

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.

**32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

6th November, 2022

'WELCOME'

**Weekend Mass Times
Ballina**

St Francis Xavier Church
Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm
Sunday — 9.00 am
Sunday — 11.00 am

**Lennox Head
Holy Family Church**

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm
Sunday—7.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
at St Francis Xavier Church

**Tuesday to Friday
12.00 noon**

RECONCILIATION
9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church

Feast Days this week

**Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**
Wednesday

St Leo the Great
Thursday

St Martin of Tours
Friday

St Josaphat
Saturday

God delights in our humanity

What difference would it make to the way we live if we embodied in our lives the reality of the resurrection. The Sadducees, who did not believe in the resurrection, tried to trap Jesus into a flawed answer in today's Gospel reading. Their focus was limited to the framework of traditional laws which prescribed the rules of marriage at that time.

Jesus used the occasion to broaden their paradigm, without being dismissive of Jewish laws. In fact, he locates his answer in the rich prophetic tradition. He references Moses, who calls the Lord, "the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob". But Jesus goes further: he points out that the "children of the resurrection" now live in entirely different circumstances, for they are children of God and "they can no longer die for they are the same as the angels".

In this new paradigm, it may not mean that people will never experience death in ordinary human terms. But it does mean that their whole existence is now transformed in the mystery of the incarnation and the promise of the resurrection. Instead of letting our lives be defined and scarred by our frailties, we let the Lord enter our lives and transform us utterly.

This is by no means a one-off or linear process. He enters our life each time we say yes to him, each time we submit ourselves to the

continuous moulding and shaping by his hands. God utterly delights in the deepest flourishing of our humanity. St Irenaeus in the second century described this vision in the words: "Gloria Dei est vivens homo, vita autem hominis visio Dei" – the glory of God is a living human being, and the life of the human comes from the vision of God. In other words, our life and out flourishing consists in beholding God.

Teilhard de Chardin used the term "Omega Point" to describe the ultimate culminating point in history. Our lives begin in God, grow towards him throughout our lives, and find their ultimate fulfilment in him. Within this divine frame of reference, we are not human beings striving for a spiritual existence but rather, spiritual beings having a human experience.

As children of the resurrection, our inheritance is a vibrant living faith. It calls us to live lives which are embedded in the sacred history of God's presence throughout human history. It calls us to realise that we come to our fullest flourishing in a life lived for God and in service of others



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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

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ROSTER: 33rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 12th/13th November
Readings: Malachi 3:19-20; Psalm 97; 2 Thess 3:7-12 ; Luke 21:5-19

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Matt Ritchie</i> <i>Kristie Coster</i>	<i>Richard Goss</i> <i>Wendy Hughes</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i> <i>Maxine Cole</i>
EMHC	<i>Julie McKinnon</i>	<i>Denise Miller & Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	<i>Mick Vella</i> <i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Jean Mackay</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Rose Norris, Jack Ransom, Selma Daniels, Sr Julianne Murphy pbvm (Sr Hilary), Tommy Roskell,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:

AND ALSO FOR: *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: *Kristine Bannerman, Leila Atken (Sydney), Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson 1 yr (Brisbane), Joan Leach, David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Fr Louis Molloy sm, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, unwell residents in 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.)*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

November 6th	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa'
November 9th	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am & 5.00 to 6.30 pm	'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre
November 16th and 18th	Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30 pm Friday 10.00 to 11.00 am	"The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"
November 20th	Sunday 9.00 am	Youth Mass (Parish Youth Retreat Weekend)
November 20th	Sunday 9.00 am	Commissioning of new SVdP members
November 26th	Saturday 6.00pm	Parish Primary Schools Mass
November 26th	Saturday 5.45 pm	<i>Parishioner Meal @ Lennox Bowling Club</i>
November 29th	Tuesday 10.00am	'Cherry Coffee Club' Morning tea
December 17th	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection Day

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**

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.

