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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

20th September, 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 Matthew, apostle Monday

St Pius of Pietrelcina, Wednesday



First is last and last is first

In the quotation, "My thoughts are not your was that the more creative we are, the more cause of equal rights and justice for their realising that God's ways are not our ways. teaches.

Jesus is forever seeking out those who have lost out in life or made a mess of their lives and adjusting their perspective and their prospects. Just think of the story of the Prodigal Son or the number of times that Jesus eats and drinks with those whom society has already cast aside. And every time he does this, Jesus calls forth the wrath of the selfrighteous.

Many years ago I was introduced to the of loving compassion and generosity. Long notion of 'lateral thinking' by a very entertaining speaker, who could tie his audience up in knots by presenting a series of conundrums, to which the answers were obvious but only when he gave them to you! He God's compassion? And once we accept explained the theory of Dr Edward de Bono, that, we might be able to understand the who had realised that we all have a tenden- paradox of the last being first and the first cy to pigeon-hole our knowledge; filing it in last. such a way that particular problems lead us instinctively to pull out what we think is the appropriate file for the answer. His theory

thoughts, my ways not your ways ...", the likely we are to be able to look along the prophet Isaiah sets the scene for the parable files - laterally - and find the correct soluof Jesus that Matthew shares with us in to- tion. My point is that, if we are to underday's gospel. Trade Union leaders would stand the teaching of Jesus, we need to reornot readily choose the story to promote the der our files and take Isaiah at his word, workers, yet the owner of the vineyard has I would suggest that we can only begin to honoured the contracts he made and the unlock the mystery when we recall Jesus' story reinforces all that Jesus does and warning that we should not judge others, and that we would do well not to try to take

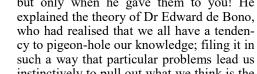
> the splinter from another's eye until we have removed the plank from our own.

In the parable Jesus leaves us to fill in the gaps. The owner of the vineyard asks those who are still hanging around at the end of the day why they have been idle. We can only surmise why they had not been hired. All that matters in God's topsy-Liturgy Help © 2020 turvy world is that it is never too late for a God

before Jesus came, Isaiah had got the message and was urging the wicked to let the Lord "take pity" on them.

Which of us dare suggest we do not need

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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 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

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

Parish Youth Group Coordinator: Amelia Kearney

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

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

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

AGED CARE:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Maria da Costa Freitas, Lloyd Cuthbert, Marie Maloney Valerie McCov.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: John Nilon,

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: Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Kath Hankinson, Patricia Evans, Margaret Perkins (Tweed Heads), Barbara Smith, Greg Campbell, June Ianna, John Heaton, 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, 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.

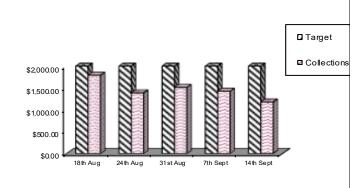
- Ensure you have registered prior to attending Mass by ringing the parish office 6681 1048.
 - Your name is marked off our daily list before entering the Church.
 - Use hand sanitiser provided at entrance and exit doors.
- <u>Sit on or between the two crosses (X) allocated in the pew</u> to comply with 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	\$ 412.90
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 150.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,179.00
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.



CATECHISTS MEETING

Upper Room, Parish Administration Building
Tuesday 20th October ~10.00 am.
All Catechists and helpers are encouraged
to attend. Morning Tea provided.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

CONFIRMATION: Bishop Greg has announced that from 2021 Confirmation will begin in grade 3.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Will be for those in grade 4.

This will ensure smooth continuance of our Sacramental Program.

Dates for 2021 Confirmation will be advised at a later date.

In the spirit of Mary MacKillop, we invite you to



"TAKE FRESH COURAGE."

This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation.

During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary

MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 02 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org

MARY MACKILLOP





SISTERS OF MERCY FEAST DAY

this Thursday 24th September

Sr Aileen Larkin, Sr Judy Quirk,

Srs Larelle & Grace Laverty

We hope you have a Happy Feast Day

Love and prayers from the parish.



2020 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY Again the Nation Wide Rosary Chain will be taking place across Australia and other countries on Saturday 10th

October — the Saturday nearest to the day Our Lady of Fatima worked the great "Miracle of the Sun" before the astonished eyes of 70,000 people in Portugal. The Australian Rosary Crusade will ask for God's merciful blessings upon Australia through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Come and join us - 11.00 am—12.00 noon, Holy Family Church grounds Lennox Head. Please bring your own chair. Covid-19 regulations will apply.

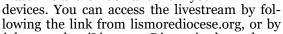
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

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



BISHOP GREG'S SUNDAY MASS ON YOUTUBE LIVE

You are invited to view the Sunday Mass live and on demand from your davices. You can access the livestree



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 Mon-

days 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.

'I was a stranger and you welcomed me' (Matthew 25:35)

'WHAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH TEACHERS ON ASYLUM AND MIGRATION'

- •The Catholic Church teachers that all people have the right to live a dignified life in their homeland. Tragically millions of people around the world are displaced. This typifies and reveals the imbalances and conflicts of the modern world. War, natural calamities, persecution and discrimination of every kind have deprived millions of their home, employment, family and homeland.
- •The Catholic Church teaches that human life is sacred because each person is created in the image and likeness of God. Human dignity is inalienable. The human dignity and human rights of asylum seekers must be respected, regardless of their citizenship, visa status or mode of arrival.
- •Jesus identifies Himself as a stranger to be welcomed (Mt 25:35). The Catholic Church teaches that Christ has in some way united himself to every person, whether or not one is aware of this. Christ will consider done to himself the kind of treatment that is reserved to any human person, in particular, to the least among them, the stranger.

 Excerpt from Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office pamphlet.

 www.acmro.catholic.org.au



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 al-

ready come, I embrace You and unite myself entirely to You; never permit me to be separated from You. Amen. *melbournecatholic.org.au*

Prayer of the Church and Rosary: 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: Isaiah 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts. The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

- 1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
- 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
- 3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him. who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27;

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

Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He an-Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by swered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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.



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