

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.

22nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)

30th 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

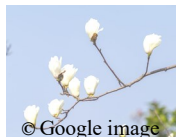
WEEKDAY MASS:
At St Francis Xavier Church
TUESDAY to FRIDAY
12 noon (45 people)
Please register with Parish Office

RECONCILIATION
9.00 am Saturday
St Francis Xavier Church

Feasts

St Gregory the Great
Thursday

Spring Ember Day
Friday



Embracing suffering and hardship

Neither Peter nor we, reading it centuries later, would appreciate being called Satan by Jesus! Jesus had just explained to the disciples that he was destined to suffer grievously and die. In response, Peter had remonstrated with him, arguing that this must not happen. But, after all, Peter wanted the best for Jesus; he didn't want him to suffer and die. Perhaps Peter, more than anybody else, was also acutely worried that if the master suffered passion and death, then the fate of the disciples would be no better.

Peter was a fisherman and for him life was to be enjoyed to the full. For his family and for himself he dreamt of a life without much pain. Suffering was not in his wish list. Later in Matthew's gospel (19:27) we find Peter asking Jesus, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?" Having given up so much, Peter expected a better life by being in the company of Jesus.

No wonder the gospel projects Peter as a stumbling block in the earthly life of Jesus. Whenever Jesus mentioned his passion and death Peter tried to stop him even from talking about it. "Never, Lord!" Peter said. "This shall never happen to you." Yet Peter gave the most faith-filled and insightful answer to Jesus's question, "Who do you say that I am?" But Peter disappointed Jesus

several times. One moment we see him saying insightful things about Jesus and the very next moment the contrary.

Peter reminds us of the current culture. We want only pleasure and not pain. Suffering is certainly not in our wish list either. We ourselves don't want to suffer. We don't want our children to suffer or to experience hardship or disappointment.

But suffering is not something to be avoided. Jesus is very clear when he teaches us:

"If anyone wants to follow me let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me." So, as his followers, suffering is to be expected and faced. It is to be endured with faith and hope. And, when it is, it can be a source of grace and redemption.

We have the example of Peter himself and the apostles, all of whom, except John, surrendered their very lives in suffering and martyrdom in witness to their faith in Christ's death and resurrection. So too have many Christians through the ages, including our present age, suffered persecution and suffering on account of their faith.

While we are not called to suffer martyrdom as they did, we are called to follow Jesus through thick and thin, in good times and in hard, facing whatever suffering besets us in our lives with faith and hope.

Manoj Kunnath CSsR
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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

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

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

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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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:
PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Maloney (*South West Rocks*), Valerie McCoy, (*Port Macquarie*) Anne McCarthy, (*Sydney, mother of Maria Foley*), Sr Kathleen Price rsj, Allan Hay,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: ,

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: Kath Hankinson, Patricia Evans, Margaret Perkins (*Tweed Heads*), Barbara Smith, 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, 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, Dympna 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, *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.

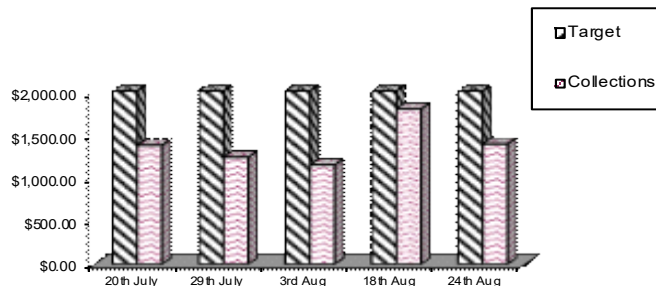
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches THANK YOU

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 (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	\$ 577.95
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 199.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,387.00
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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY Today is Social Justice Sunday.

The Australian Catholic Bishops have published a Social Justice Statement, titled :

To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today.

The Statement calls us to invite all people to an abundant life that engages the whole self physically, psychologically and spiritually. It acknowledges that God created us out of love and for love to live life to the full in community. It examines how our social, economic and cultural life can be welcoming and inclusive of those who live with mental ill-health. It also offers ways of supporting people when they are most vulnerable, and it explores how to sow hope and opportunities for all people to thrive in body, mind and spirit.

Copies of the Social Justice Statement are available at the back of our Churches. Prayer cards are available to take home.



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**



UNABLE TO ATTEND MASS WOULD YOU LIKE HOLY COMMUNION AT YOUR 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.

GATHERING EXAMINES WHY MEN ARE LEAVING THE CHURCH

The inaugural Catholic Men's Gathering discussed the necessary role played by men in the Church and explored ways to counteract men's gradually declining numbers within Australian parishes.

Speaking at the virtual event on Saturday, Sydney Centre for Evangelisation director Daniel Ang said: "If we believe that the history of the world and the history of salvation passes through the family, the life and faith of men is integral to the future of a flourishing and faith-filled society of which the Church is called to be a real sign and sacramental presence".

"With men's participation and engagement in the life of our parishes in decline, we are deprived of an array of gifts, charisms and vocations that God offers to us. This is to the detriment of the whole People of God and its mission and living presence in the world."

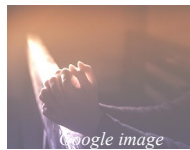
Mr Ang believes that for that potential to be fulfilled, we as a Church need to ask: "Why is the Church so important to the healthy functioning of our men and what are the implications of our lack of outreach to men?"

Brisbane Archdiocese's executive director of evangelisation Deacon Peter Pellicaan, another presenter at the conference, said this will take place when we facilitate a personal encounter with Jesus – something Pope Francis often speaks about.

"It is this encounter that brings the Mass to life, when you know and love the one whom you receive in the Mass, you won't want to miss it," Deacon Pellicaan said.

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ACBC National Virtual Men's Gathering

Brothers, what must we do?

DISCUSSION GROUP THURSDAY, 10th SEPTEMBER 2020

Anawim Room

Parish Administration Centre
Registration Essential and Free
to: bpb3282@bigpond.net.au

Details provided to all registrants.

Further information: www.catholicmensgathering.com.au



MARRIAGE WEEK

13th-19th September, 2020

*Investing in critical infrastructure of
the nation ~ Marriage & Family*

'The greatest political storm flutters only a fringe of humanity. But an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children literally alter the destiny of nations.'

– G. K. CHESTERTON

Marriage is a main component of the Lord's blueprint for humans to flourish spiritually and materially. The health of a community directly correlates to the types of relationships that build it. Marriage and thus families are the foundational elements of every society because societies and cultures are comprised of lots of families living in them. We in the church should be world changers; and one way to do it is through forming communities with a marriage culture that shows God's design and purpose for marriage to the world around us. Married couples bearing witness to the authority of Christ in our relationships and in our marriages.

marriageweek.org.au

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

MASKS: It is recommended by State Government and endorsed by Bishop Greg to wear a mask while at Mass.

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

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: Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;

you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,

I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking

beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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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