



# 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.**

### 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**3rd August, 2025**

#### 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 TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 12.00 noon Ballina

**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 John Vianney**  
Monday

**The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
Wednesday

**St Mary of the Cross**  
Friday



*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

#### PARISH NOTICES



**FUNERAL NOTICE:** Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Mary Howard** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held this **Monday 4th August 2025** at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.

#### 'WELCOME' 2025 CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND THEIR FAMILIES.

This week there are 'Pray for Me' cards in baskets on the altar. Parishioners are asked to take a card and pray for that candidate whose name is inscribed on it.

*We welcome each candidate and their family to our weekend Masses.*

*The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on  
Thursday 14th August in St Francis Xavier Parish Church.*

*Please gather from 5.00 pm for 5.30 pm start.*



'A little gem by sea'

#### BEACHSIDE MEDITATION TAIZÉ IN LENNOX HEAD

Join us for a twilight TAIZÉ gathering at  
Holy Family Catholic Church, Lennox Head.  
All are welcome, including young people from primary  
and secondary schools.

Date **THIS Thursday 7th August ~ Time: 7.00 pm**

Contact Bern on 0422 211 224 if you require transport.



**PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of  
St Francis Xavier Church,  
THIS Sunday 3rd August,  
following the 9.00 am Mass and the 11.00 am Mass.  
Everyone is very welcome.**

#### PARISH YOUTH MASS

**NEXT Sunday 10th August** 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.

*All parishioners are welcome to attend this Sunday Mass.*



**Charismatic Healing Mass**  
**3.00 pm ~ this Sunday~ 3rd August, 2025**  
**Celebrant Father Erick Quinteros**  
**St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.**

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

**PRESBYTERY:** Phone: 6686 2042  
**\*AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639\***

**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

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**[www.sfxballina.org.au](http://www.sfxballina.org.au)**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**  
**SCHOOLS:**

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


**AGED CARE:**

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

<b>19th Sunday Year C: 9th/10th August 2025</b> <b>Readings: Wisdom 18:6-9; Psalm 32; Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19; Luke 12:32-48</b>				
	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	John Jarzynski Trish Bazar	Marie Sullivan Angela Beglin	Richard Goss Gemma Duffy	Brendon Clarke Leanne Robbins
EMOHC	Jeanette Wilkins Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Sue Hetherington	Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	Kailani Tiernan
Offertory Procession			Cathy Andrews Diana Evans	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Mary Howard, Vince Newman, Jeanette Mossop (*Brisbane*), Maureen Borthistle, Anne Louise Dillon, Eris Hackett,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME:** Ambrosia Ibarrientos, Giorgio Kenk, Maureen Donovan, Isley Smith, Bev Foley, Jack Chapman, Kevin Doherty, Aurelia Gardiman, Harry White, Pat & Tony Camilleri,  
**AND ALSO FOR:** *Serena Sicuri, Antonio Kenk, Grace, Kenk, Littorio Kenk, Umberto Gasbarrone, Pietro Georgescu, 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 Long (*Sydney*), Paddy Mulgrew (*Northern Ireland*), Joy Schneider, Loretta Gardiman (*Sydney*), Alisha Nobbs (*Brisbane*), Severina Nady Verdeflor, Gloria Greguric, Steven Kennessey & family, Kevin Sullivan, Matt Ritchie, Issac Kruger, Craig Cunneen Annemarie Higgins, Michael Hains, Kellie Savage, Lorraine Ball, Helen Johnston, Daphne Sweeney (*mother of Sr Kathryn*), Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Feve (*London*), 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 Knightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family,

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025		
4th August	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
4th & 11th August	Monday 5.30 pm	Bible timeline Adam to Jesus
5th August	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
5th August	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
6th August	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
7th August	Thursday 2.00 pm	Season 4 (final) The Chosen MTR Season 5 in Sept
7th August	Thursday 7.00 pm	Taizé Holy Family Church
10th August	Sunday 5.00 pm	Youth Mass
14th August	Thursday 5.30 pm	Parish Confirmation



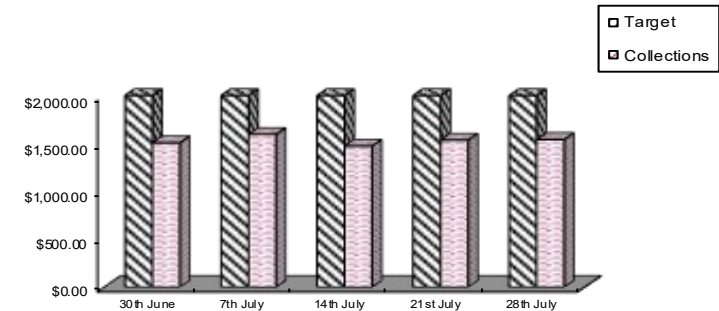
**POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST**  
**For mutual coexistence**  
 Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

**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. 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 3.65% PER ANNUM (from 1st August 2025) - 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		
First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 852.10
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 332.85
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,541.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



### ***We are formed by God's grace***

This week's readings explore the theme of our enduring inheritance in God. The first reading reminds us that, of earthly treasures: "All is vanity". The psalm counsels us to realise "the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart" and encourages us to keep our gaze fixed on God for "in every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge." The second reading urges us to seek the things that are above, where Christ is, and that "the life you have is hidden with Christ in God" (Colossians 3:3). Vineyard owners in the Barossa Valley recently discovered ancestor vines which were planted between 1843 and 1847. Almost miraculously, these ancient vines are still yielding fruit and, indeed, still producing exquisite wines.