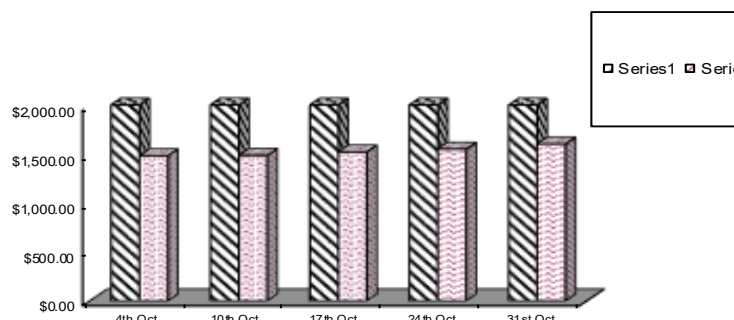
- **By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- **By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218**
- **Please ensure you use your Planed Giving number as reference, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.**

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BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, **L J Hooker** 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 649.35
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 303.30
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,602.25
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00

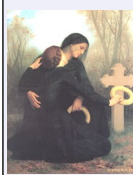


Parish Notices

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Blake Bronte-Ray Bennett** daughter of Mathew and Samantha



November Masses: You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes. There are additional November Mass envelopes at the doors of the churches for your use. **Please print names clearly so they can be easily read.**

'WELCOME HOME' - FATHER ANSELM

We look forward to seeing you over the next week as you settle back into parish life.

To Father Jim 'thank you' for assisting Father Peter with weekend Masses.

PARISH 'CUPPA'

in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church

This Sunday 6th November

following the 9.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very welcome.



VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED: If you would like to be included in the **Offertory Procession** and/or taking the **collection plate** up at our weekend Masses, please call the Parish Office, 6681 1048. We will begin as of this weekend.

"Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist"

Augustine Institute's video presentation showing the powerful way God is truly present in the Eucharist.



4 weeks, 4 videos, 1 hour per week Wednesdays 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm or Fridays 10.00 am to 11.00 am. Begins Wednesday 16th November or Fri 18th November. Phone Parish Office on 6681 1048 to reserve a seat.

All Welcome!



Aid to the Church in Need

RED WEDNESDAY,
23rd November 2022 -

Aid to the Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA (ACN) invites you to join in this special day to pray for and stand in solidarity with the 200+ million Christians persecuted for their faith. Around the world, churches and public buildings will light up in red as a symbol of the sacrifice and suffering of our modern-day martyrs. In Australia, ten Cathedrals will be lit in red, with some holding Masses and prayer vigils for persecuted Christians. Parishes and groups may like to hold a prayer hour or pray the rosary together. Individually, you may wish to go to Mass for someone who can't or intentionally wear a religious symbol remembering those who cannot make such a public display of faith. To find out what is happening at a Cathedral near you and other ways to get involved visit www.aidtochurch.org/redwednesday.



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Rose Norris** who has sadly passed away.

Requiem Mass will be held this Thursday 10th November at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church.

UPDATE TO PLACES OF WORSHIP

Easing of restrictions within our Churches from November

- Collection by way of passing the plate will recommence. **Only ONE collection will be taken up for now, both envelopes and cash donations to be placed on the plate.**
- Communal sign of Peace may be exchanged physically. It is up to the individual. Bowing and waving are also commonly being used.
- Administering the Eucharist on the tongue may recommence. As far as possible those who receive on the tongue should come after those who receive on the hand. This is for the safety of the person distributing Holy Communion and those later in the queue.
- Offertory procession to recommence. If you would like to be involved in this, please advise the Parish Office and a roster (if needed) will be prepared for our weekend Masses.

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Open to all High School Students. Cost: \$20

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YOUTH RETREAT
19-20 NOVEMBER
2022



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Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries please contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048

Marian Cenacle: Monday 11.00 am Anawim Room enquiries to Narelle King via the Parish Admin Centre

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday

Sisterhood: Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building Contact Leanne Robbins via Admin Office.

Prayer of the Church and Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

Parish Youth Group: 7.00pm Saturday evening 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Upper Room Parish Admin Centre.

Contact Bianca McInnes 6681 1048

Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

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: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14;
A reading from the second book of Maccabees

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. **(R.)**

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **(R.)**

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Thess 2:16—3:5;
A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put a question to him.

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER

TUESDAY ~ 8TH NOVEMBER

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord .

Communion Antiphon: 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.

WEDNESDAY ~ FEAST OF DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

Entrance Antiphon: I saw the holy city, a new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband.

Communion Antiphon: Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

THURSDAY~FEAST OF ST LEO THE GREAT

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord established for him a covenant of peace, and made him the prince, that he might have the dignity of the priesthood for ever.

Communion Antiphon: Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

FRIDAY ~ FEAST OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS

Entrance Antiphon: I shall raise up for myself a faithful priest who will act in accord with my heart and my mind, says the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me, says the Lord.



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