



# St Francis Xavier

## Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land—past, present and future, the Bundjalung people.



**St Francis Xavier Church,  
47 Cherry Street, Ballina.**

*welcome*

**Holy Family Church,  
94 Ballina Street, Lennox Head.**

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**13th July, 2025**

*Sea Sunday*



### Weekend Mass Times Ballina

**St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Saturday Vigil— 5.30 pm**  
**Sunday — 9.00 am**  
**Sunday — 11.00 am**  
**Lennox Head**  
**Holy Family Church**  
**Sunday — 7.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK**  
**WEDNESDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**12.00 noon Ballina**  
**NO 12.00 NOON MASS ON**  
**TUESDAY**

**ADORATION FRIDAY**  
**11.00 am to 11.45 am**



**RECONCILIATION**  
**9.00 am Saturday**  
**St Francis Xavier Church**

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**Feast Days**  
**St Bonaventure**  
*Tuesday*

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**  
*Wednesday*

*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

### PARISH NOTICES

**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO 12.00 NOON MASS THIS TUESDAY**



**FUNERAL NOTICE:** Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Dympna Sheehy** who has sadly passed away.  
**A Requiem Mass will be held THIS Tuesday 15th July 2025 at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.**

**TAIZÉ IS BACK ~ THIS MONDAY 14TH JULY 12.00 NOON**  
**IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**

*Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation of the heart through Meditation, Music and Silence*



### PARISH YOUTH MASS TO BEGIN IN JULY

Once a month beginning **THIS Sunday 13th July** our parish will celebrate a Youth Mass at 5.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church. Youth aged from 12 to 17 years are welcome to celebrate and encourage their families and friends to come to this Mass and celebrate with the faith filled youth of our parish. **Everyone is welcome.**

### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

**this Wednesday 16th July Mass at 10.00 am at the Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah. All welcome. (There will be no 7.00 am Mass on this day)**



### STELLA MARIS LAUNCHES 'INTO THE DEEP' SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers are among the least visible people in the world yet are among the greatest contributors to daily life. Catholics around Australia are being asked to reflect on and support seafarers on Sea Sunday, July 13th. Stella Maris is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. In 1922, Pope Pius XI approved the first constitution of the movement, known as Apostleship of the Sea. It now operates in over 300 ports across the world. "Seafarers' lives are hard, with daily challenges," said bishop-promoter for Stella Maris, Bishop Tim Norton. "Seafarers share their stories with the volunteers who work with Stella Maris. These are stories of hard labour and long hours, and the dangers associated with storms; stories of unjust wages and poor working conditions. "This is why Stella Maris exists - relying on the generosity of many people and maritime organisations, Stella Maris can address the issues that seafarers face.

### THE BIBLE FROM CREATION TO JESUS Weekly Sessions

Monday 28<sup>TH</sup> July – Monday 22<sup>ND</sup> September— 5:30–7:00 pm  
Mother Teresa Room, Parish Administration Centre.

Register Parish Office 6681 1048

More information contact Richard Goss 0418 356 527

*Join us on a journey*  
**BIBLE IN 8 WEEKS**  
FROM CREATION TO JESUS

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

**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 Erick Quinteros

**Deacon:** Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

**Pastoral Associates:** email: [pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au)

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Kailani Tiernan Email: [ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au)

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: Principal: Mr Tony Hunter - 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

Holy Family Primary: Principal: Mr Murray Deeps - 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Xavier Catholic College: Principal: Mr Lee MacMaster - 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

St Anne's Long Day Care Centre: Director: Mrs Narelle Dewhurst - 6687 5961 - 42 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

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

**16th Sunday Year C: 19th/20th July 2025**  
**Readings: Genesis 18:1-10; Psalm 14; Colossians 1:24-28 Luke 10:38-42**

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	Trish Bazar Jeanette Wilkins	Emma McFadden Mark McDonald	Gary Reen Annette Reen	Brendon Clarke Warwick Manning
<b>EMOHC</b>	Peter Bowen Phil Chapman	Sue Hetherington	Deacon Anthony Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Kalani Tiernan
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			Greg, Katie & Family	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Peter Kearns, Dympna Sheehy, Father Michael Brady, Graeme Douglas, Michael McNamara, Barry McIntosh, Richard Donnelly,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME:** Nola Cummings, Bill McDermott, Honor Brown, Renee Beglin, Nora Buckley, Anne Moreland, Bill Hector McNiff snr, Betty & Sharon McNiff, Fred Flick,

