

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.**

Christ the King

A kingship of love

22nd 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**

Feast

**Sts Andrew Dung-lac and
companions**

Tuesday



Today we bring the liturgical year to conclusion with the Feast of Christ the King. We celebrate that Christ is Lord and King, ruler of all creation, and Lord of our lives. In the gospel we learn about the nature of his kingship, and what is expected of us as his people.

In some countries where they still have royal families, the people will say that royalty needs to reinvent itself in order to remain relevant; to be closer to the people; to be in touch with the burning issues of the country.

But in Jesus we have a king who understood the needs of the people of his time and especially understood and cared for the problems and sufferings of those whom society shunned and cast away. He devoted his life to teaching people about God's mercy and steadfast love. He walked, lived and ate amongst the people. He embraced the people. He did not lord it over them. No one was every turned away. Everyone was welcome to come to him. Through his words and actions, his parables and his miracles, he showed that God is not distant from us but very much part of our lives, aware of our everyday worries, our sufferings, our problems, our fears. Jesus gave hope, light and life to all who would listen to him, but especially those who were outcast or on the fringes of society.

Today, humanity continues to face many burning issues, natural disasters and serious problems. 2020 has been a particularly difficult year. In some parts of the world, these problems consume the lives of entire families, towns and even cities. Some will ask, "Where is God in this?" Just as those issues burn in the hearts and lives of the people, those issues burn in the heart and the life of God. But fear not. God does not desert us. God continues to provide hope, light and life.

This is the nature of the kingdom of Christ the King. His kingship is a kingship of love, compassion and mercy. And in this kingdom, we will be judged according to our works of love, compassion and mercy, by what we do for one another: "I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave

me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." For, Jesus insists, when you did it to one of the least of my people, you did it to me! And, similarly, if you neglected to do this, you neglected to do it to me! And it is the poor and the needy who should have our special care, our preferential option.

Mark Chia 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: Shane O'Brien (Sydney), Paul Brady, Lois Wunsch, Edna Elvos, David Puglisi, Clare McFadden, Gwen Braid (*n/a Kay*) Percy Chute,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Patricia Ryan
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: Peter Podgorczyk, Shandelle Judd (*Darwin*), Tony Reynolds, Rose Norris, Elsie Evans (*6 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 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.

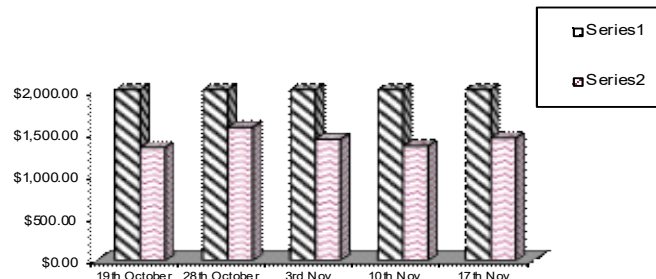
RESPECT is required at all times for ALL people attending our Churches THANK YOU

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	\$ 695.05
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 214.10
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,433.00
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, 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



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Paul Brady** who has passed away.

Paul's Funeral has been held on Friday, 20th November.

SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Lois Wunsch** who has passed away.

Lois' Funeral will be held on Monday, 23rd November at St Francis Xavier Church at 11.00 am



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Connor James Pidcock** son of Luke and Frances.



WATCH THIS SPACE ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY Ballina Conference 'JESSE TREE'



The Society will be distributing **FOOD VOUCHERS** to needy people this Christmas, which allows our clients to purchase food of **their own choice** for themselves and their families. They will not be able to purchase non-food items such as alcohol or tobacco with our vouchers.

Commencing next week, if you wish to help us in assisting these families, please take one of the envelopes from the 'Jesse Tree' in the Church of St Francis Xavier.

The envelope with donation may be returned to the Vinnies shop at 7 Martin Street, during week days, business hours 9.00 am to 4.00 pm, Saturday 9.00 am until 12.00 noon.

Please return envelope by:

MONDAY 14th DECEMBER, 2020 for distribution before Christmas.

We **thank you** for your generosity in sharing of God's gifts and helping to make a family's Christmas this year a little brighter. Every dollar goes directly to those most in need in our local community.

**St Vincent de Paul Society
St Francis Xavier Conference Ballina**

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.

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

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RED WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday 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: 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: Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. **(R.)**

2. Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 15:20-26*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to

him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

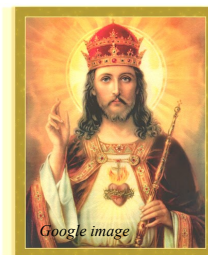
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father
David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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**



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