Wine makers often speak of the four essential ingredients of wine-making: the varietal – the specific variety of grape used; the vineyard – soil, climate and related factors; the vintage – the year in which the wine was made; and the vintner – the wine maker's skills and experience. These components are all essential in crafting a wine of quality and distinction. In addition, another critical factor is the aging process – a series of complex chemical reactions over time as the wine is stored. The finest wines will improve with age.

This is a beautiful metaphor for our spiritual journey. Like the intimate intertwining of the various ingredients of wine-making, we are formed and shaped by grace as we open ourselves more and more to God.

In the gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the rich man who stores up treasure, but in vain, for he soon dies. Jesus advises the crowd that "a man's life is not made secure by what he owns" (Luke 12:14).

St Benedict always encouraged his followers to be open to ongoing conversion. Growing in God is a process of continually listening. God makes us aware of new insights and ways of being. At times, the process may seem hidden or unexpected. But gradually, we discover our identity and vocation as a follower of Christ.

Throughout his life French artist Paul Cezanne painted a mountain, Mont Sainte-Victoire, in his hometown of Aix-en-Provence in 36 oil paintings and 45 water colours. At different points, he depicted Mont Sainte-Victoire differently, amidst a changing landscape of trees, bushes and houses.

Cezanne's earlier depictions are bold and striking. However, the dramatic quality of his earlier paintings gives way to a gentler, more ethereal depiction as Cezanne matured. Despite the differences, each painting has been praised as a masterpiece of perspective – the mountain seems both near and within our grasp, as well as just beyond our immediate reach. It is a striking image for our lives: we live within the shaping hand of God's grace. Within the depths of our being, God is at work to create our lives as a vintage of exquisite distinction.

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### **National Vocations Awareness Week 2025**

National Vocations Awareness Week is an annual week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life and to renewing our prayers and support for those who are discerning these states of life within the Church. NVAW coincides with the liturgical celebrations of Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and the Patron Saint of Priests, Saint John Vianney and is celebrated this year from 3rd – 10th August.

It belongs to the mission of the entire Church to "care for the birth, discernment and fostering of vocations, particularly those to the priesthood." (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*, n.34) Pope Leo XIV recently called upon the Church to "welcome and accompany young people" in their discernment, while encouraging them to "accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!" (*ReginaCaeli*, 11th May, 2025) During this week, we are invited to reflect upon how God is calling us to live out our vocations and how we may continue to foster vocations in our communities.

<https://www.catholic.au>



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*Message from Deacon Anthony, Director of Vocations for the Lismore Diocese*

**VOCATION MINISTRY:** Our diocese has two young men attending a discernment weekend August 8th -10th for those discerning a possible vocation to the priesthood. Please keep them in your prayers. If you are wondering if God is calling you to priesthood, diaconate or religious life please contact the Director of Vocations (02) 6681 1048 or [vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:vocations@lismore.catholic.org.au).

#### **PRAYER GROUPS IN OUR PARISH**

**Christian Meditation Group:** Saturday 9.30 am Anawim Room, Admin Centre for all enquiries please contact John Cheadle by ringing the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday.

**Prayer of the Church & Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am Ballina

**CCR:** Monday 1.45 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029.

**Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus** Tuesdays 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head.

**Taizé:** Every second Monday at 12.00 noon

**Marian Cenacle:** Monday 10.30 am Anawim Room.

**Parish Youth Group:** 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm in the Upper Room Parish Admin Building **Sunday evenings.**

**menAlive** every second Wednesday 8.00 am Lennox Head Contact Murry Parr 0414 399 658

**Ladies Rosary:** 1st Tuesday of the month 1.30 pm phn Pauline 0438435 566



**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.

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

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



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**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23***A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back into dust  
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years  
are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. **(R.)**

2. You sweep men away like a dream,  
like grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers:  
by evening it withers and fades. **(R.)**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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

Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Luke 12:21-32***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 5th AUGUST AND THURSDAY 7th AUGUST, 2025**

**Entrance Antiphon:** O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

**Communion Antiphon:** You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven, endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

**WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST 2025 ~ THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

**Entrance Antiphon:** In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

**Communion Antiphon:** When Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

**FRIDAY 8th AUGUST 2025 ~ FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MACKILLOP)**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick and you visited me. Amen, I say to you: whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren, you did it for me.

**Communion Antiphon:** This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another, says the Lord.

**Our Parish say's**

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

The August edition of the Safeguarding newsletter is now available from the Safeguarding stand at the back of the Church.