

# 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.**

## The Most Holy Trinity (B)

**30th May, 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 Visitation of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Monday ~ Mass at 12.00 noon**

**St Justin  
Tuesday**

**Charles Lwanga & companions  
Thursday**

**St Boniface  
Saturday**

## Making sense of the Trinity

Today we celebrate that God comes to us, communicates with us, and relates to us in three distinct ways as three distinct persons. It is no accident that we celebrate Trinity Sunday at this particular point in the liturgical year — after Easter, Ascension and Pentecost — because it was through those events that the disciples realised that God is a Trinity of three divine persons, and yet only one God.

This deep conviction that God exists in three persons emerged in those Easter events. It is a conviction that has confounded Christians ever since: how to express this and how to make sense of it. Even St Augustine and St Thomas Aquinas wrestled with this complexity.

Artists and icon writers have depicted the Three in various ways: as three angels, as three human-like figures, and two men (a Father and Son) with a dove (representing the Holy Spirit who descended like a dove at Jesus' baptism). Just as no words can express this ineffable mystery, neither can it be adequately expressed through any visual image.

What is reassuring and invigorating for our faith today is that our forebears among the early Christians, as well as many saints and mystics throughout the ages, have been keenly attuned to this great mystery. They recognised that these Three, who from the very earliest of days were called Father, Son and Holy Spirit, coexist as equals in the one God, and that this is the three-personed love in

which we, and indeed all creation, live and move and have our being.

We, each and every one of us, like the early disciples and the saints and mystics, are invited into that three-personed love, into relationship with these Three. Our prayer today is that we, individually and together, might enter ever more deeply into this mystery of God's love, and allow it to enter into us, and to work in us. This indeed is grace: it is God, the Trinity, abiding in us and transforming us

ever more closely into God's image. Little by little, we then come to see, understand and love the world and all the people in it — if but dimly — as God sees, understands and loves it. That is in fact what we glimpse in the lives of holy people, and that is what is promised to each and every one of us.

And little by little, we take up the challenge which the mystery of the Trinity offers to us in our daily lives. The challenge is to be whole-hearted in our hospitality and concern and compassion for others, to be welcoming to the stranger, the lost, the lonely, the wounded, the asylum seeker, the refugee, and to respond generously and sensitively to their needs. It is in those concrete ways that we live true to our faith in God who is Trinity.

Anne Hunt  
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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](mailto:john@sfxballina.org.au)

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Amelia Kearney Email: [ameliarose\\_k@hotmail.com](mailto:ameliarose_k@hotmail.com)

Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto: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](http://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*), June Koplick, Bruno Storti,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Jean Shay,

**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 Kerlake, 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, Cathy Campbell, 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 Clements, Charlie Scotcher, (*Aunty*) Julia Paden, Glenn Campbell, 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.*

### 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.

**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.**
- 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.

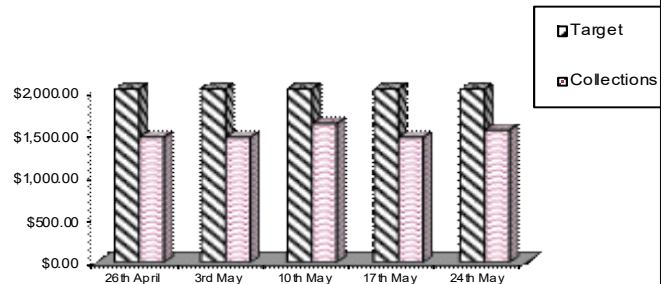
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

**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 (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>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 769.05
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 239.65
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,526.00
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.**



**\*\*MASS THIS MONDAY 31ST MAY\*\***  
**12.00 noon**  
**ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH,**  
**BALLINA.**  
**Feast of the Visitation of the**  
**Blessed Virgin Mary.**



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Celeste Jewel Dalby** daughter of Brett and Amber; and **Avaluna and Amali Yoko Grono-Daly** children of Paul and Natalie.



## 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 [lismoreocese.org](http://lismoreocese.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**

## 'WELCOME' 2021 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

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

### 'Life in the Spirit'

Candidates art work will be displayed in the our two churches.



### 'PLEASE NOTE:

#### CHANGE OF VENUE FOR CONFIRMATION.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on 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 at 6.00 pm.**

## TRINITY SONG

By Frank Andersen M.S.C.

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1.	2.
Father, in my life I see You are God-who-walks with me! You hold my life in Your hands! Close beside You I will stand! I give all my life to You! Help me Father to be true!	Jesus, in my life I see You are God-who-walks with me! You hold my life in Your hands! Close beside You I will stand! I give all my life to You! Help me Jesus to be true!
3.	
Spirit in my life I see, You are God-who-walks with me! You hold my life in Your hands! Close beside You I will stand! I give all my life to You! Help me Spirit to be true!	

## \*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*

### MARY OF THE ANGELUS COMMUNITY LTD Holy Spirit Seminar

Upper Room  
 Parish Administration Centre, Ballina  
 weekend of 17th and 18th July, 2021  
 Father Erick Quinteros will co-host the weekend with another five invited speakers.  
 Booking details are still to be announced.



## Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Count of Attendance.

The National count has now concluded.  
 Thank you to everyone who assisted with the count and those attending Mass for your co-operation.



## 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.



## TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or Email: [tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au)

**NEW PARISHIONER?** If you are a new parishioner of St Francis Xavier Parish, **we welcome you to our community.** Please take the time to fill in a card at the back of the Church and place in the box provided or contact the parish office 6681 1048.

## Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation - Cycle 5 Courses:

Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) Registrations for Courses in Cycle 5 are now open (close June 25th). Go to St Agnes Parish Port Macquarie website for further information or contact Tony Worner at [VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au](mailto:at VLCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.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: Deut 4:32-34

*A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: The Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

The Word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm:

**(R.) Happy the people Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

2. With his word the heavens were made, by the breath of his mouth all the stars. He spoke; and they came to be. He commanded; they sprang into being. **(R.)**

3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

## Second Reading: Rom 8:14-17

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and coheirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

The Word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit: to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

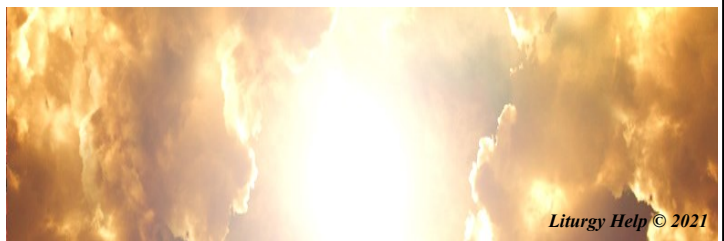
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel: Mat 28:16-20

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

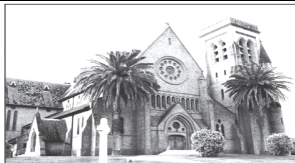


**BISHOP GREG'S FLOOD APPEAL:** If you are able to, please consider a donation to the Appeal.  
Direct Deposit: BSB: 037-889 A/c No: 1061 5829 Name: DIF Flood Appeal

## 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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