

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.**

**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

25th October, 2020

**Parish Weekend Mass
Times**

**St Francis Xavier Church
Ballina (92 people)**

**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm
Sunday — 9.00 am
Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Holy Family Church
Lennox Head (35 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 (92 people)
Please register with Parish Office**

**RECONCILIATION
9.00 am Saturday
St Francis Xavier Church**

Feast

**Sts Simon & Jude, apostles
Wednesday**



Loving God and your neighbour

October is traditionally a month in which we focus on Mary. In our journey of praying the rosary from the first mystery, the Annunciation, until we come to Pentecost, Mary gives us an example of loving God and loving our sisters and brothers. The rosary ends with her Assumption and Coronation, a reward for keeping the greatest commandment.

The Pharisees in today's gospel reading should have been enjoying the moment when their rivals, the Sadducees, having tried to trick Jesus with a question concerning the resurrection, were silenced by him. But on that day, the Pharisees and the Sadducees joined in an attempt to silence Jesus. Losing arguments with Jesus meant risking losing their followers and increasing Jesus' popularity. So, they got together and called on an expert in the law to ask another tricky question.

His question sounds genuine. Over the years, the scribes, Pharisees and the Sadducees had burdened the lives of ordinary Jews with 613 rules, Dos' and Don'ts. There were "greater laws" and "smaller laws" and "oral and written" laws. Hence the question: Which commandment assured eternal life? But the purpose here was to trap Jesus. They wanted Jesus to say something at variance with the Law of Moses and thus hasten his condemnation.

Jesus replied with a surprising combination

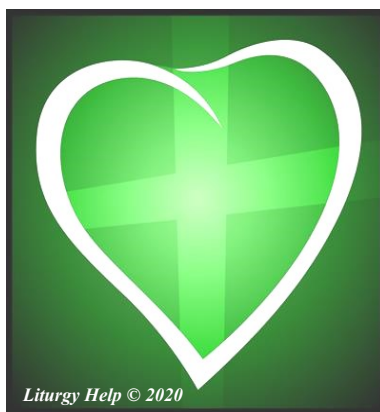
of the two Old Testament texts, Deuteronomy 6:5 (You shall love the Lord your God ...) and Leviticus 19:18 (You shall love your neighbour ...) For the first time ever Jesus brought these commandments together and said that on these two *together* hung the rest of the Scripture. That was an unexpected answer which enraged his enemies. But here is the heart of Jesus' teaching.

Today's first reading speaks of how greatly God cares for His people. God calls the poor, the widow, the orphan and the stranger "His People." The Lord says to Moses "I shall hear their cry. . . I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Saint Catherine of Genoa, a mystic, once prayed, "Lord, you say that I should love my neighbour, but I can love no one but you." God replied to her in these

words: "Everybody who loves me loves what I love." God loves his people. Loving God and loving your neighbour are inseparable. As the First Letter of St John tells us, "If anyone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen." On the last Sunday of this Marian month may we learn from Mother Mary. In the miraculous icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, she holds the Son of God close to her heart, but her eyes are fixed on the wounded world and its suffering people.

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
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:
PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Percy Chute, John Thomas Salloum (*Kellyville*), Margaret Perkins (*Tweed Heads*), Fay Kerslake (*sister of Gloria Bordin*), Leisa Wotton, Lyndall Pavey,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Bernard Evans, Michael Harris,
AND ALSO FOR: Roslyn Evans, Glorie Kelly, 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: Gwen Braid (n/a 'Kay'), Peter Podgorczyk, Shandelle Judd (*Darwin*), Tony Reynolds, Rose Norris, Elsie Evans (*2 weeks old*), Maureen Kearnes, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Kath Hankinson, Patricia Evans, 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, (*Aunt*) Julia Paden, Glenn Campbell, Jan Kelly, Maria Gorton, Peter & Reba Smidt, Asha Ousby, Jeanie Marie Curry, Darryl Simpkins, Hilda Carter, Rosemary Russell, John Moreland, Dymphna 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 Aged Care.* (*Due to*

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.

ANOIDING 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 crosses (X) allocated in the pews** to comply with the required social distancing rules — three/four people to a pew (*families can sit together*).
- 92 people maximum in Ballina Church and 35 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.

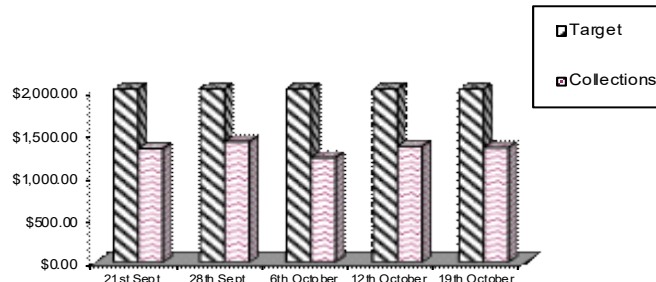
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches THANK YOU

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	\$ 490.05
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 168.80
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,323.00
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.

Dear Parishioners

Covid-19 Seating adjustment in both Churches

Following the Government of NSW guidelines our St Francis Xavier Parish Church can accommodate 92 people in the pews for all Masses.

Holy Family Church at Lennox Head can accommodate 35 people in the pews.

Registration for weekend Masses must be received at the Parish Office no later than 12.00 noon on Fridays you will be allocated a booking number for your Mass attendance, please quote it on arrival for Mass:

phn 6681 1048 or email admin@sfxballina.org.au

Weekday Masses please register by phoning the Parish Office.

It is compulsory for all places of worship to have your name and contact details.

We must comply with government seating limitations.

Always sanitise your hands upon entry to the Church and sit on the X that is marked.

Maintain 1.5 metres when in the isles of the church and on pathways.

At-risk parishioners e.g. compromised immune or respiratory systems, are encouraged not to attend Mass during this time, and those over 70 years of age to exercise particular caution. If feeling unwell, please do not attend.



NOVEMBER MASSES: It is traditional to pray during November for our loved ones and for all who have died. You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes. There will be additional November Mass envelopes at the back of the churches for your use.

Please print names clearly so they can be easily read. Two lists of the names will be printed. One copy will be placed on the altars of our churches and the other on the notice boards. All Masses in November will be offered for all those on the list.



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



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

'THANK YOU'

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your prayers and financial support.

Your generosity makes it possible for the Church, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, in Cambodia, to continue making the love of Jesus real—both spiritually and materially.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at catholicmission.org.au/contact

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



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.



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT WILL RECOMMENCE FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

**11.00 am to 11.45 am
Followed by 12.00 noon Mass**



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Percy Chute** who has passed away.

A funeral service with government restrictions will take place on Tuesday at Holy Family Church.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Invitation to 'Come and See'

A step on your journey to understand more about the Catholic faith.

If you are interested or know of someone who is, please contact SFX Parish Admin Office on 6681 1048 for more information about the RCIA program.



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.**

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

All welcome to pray for our priests of the Lismore Diocese.



First Reading: Exodus 22-20-26

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 1:5-10

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all

round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

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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