

St Francis Xavier

Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



**St Francis Xavier Church,
47 Cherry Street,
Ballina**

welcome

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

**2nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time C**

16th January, 2022

**QR check-in is
mandatory and the
wearing of a mask**

'ALL WELCOME'

**Weekend Mass Times
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church
184 people per Mass**

Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am

Sunday — 11.00 am

Lennox Head

Holy Family Church

70 people per Mass

Saturday Vigil—5.00pm

Sunday—7.30 am

PLEASE QR IN UPON ARRIVAL

**Manual registration is also
provided.**

WEEKDAY MASS:

**at St Francis Xavier Church
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**

12.00 noon

**Register with NSW QR codes or
manual registration sheets.**

RECONCILIATION

**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church**

Feast Days

St Anthony

Monday

St Agnes

Friday

Drinking the new wine

Of all Jesus' miracles, we might think his turning water into wine is the least significant. However, for John, this miracle at the wedding feast of Cana takes pride of place as the first of the 'signs' given by Jesus.

Other 'signs' in John's gospel include healing miracles, feeding the 5,000, Jesus walking on water and raising Lazarus from the dead. While John acknowledges there were "many other signs", he chooses these seven 'signs' so "you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing you may have life in His name" (Jn. 20:30).

Each of these miracle-signs is a foretaste of the single, great miracle of Jesus' resurrection. So, what lessons can we draw from the wedding feast of Cana? First, this is the only recorded miracle that Jesus performed for friends and family. Elsewhere, he seems to dismiss any special significance for family: "Whoever does the will of my Father in Heaven is my brother and sister and mother" (Mtt. 12:50). On another occasion, when returning to Nazareth, we are told Jesus was so "amazed by their lack of faith ... he could work no miracles there" (Mk 6:5f.).

Second, there is the extraordinary interchange between Jesus and his mother, Mary. It is Mary who confronts her son with the problem: "They have no wine!" We need to note, at this point, Jesus had not given any indication of special powers. Next, we cannot help but notice Jesus' annoyance in stating his

time had not yet come. But Mary, unperturbed, tells the waiter: "Do whatever he tells you". We know the rest of the story: Jesus not only turns water into wine, but it is the best possible wine.

The human dimension of this story is compelling. Jesus and his disciples know how to celebrate life. No doubt they told yarns, sang songs and danced well into the night. But the time would come when they would face a crisis and be asked to lay down their lives.

Interestingly, the next time we hear of Mary in John's gospel is at Jesus' crucifixion. Just as Mary is present to witness the beginning of Jesus' public life at Cana, she is also there to witness what is, for John, the birth of the Church at Calvary.

We are similarly living in a time of transition — what Pope Francis calls a "change of era" — when the old wine

seems to be running out. Like Mary, we are being asked to place our vulnerable trust in Jesus who, with the gift of the Spirit, is the new wine for our age. Like the first disciples and early Christians, we know we live in a time of human and political crisis that also embroils society and church. We can only but trust in God who alone is able to turn the water of our fears into the new wine of God's creative presence and enduring love.

Gerard Hall SM
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***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 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

Pastoral Associate: John Kearney Email: john@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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Marie Rogers, Sr Patricia Smith RSM (Sr Mary Pauline), Betty Bellamy (Portland), Jean Ruth Brady, Alane Atangana-Etoundi,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Stan Parry, John Moreland, Hortense Dunn
AND ALSO FOR: Teresita & Benjamin Calugay, Beatrice Flood, Glorie Kelly, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, 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: Sr Therese Dougherty pbvm, Helen Cox, Sr Margaret Mary pbvm, Father Anthony Lemon, Mardi Seabrook, Helen Johnston, Barbara Levett, Maureen West (Sydney), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, Dorothy Preddey (Sydney), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Kathleen Campbell, Gregory Thomas, Danny Reynolds (Caloundra), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, June Ianna, John Heaton, Dymrna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (Dubai), Corazon Accon, Pauline McLachlan, Darcy Martin, (Aunty) Julia Paden, John Moreland, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care. (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise the parish office if you wish names to remain or be removed if good health as been restored.)

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 of 2 square metres people to sit in pews marked with X. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

CONFIRMATION: TBA

RECONCILIATION: 22nd March, 2022.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: 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.

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

NSW GOVERNMENT RESTRICTIONS FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP.

- Covid-19 check-in is mandatory for places of worship.
- Manual registration is available, place your name and contact on sheet provided
- Please wear a mask while indoors
- Receiving of Holy Communion in the hand only
- Singing by choir only
- 2sq metre density limit while seated—Social distancing of 1.5m when standing where possible and practical
- If unwell please stay home until you feel better



Any amended public health orders that come into place will be followed.

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.

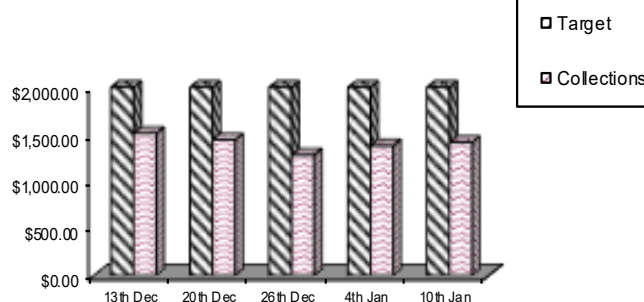
Father Peter and Father Anselm

DIF PAYS 0.45% 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 536.45
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 199.45
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,413.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



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 and monthly deductions by Credit Card.

