

# 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.**

**33rd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)**

**15th 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 12.00 noon**

**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  
St Elizabeth  
Tuesday**

**The Presentation of  
Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday**

## Trust in our God given talents

Different people have different abilities. A person gifted with imagination or creativity may not be good at administration or finance. Someone with a flair for 'do it yourself' around the house may not be musical. A cook who is 'at home' in the kitchen may be completely lost when it comes to anything mechanical. Someone with sporting prowess may find computers and electronics out of their league.

The rich man in today's parable was aware of his servants' abilities. Before departing on his journey, he entrusted his property to each servant in proportion to their ability. He only gave as much responsibility as each one could shoulder. The first two servants worked according to their ability, increasing what had been entrusted to them. But the third did not. He simply returned the one talent he had been given. Fear held him back from using his ability to work for the extra he was capable of gaining. "I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground."

Fear can paralyse us. It causes us to withdraw, concentrating our attention on ourselves and our security. It freezes our capacity to take risks and to face the unknown. It tempts us to conserve and to obsess about certainties. Fear can strip us of confidence and prevent us from reaching our potential.

Jesus was aware of the power that fear wielded in people's lives. When he was at

the end of his public life and soon to be executed, Jesus wanted his followers to continue what he'd begun and to embrace his great commission, "Go into the whole world and preach the Gospel to every creature." But Jesus knew that those who would come after him would encounter many problems. Their biggest problem would be their own fear. Yet Jesus was insistent, "Do not be afraid."

When Peter fell on his knees saying, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man," Jesus responded with compassion and understanding. "Do not be afraid, from now on you will fish for people." When fear threatened to hold Peter back, Jesus called him to let go and walk on with faith and trust. Talents are given to bear fruit, not to lie in the bank or be buried in the

ground, safe and unused. It may seem prudent not to risk, but in the end God expects otherwise. "Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten". In other words, 'use it or lose it'.

All of us have been gifted by God, each in our own way. If fear causes us to hide our God-given talents, then those around us are deprived. Jesus wants us to live our lives to the full, free from fear and always ready to share our abilities and talents for the good of all.



David J Hore 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:** Edna Alvors, David Puglisi, Clare McFadden, Gwen Braid (n/a Kay) Percy Chute, John Thomas Salloum,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Bill Condon Snr, Pat Latter

**AND ALSO FOR:** Fay Kerslake, Bernard Evans, 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:** Shane O'Brien (Sydney), 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 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.

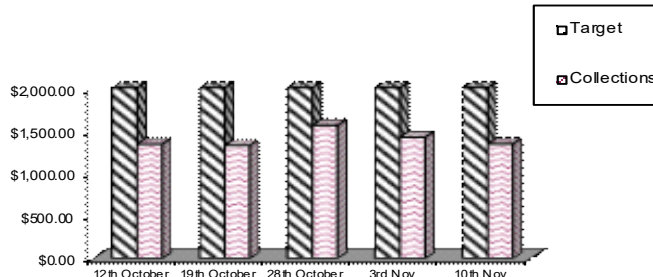
**RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches ..... THANK YOU**

**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>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 181.85
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 599.55
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,341.00
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: **Liam Brax Summerfield** son of Paul and Frances.

## THIS WEEK DAILY MASSES

**Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November**

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



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop

We invite you to order your **FREE** copy of **Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer**. The Sister of St Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to **'take fresh courage'...** as Mary did so often.

These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary's values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:  
[www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book](http://www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book)  
or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

**MARY MACKILLOP**  
*today*



## 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.**



## To Sr Anne Shay and all the Presentation Sisters 'HAPPY FEAST DAY'

for Saturday 21st November.

We thank Sr Anne and all the Sisters for their many contributions to our parish life.

**Love and best wishes from all the parish.**



## SINCERE SYMPATHY

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

**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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Aid to the Church in Need

## RED WEDNESDAY

ACN AUSTRALIA

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 priests of the Lismore Diocese.





**First Reading: Prov 31:10-13***A reading from the book of Proverbs*

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
 She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
 Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
 from her he will derive no little profit.  
 Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
 all the days of her life.  
 She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
 she does her work with eager hands.  
 She sets her hands to the distaff,  
 her fingers grasp the spindle.  
 She holds out her hand to the poor,  
 she opens her arms to the needy.  
 Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
 the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
 Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
 and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
 and walk in his ways!  
 By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
 You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

2. Your wife like a fruitful vine  
 in the heart of your house;  
 your children like shoots of the olive,  
 around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed  
 the man who fears the Lord.  
 May the Lord bless you from Zion  
 in a happy Jerusalem  
 all the days of your life. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 Thes 5:1-6***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
 my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Matthew 25:14-15,19-21***(Shorter form)**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."

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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