

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.

St Mary of the Cross
(B)

8th August, 2021

**PLEASE WEAR A MASK
WHILE AT MASS**

**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—5.00pm

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

Manual registration can be taken
upon arrival
or use the QR codes on the doors of
the Church

RECONCILIATION

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

Feasts

St Lawrence

Tuesday

St Clare

Wednesday

St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

Saturday

A courageous discipleship

The first session of the Plenary Council will take place in Adelaide from 2-10 October 2021 and the second in Sydney from 4-9 July 2022. The Council meetings will be multi-modal in that people will be present face-face and online.

The Plenary Council is the fruit of a lengthy process of consultation of the Australian community which began in 2018 with the primary question being, "What is God's Spirit asking of us in Australia Today?"

There were 222,000 responses, and the material was then gathered by the National Centre for Pastoral Research into six broad themes with discernment and writing groups appointed for each theme. Their material was published on Pentecost Sunday in 2020, and a small writing group was appointed to produce a 'Working Document' to guide the participants. The final chapter of this document is entitled "I am with you always," and the opening reflection is about Saint Mary MacKillop who is seen as a model of Australian discipleship. Her story is a powerful reminder "that the way of courageous discipleship of Jesus Christ is not foreign to those who live under the Australian sun in this wide brown land." The 'Working Document' offers all of us an invitation "to follow in Saint Mary's footsteps, seeking new ways to share the joy of the Gospel with each other and with the communities in which we live."

Our Gospel reading for the feast reminds us that God watches over us on our journey

through life, values us, and invites us to seek first the kingdom, and God promises to provide for our other needs. We see an example of this when the great prophet Elijah visits a widow in an obscure village in the north of the country and asks for bread and water.

The widow had little but she provided a small meal with the limited resources at hand and she and her son supped with Elijah. To her utter surprise, her generosity is rewarded and the "jar of meal was not spent, nor the jug of oil emptied." God provided for all in their need.

Paul writes to the Colossians from prison in Rome around 60-62 after he had heard that they were struggling with some theological issues. Paul reminds them of God's enduring love and offers them advice about how to let the love of God flow into their lives so that they forgive each other as the Lord had forgiven them and live lives of generosity, humility, gentleness and patience which will bring peace to the heart and blessings to the community.

The words of our readings struck a chord in the heart of Mary MacKillop and her words to her sisters resonate in our ears when we hear her sage advice. "Never see a need, without doing something about it."

The Plenary Council is a synodal exercise in listening to the voices of our faith communities and making decisions that will lead us to fullness of life.

Michael A Kelly 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 ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

Assistant Priest: Father Anselm Okeke

Pastoral Associate: John Kearney Email: john@sfxballina.org.au

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Amelia Kearney Email: ameliarose_k@hotmail.com

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: Charlie Clements, Andrew Bilski (*Canberra*), Francis (Frank) Gaudron,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Alan Hay, Elena Ctardiman, Aurelia Gardiman, Jeremy Warwarek, Fredrick Hitchens, Yvonne de-Signore,

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: Maureen West (*Sydney*), Noro Ruben Mazzorchi, Dorothy Preddey (*Sydney*), Fr Louis Molloy sm, Kath Young, Una Smith, Narelle King, Tom Mills, Maureen Donovan, Rose Norris, Kathleen Campbell, Gregory Thomas, Barbara Levett, Danny Reynolds (*Caloundra*), John McCoy, Greg Shore, Elsie Evans, Maureen Kearnes, Louise King, Patrick Connelly, Patricia Evans, Greg Campbell, June Ianna, John Heaton, Dympna 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 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.* (Those who are ill, names 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.)

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

CONFIRMATION: TBA **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.

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.



- **If you are feeling unwell, please do not attend Mass.**
 - **MASKS MUST BE WORN WHILE IN OUR CHURCHES**
 - Register prior to attending Mass by ringing the parish office 6681 1048.
 - QR check-in is 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 **4 square metres** (*families can sit together*).
 - ***Singing is prohibited.***
 - 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.

