunity to test our coffee and cake!!! All proceeds to the purchase of equipment and special projects at SVH. Phone: 66279229. Open each weekday 9am – 4pm.

FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

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Refrain:

**Faith of our fathers,
 holy faith!
 We will be true to**

1. Faith of our fathers!
 Living still,
 In spite of dungeon,
 fire and sword;
 O how our hearts beat
 high with joy,
 Whene'er we hear that
 glorious word: **R:**

2. The martyrs, chained in
 prisons dark,
 Were still in heart and
 conscience free:
 And truly blest would be
 our fate,
 If we, like them should
 die for thee. **R:**

3. Faith of our fathers!
 we will love both friend
 and foe in all our strife: through the truth that comes from
 God, by kindly deeds and virtuous life. **R:**

PARISH 'CUPPA'
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church
Sunday 4th September
(Fathers' Day)
following the 9.00 am Mass.



Everyone is very welcome .

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Registrations for Cycle 6 Courses with the *Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation* (VLCFF) are now open. Close on August 31. (Courses begin September 5th.) See Course offerings for Cycle 6. Courses are five weeks in duration and cost \$US50. The Diocese has had nearly 50 people access various courses over the last two years. If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, please contact Tony Worner at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagneparish.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



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: Wisdom 18:6-9;
A reading from the book of Wisdom

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.

They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. **(R.)**

2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19;

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Hebrews

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and

his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 12:32-48

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER

MONDAY—FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS

Entrance Antiphon : Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

Communion Antiphon: This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

TUESDAY AND FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon : Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Communion Antiphon: O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

WEDNESDAY—FEAST OF ST LAWRENCE

Entrance Antiphon: This is the blessed Lawrence, who gave himself up for the treasure of the Church: for this he earned the suffering of martyrdom to ascend with joy to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Whoever serves me must follow me and where I am there also will my servant be, says the Lord.

THURSDAY—FEAST OF ST CLARE

Entrance Antiphon: Here is a wise virgin, from among the number of the prudent, who went forth with lighted lamp to meet Christ.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the Bridegroom is coming; come out to meet Christ the Lord.



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