

# 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.

19th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)

9th August, 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

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Feasts

St Lawrence  
Monday

St Clare  
Tuesday

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe  
Friday

The Assumption of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday

## When life becomes too hard

Many would understand the feeling of being in a boat and battling against the currents and the winds. That's us alright, buffeted by bad faith and heartless conviction, but still in the boat when many others have abandoned ship.

Still, we go on and in the early hours of the morning, Jesus, who has sent us on ahead while he prays, comes walking across the chaotic waters, like a ghost it seems, and we're really shaken. "Courage. I am! Don't be afraid", he says, and like Peter we may take the plunge into the waves, for whatever reason, to suddenly falter. We feel 'the force of the winds' and are overcome by the danger we're in.

Sometimes life is too much for us. We find ourselves sinking and crying out to the Lord to save us. But what does it mean to save us? Jesus reaches out his hand to catch Peter. That's what we must do, allow ourselves to be caught, so that, in turn, we might reach out to and catch others. The gospel enacts our coming to faith, involving us all in taking this leap of faith, however faltering, allowing ourselves to be caught up in him.

As Jesus and Peter come aboard the boat, the wind dies down and they acknowledge him as the Son of God. Just like the prophet in the first reading we often wonder where we can hope to find God in our lives. What if it's in these moments, as we struggle to

deal with pain, exhaustion, the sadnesses that threaten to sink us. Often, we wish it were otherwise. To the prophet, God comes, finally, in a 'gentle breeze'. In the gospel it's in a powerful headwind, but it's in this moment of peril, through the action of Jesus, that God is revealed, made real.

There is something quite hands-on about the experience. It's not simply a case of handling the distress and fear as best we can, but finding in the midst of them, that Jesus is our saviour - the one who saves us, when

we give over trying to do it all ourselves. Imagine this hands-on experience in church; not simply at the quite formal sign of peace, but as happens say, when someone collapses and

those nearby respond immediately, trying CPR, ringing an ambulance, doing whatever to save the person.

That's the sense of what Jesus does here. And it's never simply a personal matter but involves all of us in the action, whether as the first responders, or the praying assembly. We are Jesus Christ. In recognising this we realise what has happened on the lake: we have been caught up in him. Or, as Paul describes it in the second reading, we are 'in union with Christ', so that others might live.

Damian Coleridge  
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Our Parish Churches are both registered Covid-19 Safe places of worship .

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](http://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:** Allan Hay, Sr Cathy Dean rsj,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Aurelia Gardiman, Jeremy Dean Warwarek, Fredrick Hitchens, Yvonne de-Signore (*Aunty Ponnnie*)  
**AND ALSO FOR:** James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, 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:** Barbara Smith, Pat Evans (*Melbourne*), Greg Campbell, June Ianna, 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, Dymrna 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 Kolbach, Samantha Anderson, Tony Lannan, *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.

**ANOINTING 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.

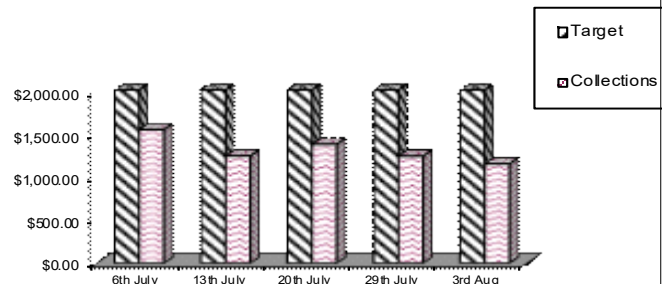
**RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches ..... THANK YOU**

**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**

### THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 753.10
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 102.05
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,146.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



### DIF PAYS 0.90% 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

**PARISH WEEKLY BULLETINS: DUE TO COVID-19 HEALTH REGULATIONS PLEASE TAKE YOUR BULLETIN HOME OR USE BIN PROVIDED TO DISCARD. DO NOT RETURN OR LEAVE IN CHURCH.**

**2020/2021 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES**  
Please be aware that the envelopes collected for this financial year have been printed in the opposite colours to past years and to what we are accustomed to using.  
**RED IS NOW 'PLANNED GIVING' AND BLUE IS FOR THE 'CLERGY COLLECTION'.**

Please contact the Parish Office if you need to be assured of your pledge, for the month of July. Phone 6681 1048 or visit the Administration Office between 8.30 am and 4.00 pm Monday to Friday.  
We do apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

**WEARING OF MASKS IN PLACES OF WORSHIP**  
Parishioner attending Mass in our Parish are encouraged to wear a mask.  
This is a recommendation by the NSW government and endorsed by Bishop Greg.



**'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'**  
to  
**Katy Smith & Giuseppe Campisi**  
on their Marriage at  
**Holy Family Church, Lennox Head**  
this weekend.  
*Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.*



**"BEING CHRISTIANS IN THE CORONAVIRUS CRISIS,"**  
*The Italian edition, titled "Communion and Hope," was published in late July by the Vatican publishing house. The preface was written by Pope Francis*

'This crisis represents an alarm that leads to a reflection on where we sink the deepest roots that support all of us in a storm,' the pope wrote. 'It reminds us that we have forgotten and neglected some of the important things in life and makes us reflect on what is truly important and necessary and what is less important or only apparently so.'  
While the initial period of lockdown was "a painful time of eucharistic fasting" for many Catholics, it also showed them that Christ is present, as he promised, where two or three gather in his name, the pope said.  
As the pandemic continues, he said, Christians should turn more resolutely to God, "our help and our aim," and should listen more carefully to the cry of the poor and of the earth.  
Theological reflection on the pandemic and the experience of the past months, he wrote, should give rise to "new hope and new solidarity.'  
From Catholic News Service  
<https://cnstopstories.com/2020/07/30/covid-pandemic-should-raise-questions-about-faith-pope-says/>

## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

'Let Mary never be far from your lips and from your heart.  
Following her, you will never lose your way. Praying to her, you will never sink into despair. Contemplating her, you will never go wrong.  
*St Bernardine of Siena*



## 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](http://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**



**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP GREG**  
**As the Feast of the Assumption falls on a Saturday and cannot be moved to the Sunday, I now dispense the faithful of the Diocese from all Holy Days of Obligation until the cessation of the pandemic.**

## UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS WOULD YOU LIKE HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME?



Father Anselm is offering to take Holy Communion to those in our Parish who are unable to attend a weekday Mass or Sunday Mass.  
This will be available on Mondays between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.  
If you know of someone who would appreciate receiving Holy Communion please ring the Parish Admin Centre on 6681 1048.  
Due to the uncertainty of the duration of the pandemic and people missing their Sacraments, Father Anselm is hoping to reach these parishioners.



**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Allan Hay** who has passed away.  
Alan's private funeral has taken place.

## ACBC NATIONAL MEN'S VIRTUAL GATHERING



Brothers, what must we do?  
**ACBC National Men's Virtual Gathering, Saturday 15th August 2020**

To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese, and the world.  
Registration Essential and Free: [bit.ly/cm2020event](http://bit.ly/cm2020event)  
Details provided to all registrants.

## ROSARY NOVENA

Beginning Saturday 15th August a Rosary Novena is being offered for nine days for Peace in the World and an end to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Please contact Margaret Lee from St Mary's Parish in Grafton on 0431 788 812 or Email: [margmlee@outlook.com](mailto:margmlee@outlook.com) for further information.



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

**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 9.30 am to 10.30 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 if you would like to join this prayer group  
Please contact the Parish Administration Office for further details 6681 1048



**First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9,11-13**

*A reading from the first book of Kings*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers

of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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](http://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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