Parish Notices

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



CATECHISTS MATTER Volunteers NEEDED for 2022 An invitation to consider and reflect upon if you are able help in this rewarding mission.

Can you spare 30 minutes a week to help sow the seeds of **FAITH, HOPE** and **LOVE** in **GOD** into the hearts of the children in our local State Schools?

Our parish needs Catechists and Helpers to assist in the faith development of children in the State schools in our community. For more information on becoming a Catechist contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or Peter Bowen Parish Catechist Co-ordinator phn 0421 518 371.

Please give some thought to this important invitation. You will be supplied with resources and be part of a very enthusiastic and vibrant team.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS



Catholics across Australia are being consolidated for the next International Synod of Bishops, the theme; "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission." Pope Francis asks us to dream of a renewed church where all people feel that they have a home and can participate.

We are encouraged to prayerfully reflect and make submissions via a user-friendly online portal. All people are encouraged to meet in groups or submit individually. Multiple submissions are welcome. These submissions will comprise the report from the Diocese of Lismore for the 2023 Synod. See the process at:

<http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

Quote from Henri Nouwen: Trust "Trust is the basis of life. Without trust, no human being can live. Trapeze artists offer a beautiful image of this. Flyers have to trust their catchers. They can do the most spectacular doubles, triples, or quadruples, but what finally makes their performances spectacular are the catchers who are there for them at the right time in the right place.

"Much of our lives is flying. It is wonderful to fly in the air free as a bird, but when God isn't there to catch us, all our flying comes to nothing. Let's trust the Great Catcher."
— from *Bread for the Journey* ~ Day Book of Wisdom and Faith



NEW PARISHIONER? If you are a new parishioner of St Francis Xavier Parish, **we welcome you to our community.** Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048.

The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding

Office: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



SUMMER HOMILY SERIES WITH THE GOSPEL BY BISHOP GREG HOMEMING



Bishop Greg invites you to access each week this new series by going straight to the 'Lismore Diocese' channel on YouTube 'Bishop Greg's Summer

Series'.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Ash Wednesday 2nd March, 2022**

- **Easter Sunday 17th April, 2022**

Reflection : Unsung Heroes

Today's gospel ends: 'He let his glory *be seen*.' Where? In a nondescript Galilean village at a wedding feast about to become a disaster for the couple. The wine is running out. A fiasco is impending. A hero was needed to step in and save the situation. Jesus and Mary are good candidates for hero status. But, it is the servants who are the unsung heroes. They take a huge risk. They are going to look utterly stupid if they give the steward water to ladle out. Nevertheless, they follow the stranger's directions exactly and end up serving the best of wines, saving the couple from terrible embarrassment.

The Divine Glory is not going to enter people's lives with great pyrotechnics. Rather, when we do as Jesus requires, even if it looks ridiculous to the crowd, His healing and enhancing Presence can enter and save a situation of apparent disaster.

We could pause for a moment to pray for a certain naïve trust in the Lord as we follow his directions, so that Cana may enter someone's life, so that His glory may be seen.

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Prayer for People Critically Ill or Facing Great Uncertainty with Covid

God of the present moment,
God who in Jesus stills the storm and soothes
the frantic heart;

bring hope and courage to all who wait or
work in uncertainty.

Bring hope that you will make them the equal
of whatever lies ahead.

Bring them courage to endure what cannot be
avoided, for your will is health and wholeness;
you are God, and we need you.

Amen.

www.jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer



TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:



Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or Email: tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday

Sisterhood: is in recess

Parish Youth Group: is in recess

Ballina CCR : is now in recess until 31/01/2022

Prayer of the Church and Rosary: is in recess until Saturday 5th February 2022

Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head: 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

Welcome to our prayer gatherings.

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1-5*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

About Zion I will not be silent,
 about Jerusalem I will not grow weary,
 until her integrity shines out like the dawn
 and her salvation flames like a torch.
 The nations then will see your integrity,
 all the kings your glory,
 and you will be called by a new name,
 one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.
 You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord,
 a princely diadem in the hand of your God;
 no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken',
 nor your land 'Abandoned',
 but you shall be called 'My Delight'
 and your land 'The Wedded';
 for the Lord takes delight in you
 and your land will have its wedding.
 Like a young man marrying a virgin,
 so will the one who built you wed you,
 and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride,
 so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R.) Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
 sing to the Lord all the earth.
 O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R.)**
2. Proclaim his help day by day,
 tell among the nations his glory
 and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
 give the Lord glory and power,
 give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R.)**
4. Worship the Lord in his temple.
 O earth, tremble before him.
 Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
 He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Cor 12:4-11*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit;
 there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in dif-

ferent people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!**Gospel: John 2:1-11***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John*

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said, 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews; each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water,' and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them, 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink, but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

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**



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