**AND ALSO FOR:** Phillip Dykes, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Fabian Okeke, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Margaret Moreland, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Bill & Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all the faithful departed.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUSLY ILL:** Joy Schneider, Loretta Gardiman (Sydney), Alisha Nobbs (Brisbane), Severina Nady Verdeflor, Gloria Greguric, Anne Louise Dillon (Melbourne), Steven Kennessey & family, Maureen Borthistle (Dalby), Kevin Sullivan, Matt Ritchie, Issac Kruger, Craig Cunneen Annemarie Higgins, Michael Hains, Kellie Savage, Lorraine Ball, Helen Johnston, Beryl Reed, Daphne Sweeney (mother of Sr Kathryn), Vince Newman, Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (Ireland), Semmens family (Tas), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (Dalby), David Le'Fevre (London), Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (infant), Lynette Holland (Tas), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Kneightly (Inverell), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Samantha Anderson, Aunty

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025**

13th July	Sunday 5.00 pm	Youth Mass
14th July	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
14th July	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé <i>Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation</i>
15th July	No Cherry St Coffee morning for this Tuesday	
15th July	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face Lennox Head
17th July	Thursday 2.00 pm	Season 4 The Chosen MTR
24th July	Thursday 12.30 to 3.30 pm	Christmas in July Crowley Care Auxiliary
28th July	Mondays 5.30 pm to 7.00 pm	Bible timeline Adam to Jesus
28th July	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
2nd August	Saturday 2.00 pm <i>save the date further information to follow</i>	Afternoon with Bishop Greg

**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 Presbyterian collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Erick**

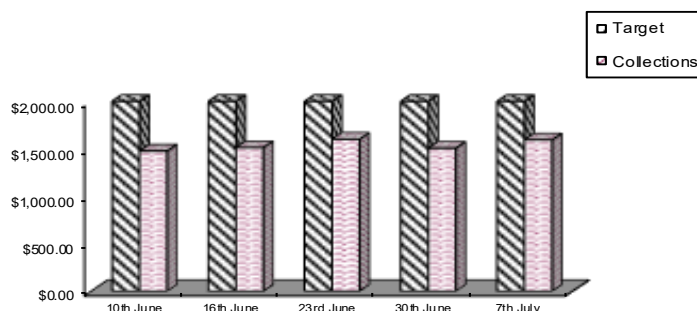
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARTELY AT MASS COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have 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 use your Planned Giving number as reference.**

**DIF PAYS 3.90% 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 or online [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 1,112.15
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 389.15
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,594.20
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





### Being neighbourly

The late Pope Francis reflected on the Parable of the Good Samaritan as a “ray of light” for our contemporary world where people too often fail to respond to the needs of the poor and vulnerable. Francis presented the Samaritan – whom he called “a stranger on the road” – as a symbol of fraternity and social friendship creating “a culture of encounter” that builds bridges of love among all people [“Fratelli Tutti”, No. 2].

We need to recall that Jesus tells this story of the “stranger on the road” in answer to some questions put to him by a Jewish lawyer. Wanting to know what the greatest commandment is, Jesus tells him “to love God and your neighbour”. Then he wants to know who his neighbour is? Jesus notes that neither the priest nor the Levite respond with love and care for the victim, most likely a fellow Jew.

We might miss a major point of this story if we fail to note how much Jews and Samaritans hated each other. Yet here we have the much-despised Samaritan being put to the Jewish lawyer as the pinnacle of human behaviour. So, when Jesus asks him which of the three – priest, Levite or Samaritan – was most neighbourly to the victim, he could but only reply “the one who shows him mercy”. Jesus then is quick to tell him: “Go and do likewise”!

In other words, Jesus tells his fellow Jew that he needs to become more like the non-Jewish Samaritan! In further reflection on this parable, Pope Francis challenged us all to become true neighbours to one another by actively engaging in the forming of positive relationships with people across age, race, nationality, ethnicity or religion. We are all called to build community at local and concrete levels especially with the poor, the suffering and those on the margins of society.