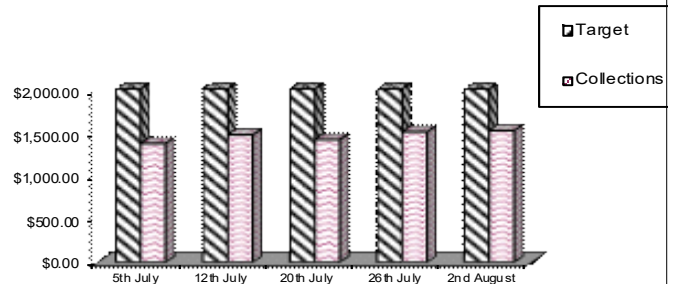
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 755.75
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 345.80
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,519.00
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.

PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2020/21 Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish administration office ~ 8.30 am to 4.00 pm.
2021/2022 PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES Envelopes that have not been collected from the back of the Church are now available from the Parish Reception Office.



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Charlie Clements** who has passed away. Charlie's wife Fay and his sister Tess Colenso wish to advise that a private funeral has been held.



CROWLEY AUXILIARY MONTHLY MEETING

Monday 23rd August

3.00 pm in The Crowley Education Centre.

Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. **ALL WELCOME!**

READY TO TEACH? Ready to teach is a mentor based program designed to provide the best possible preparation for your teaching career. **APPLY TODAY:**
<https://lism.catholic.edu.au/ready-to-teach-program>

ASSISTED SUICIDE LEGISLATION ONLINE PETITION

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has stated that the draft assisted suicide laws in NSW Parliament are "the last thing we need" while the state battles a COVID outbreak following months of strain due to the pandemic. In a statement on 20th July, the archbishop wrote that there is "never a good time to introduce laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings such as the terminally ill, elderly, frail and suffering ... But to introduce such a bill in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions seems especially insensitive." If you would like to sign an online petition please go to the following link:

<https://comms.sydneycatholic.org/v/75218/7085317/email.html?k=z02TQjPMSNHDuvS-Hs8KHTipRUOPzHX1v2VeEwNddmU>

ONGOING COVID 19 RESTRICTIONS WITHIN OUR CHURCHES

Please continue to wear a mask while in our Churches for Mass and visits. 4 square metre rule applies while seated in the pews, 1.5 square metres while standing, no singing, if unwell please stay at home. Registering for Mass can still be done manually or use the QR Code check-in.

Thank you for keeping each other safe.



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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 lismore-diocese.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 at 9.00 am



FOLLOW THE VOICE WITHIN

Journey with Jesus

YOUNG ADULTS ENCOUNTER AND PRAYER

FOR MEN AND WOMEN AGES 18 - 35

OCTOBER 30, SATURDAY

9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

INVERCAULD HOUSE

#163 INVERCAULD ROAD,

GOONELLABAH, NSW

You may scan this code to register

To register, please contact:

P: 02 66260200

M: 0405 327 153

E: dmoralde@lismore.catholic.org.au



Mary MacKillop Prayer

Ever generous God,
You inspired Saint Mary MacKillop
To live her life faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ
and constant in bringing hope and encouragement
to those who were disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence
and through the intercession of Saint Mary MacKillop
We ask that you grant our request.
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh
by the Holy Spirit
so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live
with courage, trust and openness.
Ever generous God hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

<https://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/pray/>



Christian Meditation Group: Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre

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: Upper Room Admin Centre, Saturdays 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm.

Ballina CCR : Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, Admin Centre

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

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: 1Kings 17:7-16

A reading from the first book of Kings

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, 'Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.' So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please,' he said 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives,' she replied 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Col 3:12-17;

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance, the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 6:25-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing!

Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing?

Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these.

Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?"

It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things.

Your heavenly Father knows you need them all.

Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God's saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well.

So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

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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