

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.

1st Sunday of Advent
Year A

27th November, 2022



'WELCOME'

Weekend Mass Times
Ballina

St Francis Xavier Church

Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm

Sunday — 9.00 am

Sunday — 11.00 am

Lennox Head

Holy Family Church

Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm

Sunday—7.30 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

at St Francis Xavier Church

Tuesday to Friday

12.00 noon

RECONCILIATION

9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina

St Francis Xavier Church

Feast Days this week

St Andrew

Wednesday

ST FRANCIS XAVIER

SATURDAY

MASS 12.00 NOON

Walking in the light of the Lord

The opportunity to make a fresh start is something that we all value, especially if we have been struggling with problems which have weighed us down. The tradition of making New Year resolutions illustrates this deep desire to put the past behind us and move on. Today, the Church begins another liturgical year. The celebration of the birth of Christ is coming: the season of Advent is here, and

we will hear a lot from him throughout the season of Advent. The opening chapter of his book is a heartfelt call to repentance. Later, in chapter two, we hear of his first great vision of redemption: all the nations will stream to the Temple of the Lord and people will learn to live without needing to go to war. The invitation is to "walk in the light of the Lord". You are reading this because you have been

lives, which are self-destructive. In the midst of all the ups and downs of their experience, the Jewish people clung to the belief that God would eventually redeem them. Interspersed with all the warnings about the dangers of going astray, there were the promises of better times to come. Isaiah, the greatest of the prophets, returns to these promises again and again, which is why we

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blessed with the gift of faith that Jesus is that light, and he came into the world 2000 years ago, demonstrating how that prophecy of Isaiah can be fulfilled. As we prepare for Christmas this year, listening to and learning from the New Testament writers as they quote the prophets of old, let us pray that the Lord will deepen our faith in his abiding presence with us – Emmanuel.

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Xavier Catholic College: 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

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Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

ROSTER: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A: 3rd/4th December, 2022
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9 ; Matthew 3:1-12

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Jeanette Wilkins Yvonne Head	Nicole Sullivan Julie McKinnon	Warwick Manning Helen Cooney
EMHC	Matt Ritchie	Adam Sullivan & Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	
Readers	Wally Carter	Jean MacKay	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Leach, Fr Louis Molloy SM, Beverley Cathro (*Berry*), Bob Johnson (*Sydney*), Rose Norris, Jack Ransom,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Donna Biddle, Joanne Wunch,

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: Carmel Hackett, Michael Harris,, Kristine Bannerman, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson *1 yr (Brisbane)*, David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* Julia Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Names of those who are ill 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.)

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

November 30th and 2nd Dec	Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30 pm Friday 10.00 to 11.00 am	"The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"
November 28th	Monday 10.00 to 11.00 am & 3.00 to 4.00 pm	'Incarnate' Advent Sessions
November 28th	Monday 12.00 noon 	Crowley Auxiliary Christmas Lunch & meeting
November 29th	Tuesday 10.00am	'Cherry Coffee Club' Morning tea
December 3rd Feast of St Francis Xavier	Saturday Mass 12.00 noon <i>Followed by lunch in the grounds of our Church</i>	Parish Feast Day
December 3rd	Saturday 2.00-5.00 pm	Holy Family School 25th Annv
December 16th	Friday 12.00 noon	Anointing Mass
December 17th	Saturday 9.00 am to 11.15 am	Parish Advent Reflection

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**

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.

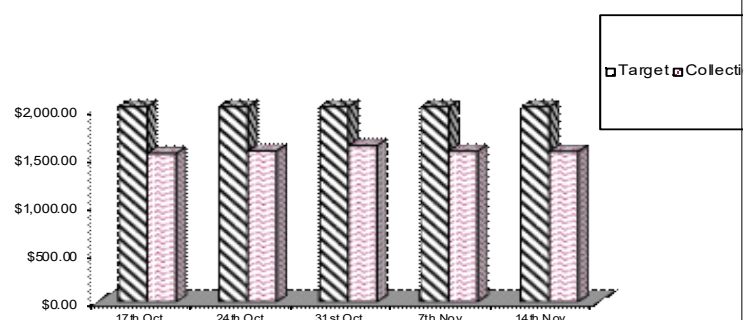
- **By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- **By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218**
- **Please ensure you use your Planed Giving number as reference, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.**

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BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, **L J Hooker** 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099 or online www.dif.org.au

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices


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

'WELCOME' TO STUDENTS OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER PRIMARY SCHOOL AND HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL AND YOUR FAMILIES TO OUR PARISH 6.00 PM VIGIL MASS.

