

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.**

Corpus Christi (B)

(Body & Blood of Christ)

6th June, 2021

**Weekend Mass Times
St Francis Xavier Church
Ballina**

Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am

Sunday — 11.00 am

**Holy Family Church
Lennox Head**

Saturday Vigil—5.00pm

Sunday—7.30 am

**PLEASE REGISTER AT
PARISH OFFICE TO ATTEND a
weekend Mass by phoning
6681 1048**

**or use the QR codes located on
the doors of both Churches**

WEEKDAY MASS:

at St Francis Xavier Church

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

12.00 noon

**Please register with Parish Office
or use the QR codes on the doors of
the Church**

RECONCILIATION

**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
St Francis Xavier Church**



Feast Days

**The Most Sacred Heart
of Jesus**

Friday

**The Immaculate Heart of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday**

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042

AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Living the Eucharist daily

In the fifth century, St Augustine taught people that if they truly loved the Eucharist they would become what they eat. He believed that if people were not working together and loving each other in their daily lives, then the celebration of the Eucharist has failed to realise its deepest meaning and potential. Centuries later, nothing has changed. The same is true for us gathered here.

At Eucharist, the bread and wine are blessed and broken, poured out and shared, becoming for us the Body and Blood of Christ. In saying 'Amen' we commit ourselves to becoming the same in Christ – blessed and broken, poured out and shared, *for others*. Just as the simple earthly gifts of bread and wine are transformed into Christ, we too are transformed to become Christ in the world.

Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ empowers and sustains us for the mission given to each of us, whereby we are sent out to make a real difference for Christ's sake in the world, wherever we find ourselves.

Here is a profound example of being Christ in the world:

Near Kathmandu in Nepal, flows the Bagmati River. Hindus believe the Bagmati is holy because it eventually flows into the great Ganges River. Many poor, elderly and dying people flock to the Bagmati. They believe that if their feet are dipped into the river at

the time of death, they will be saved. So those who are dying go to extraordinary lengths to find a position near the river, hoping that, when the time comes, someone, perhaps a kind stranger, will help them dip their feet into the water before they take their final breath.

When St Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) became aware of this need, she sent some of her Sisters to the area to serve the poorest of the poor by ensuring their dying wish would be granted. The Sisters found space for a simple hospice, in which they placed cots, blankets and pillows and began caring for the dying. The Sisters provide food and basic medication and, when the time comes, they carry the dying to the river for the necessary death rite.

Very few of us will be called and sent for such acts of compassion and love. But remember what St Teresa said, "*We cannot all do great things, but we can do small*

things with great love." So, as we move about our daily lives, let us be alert to the needs of others. Countless opportunities present themselves for us to be Christ in the world.

Through their teaching and example, St Augustine and St Teresa challenge us to a radical and dynamic living out of the Eucharist every day of our lives.

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.***

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

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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: Patricia McGuire (*Sydney, sister of Anne West and Pauline Hore*), Terence Boyle, Dottie Torrisi (*Brisbane*),

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Vic Norris, Shirley Parr, Bill Woodward
AND ALSO FOR: Deceased Family and friends of Flood, Cooper, Lynch and Howard families, 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: Dorothy Preddey (*Sydney*), Fr Louis Molloy sm, George and Kath Young, Andrew Ellis, Una Smith, Narelle King, Tom Mills, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Kathleen Campbell, Gregory Thomas, Barbara Levett, Lee Cowdrey, Kath Young, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, June Ianna, John Heaton, Dymrna Sheehy, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Reanna Mulholland (*Dubai*), Corazon Accon, Nola Johnson, Pauline McLachlan, Chanice Wills, Shokat Forghani & family, Margaret Murphy, Kaia Randall, Darcy Martin, Charlie Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, John Moreland, Yvonne & Peter Thurtell, Louise Wilson, Michael O'Connor, Graham Robertson, Gloria Greguric, Joy Hepworth, Leo Lane, Mary Topham, Bob Grant, Michael Everson, Pat Evans, Virginia, Sarah and Peter Kolhbach, Samantha Anderson, *Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.*

(Due to privacy laws, names are only placed on this list when requested, for six weeks)

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 of 2 square metres people to sit in pews marked with X. Please contact Parish Admin 6681 1048.

CONFIRMATION: Thursday 10th June 2021 **RECONCILIATION:** TBA. **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** TBA

WEDDINGS: In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

ANNOINTING 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.



- **If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend Mass.**
- Register prior to attending Mass is preferred by ringing the parish office 6681 1048.
 - QR check-in is also available.
- **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 of 2 square metres (*families can sit together*).
 - **Singing** within the body of our Churches is allowed.
- 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.