In other words, for Francis the parable of the Good Samaritan – or story of “the stranger on the road” – was much more than an example of someone who is kind and caring of a wounded victim. Rather, it is the parable and story that calls upon all human beings to overcome their selfish interests, myopic views and personal prejudices that pit us against others. In particular, as human beings and especially as Christians, we are called to lift up the lowly, care for those who suffer and even place our own lives on the line to protect innocent victims of corruption, selfishness and greed.

For Pope Francis, part of our love of neighbour was also reflected in our love and respect for our natural environment on planet earth. While nations that pollute the world are becoming increasingly wealthy, poorer countries are the major victims of climate change.

This is clearly evident in our own part of the world in the Southern Pacific. Let us stop, reflect and change our behaviour in order that all the world’s peoples become more neighbourly in respect of one another and the natural environment.

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#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER CONNECT NEWSLETTER

Do not forget to pick up your **FREE** copy of the parish ‘CONNECT’ from our Churches or download from the Parish website . Keep up to date with all our Parish activities.

**PLANNED GIVING TAX RECEIPTS 2024/25** Tax receipts are now available for collection from the parish office, administration office ~ Opening hours 8.30 am to 4.30 pm.

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR THE 2025/26 FINANCIAL YEAR** are now available for collection from the Parish Office.



#### CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON

**Thursday 24th July 2025  
12.30 to 3.30 pm ~ Crowley Activity Centre.**

**\$45.00 pp ~ BYO Drinks**

*RSVP and pay via card or cash at Crowley reception by Thursday 17th July and advise of any dietary requirements. Ticket includes Christmas style Nibbles, Lunch and Dessert.*

*1 x entry into the lucky door prize*

*Live entertainment to be enjoyed!*

*For all enquiries regarding Crowley Care Auxiliary Please contact Margaret Savage, President, on 0411 573 770*



#### CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

meeting will be held on **Monday 28th July at 3.00 pm** in the Education Centre, Crowley

Care, 154 Cherry Street,

Ballina. If you are considering assisting the Aged Care please call Margaret on 0411 573 770.

*You will be most welcome at any of the Auxiliary meetings.*

**The CATHOLIC WEEKLY on sale following each weekend Mass. \$2.00 each**

## TWO INSPIRING DAYS WITH MITCH

Founder of Making Jesus Real (MJR)

Inspiring talks • Spiritual insights  
Morning Tea Included

#### KINGSCLIFF PARISH



**Date:  
Wednesday,  
16th July**



**Time:  
9:00 AM –  
11:00 AM**



**Includes  
Morning Tea**



**Location:  
Kingscliff Parish**

#### BALLINA PARISH



**Thursday,  
17 July  
Upper Room**



**Time:  
9:00 AM –  
11:00 AM**



**Includes  
Morning Tea**



**Location:  
Ballina Parish**

**To register phn Ballina Parish Office 6681 1048**

**Peter Mitchell (MITCH)– Founder and now consultant MJR (Making Jesus Real).**

**This is a great opportunity and is highly recommended for parents, teachers, catechists and all those interested in educating others in our faith.**

**EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO HEAR THIS INSPIRING TALK**

**Quote: ‘Team work makes the dream work’, and ‘the Spirit of Jesus is in the little things we do and say every day ...to make SOMEONE’S day every day’.**

**DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS** Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.



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**First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14***A reading from the book of Deuteronomy*

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance'.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.**

1. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.  
In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. **(R.)**

2. As for me in my poverty and pain  
let your help, O God, lift me up.  
I will praise God's name with a song;  
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **(R.)**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **(R.)**

4. For God will bring help to Zion  
and rebuild the cities of Judah.  
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;  
those who love his name shall dwell there. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

*The Word of the Lord.***Gospel Acclamation:****Alleluia, alleluia!**

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;  
you have the words of everlasting life.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Luke 10:25-37***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****WEDNESDAY 16th JULY, 2025 ~ FEAST OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL****Entrance Antiphon:** Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.**THURSDAY 17th JULY & FRIDAY 18th JULY ~ 2025****Entrance Antiphon:** As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.**Communion Antiphon:** The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**Please continue to be mindful and respectful of each other and do not attend Mass if you are unwell or have any cold/flu-like symptoms.**



**Pope's Intention for July:** Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

**Our Parish say's**

**to our parish community  
for supporting and  
promoting safeguarding.**