BAPTISM
 Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:
Valentina and Sunny Joe Songaila children of Joshua and Elise.

SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Joan Leach** who has sadly passed away. Requiem Mass was held on Friday 25th November in St Francis Xavier Church.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER
NEXT SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 2022
MASS 12.00 NOON
St Francis Xavier Church Ballina
Following Mass a light lunch will be served to celebrate our Parish Patron Saint.
If possible please bring a plate to share.
Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.


'CHERRY COFFEE CLUB'
 Ladies of our parish you are invited to gather for morning tea. **10.00 am THIS Tuesday 29th November at Cherry Street, Bowling Club. No booking required. All welcome!**


CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY
 Christmas Lunch will be **This Monday 28th November at 12.00 noon**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. This will be the final gathering for 2022. **You will be most Welcome!**

Offertory Hymn: A QUIET HEART by Paul Gurr
Seek the Lord where he may be found.
Within a quiet heart, his dwelling place.
Offer him in quiet prayer your ev'ryday life as gift.
Share all your burdens that he may lighten the load.
Trust him to be there, to walk beside you each step.
Know that he loves you and quietly waits for you there.
Seek the Lord where he may be found.
He's there for you and me.
Just let him hear your call—within a quiet heart.

PARISH ANOINTING MASS ~
Friday 16th December
12.00 noon St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.

JOSEPHITE 2023 CALENDARS
Now available from the parish admin office.
\$10.00 each.

ADVENT WREATH
Lighting 1st Candle
 **PRIEST:** Lord Jesus you bring the promise of salvation.
PEOPLE: COME AND AWAKEN US
PRIEST: Lord Jesus you will come again in glory and power
PEOPLE: COME AND AWAKEN US
PRIEST: Lord Jesus you are our guide and our Light
PEOPLE: COME AND AWAKEN US

 **2022-2023 YEAR A ~ 'Incarnate' Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections.** Now available from the Parish Admin Office at \$5.00 each.
If you would like to be included in a group please join a group Mondays from 10.00 to 11.00 am or 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the St Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre **beginning 28th November.**

"Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist"
Wednesdays 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm Fridays 10.00 am 11.00 am
Saint Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre, for the next 2 weeks.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER
CATHOLIC CHURCH, BALLINA.


2022
PARISH
DAY OF
Reflection

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022 | 9AM

FEATURING:

- ROSARY
- RECONCILIATION
- REFLECTION
- ADORATION
- BENEDICTION

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN THIS PARISH EVENT IN PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

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.
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 19th DECEMBER, 2022 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

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5
A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills.

All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.’

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war.

O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:

‘Let us go to God’s house.’

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel’s law it is, there to praise the Lord’s name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

‘Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!’ **(R.)**

4. For love of my brethren and friends

I say: ‘Peace upon you!’

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 13:11-14;
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

You know ‘the time’ has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the day-time: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 24:37-44

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘As it was in Noah’s day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

‘So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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FOR THIS WEEK’S MIDDAY MASS—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER

TUESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Hear the word of the Lord, O nations; declare it to the distant lands: Behold, our Saviour will come; you need no longer fear.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the Lord will come, and all his holy ones with him; and on that day there will be a great light.

FEAST OF ST ANDREW ~ WEDNESDAY 30th NOVEMBER

Entrance Antiphon: Beside the Sea of Galilee, the Lord saw two brothers, Peter and Andrew, and he said to them: Come after me and I will make you fishers of men.

Communion Antiphon: Andrew told his brother Simon: We have found the Messiah, the Christ, and he brought him to Jesus.

FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER ~ SATURDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Entrance Antiphon: I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will tell of your name to my kin.

Communion Antiphon: What I say to you in the darkness speak in the light, says the Lord, what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops .



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