

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.**

All Saints (A)

1st 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

Feasts

All Souls' Day

Monday

(Mass at 12.00 noon Ballina)

St Charles Borromeo

Wednesday

Saints are the winners

Imagine you're a participant on a Catholic game show. The host flashes a smile. "This is for the win—no pressure. The final question is ..." The host pauses for dramatic effect and says, "Are ... you ... ready?" You swallow nervously, hardly believing that you have reached this point because of all those Sunday homilies and years of Catholic schooling. You are one question away from winning. You clench your teeth and nod.

The host says, "The question ... what is a saint?"

You have two minutes to answer. The answer appears simple. "A saint is a holy person and holiness is what God has by nature and what the creature has by participation, by grace."

That's a good start. Extra points for the clarifying distinction between nature and grace. But there's still 1:51 left on the clock.

"The word saint derives from the Latin *sanctus*, which means 'holy'. The verb form is *sancire*, meaning 'to consecrate' or 'to sanctify'. The English of the verb could be 'to saint-ify'. The bread and wine is 'saint-ified'—set apart for a holy use, for administering, becoming a vessel for the divine presence. A saint is someone who, manifest in their words and actions, has become a vessel of the divine presence in the world."

This is going very well, but there's something missing in your answer: you better

turn to the bible. Vatican II said somewhere that scripture is "the soul of theology..."

You elaborate further: "God is called 'holy, holy, holy' by the flying seraphim in Isaiah 6, and 'the Holy One of Israel' in lots of places (e.g., Psalms 71, 78, 89). Not only God, though: Psalm 89 is one place where heavenly beings are called 'the assembly of the holy ones ... the council of the holy ones.' And in Deuteronomy 33, Moses,

blessing Israel before his death, gave them the same title, God's 'holy ones.' So God, the angelic beings in his heavenly council, and God's chosen people are all 'holy ones.' Throughout the New Testament, Jesus's people are called *hagioi*, 'holy ones' or 'saints.' That means the baptised, all of us."

Still a few seconds left! With a flash of insight, you speak up again: "We call 'saint' someone who

has realised what is deepest in their humanity, their 'likeness' to God; like angels they have been granted privileged place in God's ruling council. That's why we can pray to them. Saints have been set apart to become a vessel of God's presence, to administer his rule over all things. That makes sense of the miracles! And we are all called saints because *that* is our calling and destiny in Jesus."

The host clears his throat and smiles.

W. Chris Hackett

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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

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED: Gwen Braid (*n/a Kay' Tweed Heads*), Percy Chute, John Thomas Salloum, Margaret Perkins, Fay Kerslake (*sister of Gloria Bordin*), Leisa Wotton,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Larry Timmins, Bob Pidcock,,

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, (*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, Dympna 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.

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.

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.

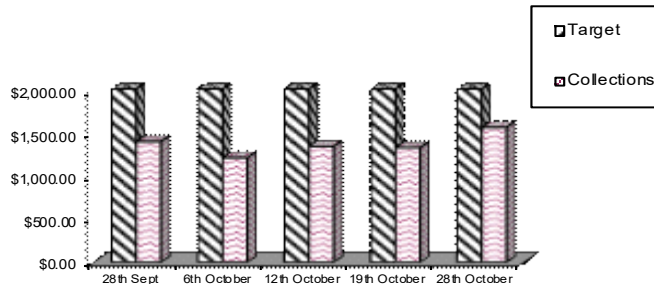
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches THANK YOU

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	\$ 580.45
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 220.30
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,557.00
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.

ALL SOULS' DAY: THIS Monday 2nd November
Mass time: 12.00 noon (Please register)
 St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.



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

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.



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Alice Stephanie and Thomas Alexander Speelman** children of David and Karla.



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 THIS FRIDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
11.00 am to 11.45 am
 Followed by **12.00 noon Mass**



NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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.



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.



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.

Quote: 'Do not be afraid. Love one another, bear with one another, and let charity guide you in all your life'.
(From the last letter typewritten by Mother Mary herself. (12.1.1909) Foundation stone of Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel blessed, 12.1.1913 <http://sosj.org.au/>

ALL SAINTS DAY— A DAY OF HOPE

'This is a beautiful image of hope: to have the heart anchored there where our ancestors are, where the Saints are, where Jesus is, where God is. This is the hope that does not disappoint'. *Pope Francis*



Aid to the Church in Need

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.

ADORATION: every Friday at **11.00 am until 11.45 am**. (Except if a funeral is to be held).

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: Rev 7:2-4,9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

We shall see God as he really is.

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;

all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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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