

St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the 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.**

**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

11th October, 2020

**Parish Weekend Mass
Times**

**St Francis Xavier Church
Ballina (45 people)**

**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm
beginning Sat 17th October**

**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

**St Teresa of Jesus (Avila),
Thursday**

**St Ignatius of Antioch
Saturday**



Invitation to God's table

In 2006 at the 56th Berlin International Film Festival, filmmakers were invited to compete in a Short Film Competition on the theme: *Food, Taste and Hunger*. About 3600 filmmakers from around the world participated, but only 32 films were chosen to be screened at the Berlinale Talent Campus.

The winner was a six-minute Filipino film, "Chicken a la Carte", made by Ferdinand Dimadura. This touching short film sent a very strong message about how we value what we are given. It shows customers at a KFC outlet eating half the food they had bought and then throwing away the rest. But that was not the film's main focus. It then shows a man collecting the garbage and selecting leftovers to feed his family; and then the joyful faces of the man's small children as they see him arriving with the baskets of leftover food. They enjoy the food like it's a great banquet.

What is inspiring is the hope and spirituality that never left these people. Even in this dire situation, they thank God and say grace and give thanks for what they have. These people are worthy guests of God's banquet. The readings of the liturgy this Sunday depict great banquets. The passage from Isaiah in the first reading paints a portrait of the lavish final banquet of the Lord, with the best food and drink imaginable, where his guests can enjoy each other's company and

that of the Lord himself. In the reading from Matthew's gospel, Jesus uses the parable of a wedding banquet to teach his hearers about the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus emphasises the generosity and hospitality of God. In the parable the king, after those who had been invited didn't bother to come to the feast, sends his servants out to invite everyone they can find – good and bad - to come instead. However, the parable also stresses that there will be a judgment about the worthiness of the guests attending



the wedding party, and such judgment belongs to the king. When the king comes into the assembly of guests and finds someone "not wearing a suitable wedding garment", the king has that guest thrown out.

The point is that those who are invited to God's banquet need to present themselves as worthy to be there. I like to think they are people who give thanks to God for all the

goodness they have received, however difficult life may be.

In both the gospel and the first reading, it is God who prepares the banquet, who calls, and who longs for all peoples to attend and feast in friendship. We are all invited and we are all called to respond, rejoice and give thanks, and to live lives that are worthy of the banquet that is the kingdom of heaven.

Anthony Tran 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
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

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

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

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: Fay Kerslake (*sister of Gloria Bordin*), Leisa Wotton, Lyndall Pavey, Peter Koch, Maria da Costa Freitas,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Jack Flood, 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: Shandelle Judd (*Darwin*), 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, 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, 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.

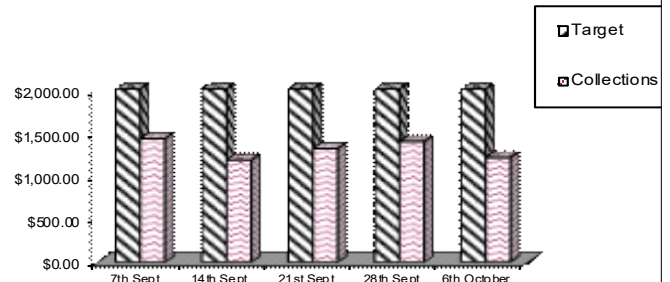
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches THANK YOU

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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 424.20
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 160.20
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,207.000
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.

CHANGE TO TIME OF BALLINA VIGIL MASS
As of **Saturday 17th October** Mass will be at **6.00 pm**.
Lennox Head Vigil Mass will remain at 5.00 pm.



2020 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY
'Thank you' to those who joined the

Rosary Crusade yesterday to pray for God's blessings on our families, Parish and our Australian nation.

There is prayer at Holy Family Church **weekly** on Wednesdays at 8.30 am for Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet and **monthly** for our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday of the month devotions at 8.00 am. Joyful Mysteries are prayed.

Please sign in and observe the Covid 19 regulation that are in place in our Church. We are all encouraged to pray the Rosary in our families, reflecting on at least **one decade daily**.



BAPTISM: Our parish warmly welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church **Darcy Asher Wing** son of Ashley and Rachelle.



CATECHISTS MEETING

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



MISSION SUNDAY APPEAL
'The joy of the Lord is our strength!'

Nehemiah 8:10

Next 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.

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

Thank you for your prayerful support and generosity.



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



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Leisa Wotton** who has passed away.

A private funeral service has taken place.



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

Learn to become the best versions of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

20th—22nd November, 2020

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
Book online at www.wwme.org.au

Alternatively contact **Christine & Terry Mahony:** on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au
Worldwide Marriage Encounter.

QLD WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND



Date: 24th—25th October 2020

(Live-Out weekend at Hendra Parish)

Contact: **David & Maria Murphy**

Phone 07 3342 1456

Email qldbookings@wwme.org.au

Online Application:

www.wwme.org.au/online-bookings-for-couples

Location: Hendra Catholic Parish, 9 Bowman St, Hendra QLD 4011.



St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)

Feast Day ~ October 15th

Founder of the Discalced Carmelites and Doctor of the Church. St Teresa spoke of prayer as 'nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know

loves us. The important thing is not to think much but to love much and so do that which best stirs you to love. Love is not great delight but desire to please God in every thing.'
www.catholic.org.au



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.

Christian Meditation Group: Meeting again every Saturday at **9.30 am** in Anawim Room

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 25:6-10*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.

The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people's shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.

That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I
have been through my initiation and now I am ready for
anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, pov-
erty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the
help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was
good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return
my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavish-
ly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and
ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people:
"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who
gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to
call those who had been invited, but they would not come.
Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have
been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared,
my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, every-
thing is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not
interested: one went off to his farm, another to his busi-
ness, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and
killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his
troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town.
Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as
those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the
crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to
the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads
and collected together everyone they could find, bad and
good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.
"When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed
one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and
said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a
wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king
said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw
him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and
grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are
chosen."

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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