

St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish of Ballina

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**St Francis Xavier Church,
Cnr Cherry & Crane Streets,
Ballina**

welcome

**Holy Family Church,
94 Ballina Street,
Lennox Head.**

**27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

4th October, 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**

Feast

**Our Lady of the Rosary,
Wednesday**



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Striving for what's good and just

The image of a vineyard is often used in the bible to refer to God's chosen people, Israel. In today's first reading, the prophet Isaiah takes up this image and speaks in poetic terms of "my friend" and "his love for his vineyard." Having lovingly and carefully tended his vineyard, the friend expected it to be productive and yield grapes, but instead it produced "sour grapes." The friend responded with punishing measures. Honing the meaning as it relates to his listeners, Isaiah explains: "He [God] expected justice, but found bloodshed; integrity, but only a cry of distress."

In the gospel, Jesus also takes up the image of the vineyard and, in his parable of the wicked tenants, tells of a man who plants a vineyard, painstakingly prepares it and fences it to protect it, and then, as absent landowners often do, he lets it out to tenants. When the time comes to collect the produce, the man sends his servants, not once but twice, but each time they are killed by the tenants. Finally, he sends his beloved son and heir, but, shockingly, the tenants beat and kill him too. Jesus then asks his listeners: "What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answer him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times."

The specific identity of the son is not made

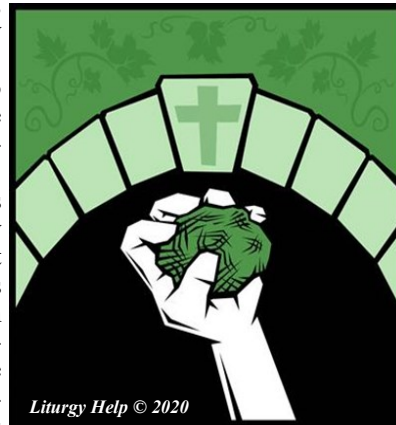
explicit in the parable, but Matthew adds that Jesus then quotes from Psalm 118 -- "The stone that the builders rejected has become the keystone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes" -- and this makes it clear that Jesus means that the son is himself and that his own death awaits him.

The unexpected reversal -- that what was rejected by the builders becomes the most important keystone -- is very typical of Jesus' teaching, turning his listeners' expectations upside down. The last shall be first; the least shall be the greatest; the rejected shall be the most valuable: God's ways are not our ways.

For us in our time, whatever the trials and tribulations we face, the readings remind us of God's steadfast love and boundless care for us, individually and as a community and for our world, and that what is asked and expected of us are the works of justice and lives of integrity.

Paul, in his Letter to the Philippians, exhorts us to strive for what is good and just and pure and honourable. He counsels us not to worry and to pray for anything we need, and he assures us that the peace of God is so much greater than we can understand or indeed imagine. Let justice and integrity be the hallmark of our lives.

Anne Hunt
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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
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:
PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

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

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Lyndall Pavey, Peter Koch, Maria da Costa Freitas, Lloyd Cuthbert,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Kitty Gorton, Betty McNiff,

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: Tony Reynolds, Rose Norris, Elsie Evans (2 weeks old), Maureen Kearnes, 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, 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, Glenn Campbell, Jan Kelly, Maria Gorton, Peter & Reba Smidt, Asha Ousby, Jeanie Marie Curry, Fay Kerslake, Darryl Simpkins, 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*

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.

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.

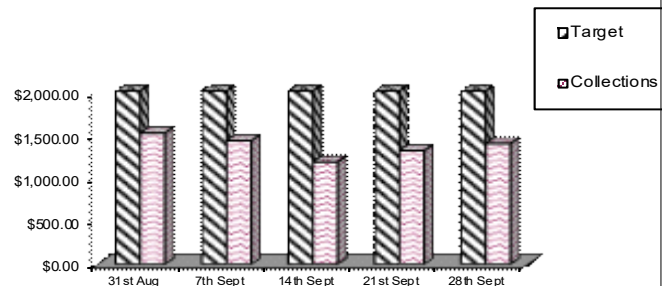
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches THANK YOU

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	\$ 628.60
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 223.55
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,392.55
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 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY
Holy Family Church Grounds
Come and join together
NEXT Saturday 10th October
11.00 am to 12.00 noon

to pray for God's merciful blessings upon Australia, our Parish and our families through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima and to pray for **wisdom** for our Church and Political Leaders and **courage and integrity** for all our Australian citizens.

Joyful Mysteries will be prayed.
Bring a fold-up chair and your rosary beads.
Covid-19 distancing regulations will apply.

ALL WELCOME.

Enquiries: Parish Office: 6681 1048 or
Marie: 0409 887 677



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**

Commissioning of the Plenary Council Delegates:

This weekend our two Diocesan delegates, who will represent the faithful of the Lismore Diocese at the Plenary Council, are being commissioned by Bishop Homeming at the 9.00am Mass. Please keep Dr Deirdre Little from St Mary's Parish, Bellingen and **Miss Ellen Hales of St Francis Xavier Parish, Ballina** in your prayers as they prepare for the Plenary Council Assemblies to be held in 2021.

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME: Please ring the Parish Office 6681 1048 if you would like Father Anselm to visit and offer Holy Communion to you.



CATECHISTS MEETING

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



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Lyndall Pavey** who has passed away. A private funeral has taken place.



MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL
'The joy of the Lord is our strength!'
Nehemiah 8:10

On Sunday 18th October we will

celebrate World Mission Sunday - a special day, called by Pope Francis, when we are called to pray and offer material support to the work of mission around the world. This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope through the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and practical support to live a fulfilling life.



Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo

Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise. You are warmly invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia through this year's Church Appeal.

Ways to Give: Due to Covid restrictions here are some ways to support the Appeal.

1. **Envelopes** (available at the doors of the Church and the Parish Office.) Please **POST** envelope directly to address listed on envelope;
2. Visit Website—give online at catholicmission.org.au/Cambodia;
3. Text **GIVE** to 0488 854 436 and then follow instructions.

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.

Change to prayers during Mass due in November

Worshippers will, from late November, notice a slight change to the words the priest prays just before the Liturgy of the Word, with the amendment supporting a more faithful understanding of the Trinity. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments earlier this year wrote to episcopal conferences that use the English translation of the Roman Missal (2010) regarding a change to the conclusion to the collects – or opening prayers – used in the Mass.

A typical conclusion to the collect read as follows: "Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever."

The letter indicated that the inclusion of the word "one" before God is problematic in relation to the Latin text "*Deus, per omnia saecula saeculorum*".

It explained that the inclusion of the word "one" before God "can serve to undermine the statement of the Son's unique identity within the Trinity which the Latin formulas so strongly convey and, on the other hand, it can also be interpreted as saying that Jesus Christ is 'one God'."

The letter, signed by the Congregation's prefect Cardinal Robert Sarah, said "either or both of these interpretations is injurious to the faith of the Church".

"It is clear from the Latin texts that the doxology emphasises the divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son, who intercedes on our behalf, as the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, to the Father and which prayer is made in the unity of the Holy Spirit," the cardinal wrote.

"Thus the Son's role of priestly mediation is made clear. To transfer the Trinitarian relational element in *unitate* as meaning *unus Deus* is incorrect."

The final words of the collects will be changed to read "God, for ever and ever". The people, as they currently do, will give their assent to the prayer by saying "Amen".

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has agreed to implement the change to the prayers from the First Sunday of Advent this year – November 29th. *Cath News 28/09/20*

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 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.

What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.

I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant.

He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

4. And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit'.

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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