

# 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.**

**32nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)  
8th November, 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**

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**Feasts**

**The Dedication of the  
Lateran Basilica**

*Monday*

**St Leo the Great**

*Tuesday*

**St Martin of Tours**

*Wednesday*

**St Josaphat**

*Thursday*

## Doing what needs to be done

One of the many things we've learnt this year is that people we often take for granted – firefighters, nurses, teachers, supermarket workers, amongst them – are significant people in our lives. We heard these significant others saying things like, "We just did what we had to do. We are not heroes."

They say they're doing what they have to do and what they've learnt to do. But, as they know, unless you've done the preparation you'll be found wanting. You won't be ready and able to do what you have to do.

That's the situation the foolish bridesmaids find themselves in. They hadn't prepared for the 'what if he turns up late' situation and, when the bridegroom finally arrives, they make haste to find a shopkeeper who can supply them with oil. But, the oil

they're after is made from the good works of their lives, so that, as one writer says: "The real decisive moment came along before the bridegroom arrived."

What then do we make of someone else saying, "this parable just doesn't feel like the gospel," excluding us arbitrarily from the marriage feast because we weren't prepared for the Lord's late arrival? We might be puzzled too, but the parable isn't meant to be a harsh judging of us. It urges one thing: the need to 'stay awake' for his coming, which is what Jesus says at the gospel's end; in other words, 'be prepared', or 'be

vigilant'. All ten bridesmaids fall asleep; what's at issue is the preparation.

Where do we learn this and go on learning this, because the preparation is going to be crucial when the decisive moment inevitably arrives, asking of us a response. When the stranger appears, when someone is hungry, thirsty, homeless, sick, or imprisoned, what then? How will we respond? Because

this will be the basis of a final judgment. Our 'deeds of faith, justice and mercy' will speak for us; they will tell whether we loved one another.

This is what the kingdom of heaven will be like, as Jesus says at the beginning of the gospel. And once again, where do we learn this? For most of us, it's in our families and in our parishes. In the parish, principally at Mass, but also

through our other parish involvements, we learn how to be forgiven, to receive, to give thanks, so that gradually we're able to be this way with one another and with others.

Being vigilant, as the first reading suggests, is a keeping vigil, waiting on wisdom to appear. In the gospel, wisdom is being alert to the presence of Christ among us; and if we were to ask, when did we meet you Lord, he will tell us. Are we prepared to meet him? Will we be ready and able to do what we have to?

Damian Coleridge  
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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:** David Puglisi, Clare McFadden, Gwen Braid (*n/a Kay*) Percy Chute, John Thomas Salloum, Margaret Perkins, Fay Kerslake (*sister of Gloria Bordin*),

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

**AND ALSO FOR:** Bernard 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:** 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, (*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, 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 privacy laws, names are only*

**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 92 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.

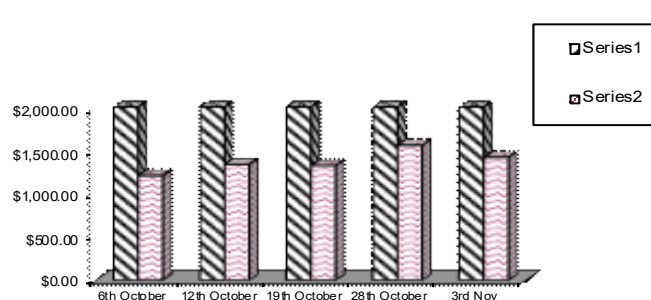
**RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches ..... THANK YOU**

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection).

Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 796.70
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 205.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,419.00
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.**

**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](http://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**



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Amika Luxe Burke** daughter of Andrew and Chloe.



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Clare McFadden** who has passed away. Clare's Requiem Mass has been held.

## NAIDOC WEEK 8th—15th November 2020



**Always Was, Always Will Be.**  
8-15 NOV 2020

**'Always Was, Always Will Be'** recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years.

We are spiritually and culturally connected to this country. This country was criss-crossed by generations of brilliant Nations. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people were Australia's first explorers, first navigators, first engineers, first farmers, first botanists, first scientists, first diplomats, first astronomers and first artists. Australia has the world's oldest oral stories. The First Peoples engraved the world's first maps, made the earliest paintings of ceremony and invented unique technologies. We built and engineered structures - structures on Earth - predating well-known sites such as the Egyptian Pyramids and Stonehenge.

Our adaptation and intimate knowledge of Country enabled us to endure climate change, catastrophic droughts and rising sea levels.

*Always Was, Always Will Be.* acknowledges that hundreds of Nations and our cultures covered this continent. All were managing the land - the biggest estate on earth - to sustainably provide for their future. ....

<https://www.naidoc.org.au/get-involved/2020-theme>

**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.

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## WEEK DAY MASSES FOR 17th AND 18th NOVEMBER

Due to the annual Diocesan Clergy Conference there will be **no** weekday Masses on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November. Mass will resume on Thursday 19th. Please keep the clergy of our Diocese in your prayers.



## 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.



## CATECHISTS MATTER

**Volunteers NEEDED for 2021**

**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 Pauline Shay Parish Catechist Co-ordinator phn 0405 448 592.

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



Aid to the

Church in Need

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## RED WEDNESDAY

On 25th November the Pontifical Foundation Aid to the Church in Need is asking Catholics around the world to commemorate Red Wednesday and pray in solidarity with those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their faith.

Find out more: [www.redwednesday.org](http://www.redwednesday.org).

**ADORATION:** Friday at **11.00 am until 11.45 am.**

**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 Pope Francis and all priests.





**First Reading: Wis 6:12-16***A reading from the book of Wisdom*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.

By those who love her she is readily seen,  
and found by those who look for her.

Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes  
herself known to them.

Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;  
you will find her sitting at your gates.

Even to think about her is understanding fully  
grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly  
leave you.

She herself walks about looking for those who are  
worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them  
as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet  
them.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.**

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary.  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 Thes 4:13-18***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about  
those who have died, to make sure that you do not  
grieve about them, like the other people who have no  
hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and  
that it will be the same for those who have died in  
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you  
this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who

are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have  
any advantage over those who have died. At the  
trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call  
out the command and the Lord himself will come  
down from heaven; those who have died in Christ  
will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are  
still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with  
them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay  
with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these  
you should comfort one another.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom  
of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took  
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of  
them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the  
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought  
no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as  
well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and  
they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight  
there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and  
meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up  
and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said  
to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our  
lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may  
not be enough for us and for you; you had better go  
to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves."  
They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom ar-  
rived. Those who were ready went in with him to the  
wedding hall and the door was closed. The other  
bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said,  
"open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you sol-  
emnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because  
you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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**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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