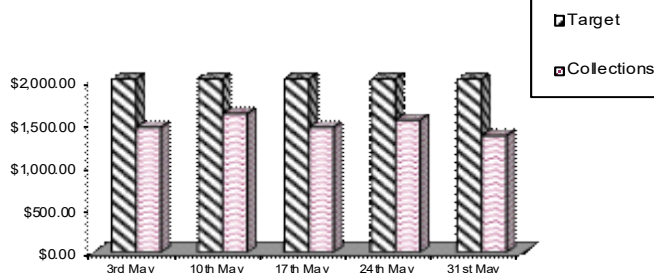
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

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	\$ 543.15
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 282.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,345.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



DIF PAYS 0.45% 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.



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Otto Yarin and Luca Lea De Stefani** children of Dino and Fiona.

2021 CONFIRMATION

This week the focus for our parish candidates for Confirmation is:

'A Journey with my Parish'

Candidates will receive a blessing at the end of each Mass. Our parish family will keep these candidates and their families in our prayers for their Confirmation on Thursday evening of this week.

PLEASE NOTE ~ CONFIRMATION.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this Thursday 10th June in the Magis Hall at Xavier Catholic College, Skennars Head at 6.00 pm. Candidates and their families will gather at 5.20 pm to be seated by 5.30 pm to meet Bishop Greg before the Sacrament of Confirmation.



BLESSING PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES

*Jesus you are our teacher,
our helper and our friend.
Fill these children with your love,
so that they know how to see
things as you see them.*

*Send them your Spirit to be the light
of your love, so that they can love
others as you did.*

*Give them strength to live the way you
want them to, in all that they think,
and say and do, so that the world
will be a better place because
they are here.*

*We ask this in your name.
Amen.*



LAP PROGRAM

Holy Family Catholic Primary School is looking for any interested parishioners who are willing to give up an hour of their time each week, to work with children on a one to one basis. No skills are necessary, just a little time, care and concern.

It is based on a scheme called the Learning Assistance Program which was successfully implemented into our school twenty one years ago.

The program is based on five simple principles:

- It is always one to one
- Is about relationships
- Builds confidence and self esteem
- Takes a creative approach to learning

Promotes parent and community participation

Volunteers benefit as much as the children they work with. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 66 875311 and ask for Cheryl Winkler.



BISHOP GREG'S SUNDAY MASS LIVE ON YOUTUBE

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



CENTENARY MASS INVITATION

In appreciation of your support of St Vincent's Hospital, the Most Reverend Gregory Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, cordially invites you to join him at the hospital's Centenary Mass.

CENTENARY MASS

10.30 am

**Saturday 12th June, 2021
St Carthages Cathedral,
8 Leicester Street,
Lismore.**



PLEASE NOTE:

**WEEKEND OF 19th/20th JUNE
ST VINCENT de PAUL
2021 WINTER APPEAL**

Ballina and Lennox Head Conferences

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEAR are now available for collection at the back of the Church in **alphabetical order**. Please notify the Parish Office if there are changes to any of your details or if you would like to contribute to the Planned Giving Program by Direct Debit.

If you are new to the parish please consider asking for envelopes. Talk to a priest after Mass or the staff at the Parish Administration Office.

CHANGE OF DATE: Mary of the Angelus Community Ltd—Holy Spirit Seminar now to be held the week-end of 24th—25th July, 2021 Upper Room, Parish Admin Centre. Further details to follow.



ORDER OF MALTA ASIA PACIFIC YOUTH CAMP AUSTRALIA 2021

19th TO 24th SEPTEMBER, 2021

**Each camp is designed for young people
with disabilities—aged 18-35 years.**

Together with personal carers, as well as young volunteers enjoy a range of activities, meet new friends and broaden their horizons, and most importantly, have fun.

If you have a family member, or know of someone who would enjoy this Camp please visit the following website: www.orderofmalta.org.au phone 02 9331 8477 or email: info@orderofmalta.org.au

Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11.00 am to 11.45 am every Friday

Sisterhood: Monday 10.30 am St Teresa Room, Admin Centre

Parish Youth Group: 7.00 pm Upper Room Parish Administration Centre.

Ballina CCR Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room

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

Warm Welcome to our prayer gatherings



First Reading: Exodus 24:3-8*A reading from the book of Exodus*

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. **(R.)**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Heb 9:11-15*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood

of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 14:12-16,22-26*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark*

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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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