



# 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.**

**25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (C)**

**21st September 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 Pius of Pietrelcina**  
Tuesday

**Sts Cosmas & Damian**  
Friday

**St Vincent de Paul**  
Saturday

*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

### PARISH NOTICES



**BAPTISM :** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Frederick Ellis Johnson Milne** son of Benjamin and Rebecca; and **Nico Anderson, Matteo Hunter and Rosie James Moore** children of Roberto Moore and Kate Hunter.



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY:** The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held **THIS Monday 22nd September at 3.00 pm**, in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. *You will be most Welcome.*



**SISTERS OF MERCY FEAST DAY: Srs Larelle & Grace Laverty**  
We hope you both have a Happy Feast Day this **Wednesday 24th** September. Love and prayers from your parish community.

**DEATH NOTICE: Father Frank Mulcahy** has sadly passed away on Wednesday 17th September. Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 1st October at St Carthage's Cathedral, Lismore at 11.00am.



### WE WELCOME THE JUBILEE OF HOPE BOAT TO OUR PARISH

The *boat*, will journey to our Schools at Skennars Head this Monday then onto Holy Family Church Lennox Head and be on display next Sunday. From Ballina Parish the boat will **depart Monday 29th September**, travelling to the Parish of MacLean.



**HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD**  
**Holy Family Community Dinner this Saturday**  
**27th September at Club Lennox @ 6.30 pm.**  
**All welcome.**

'A little gem by sea'

**FEAST OF ST THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS:** There will be a special Mass in honour of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus at the Carmelite Monastery Goonellabah on Wednesday, 1st October, at 10:00 am. There will be a blessing of roses after Mass. There will also be commemorative cards available, to mark the centenary of the canonisation of St Thérèse. **All welcome.**



Please note that there will be no 7:00 am Mass on that day.



**PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,**  
**Sunday 5th October, following the 9.00 am Mass and**  
**11.00 am Mass. Everyone is very welcome.**

**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 **PHN: 0438 196 944**  
**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: 02 6681 1048; 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:**

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

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;  
St Francis Xavier Primary: Principal: Mr Tony Hunter - 02 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina  
Holy Family Primary: Principal: Mr Murray Deeps - 02 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head  
Xavier Catholic College: Principal: Mr Lee MacMaster - 02 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head  
St Anne's Long Day Care Centre: Director: Mrs Narelle Dewhurst - 02 6687 5961 - 42 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

**AGED CARE:**

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

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

**26th Sunday Year C: 27th/28th September 2025**  
**Readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7; Psalm 145; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31**

	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	Angela Beglan Damien Kennedy	Nicole Sullivan Margaret Tay	Kailani Tiernan Tony Hunter
<b>EMOHC</b>	Kristie Coster Phil Chapman	Sue Hetherington	Deacon Anthony Oanh Hong Letran Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			Amy Derrick Frank	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Father Frank Mulcahy, Ailsa Patch, Loretta Gardiman,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME:** Joseph Vella, Gabrielle Serone, Peter O'Brien, Patricia Brimson, Judy Hoolihan, Elva Kidd, Patricia Holwell  
**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:** Mario Bogdanich (*Perth*), Tracy Williams (*Sydney*) Ian Lockton, Nate Doolan, Joy Long (*Sydney*), Paddy Mulgrew (*Northern Ireland*), Joy Schneider, 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, Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Fevre (*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,, Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care,*

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025**

<b>22nd September</b>	<b>Monday 10.30 am</b>	<b>Marian Cenacle Anawim Room</b>
<b>22nd September</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>23rd September</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>23rd September</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>Devotion to the Holy Face L H</b>
<b>27th September</b>	<b>Saturday 6.30 pm All Welcome</b>	<b>Dinner @ Club Lennox</b>
<b>11th October</b>	<b>Saturday 11.00 am</b>	<b>Public Rosary Beachfront Park Lennox Head</b>
<b>30th November</b>	<b>Sunday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Annual Parish Lunch</b>

**Quote for the Jubilee Year of Hope**  
**"The Jubilee Year offers us an opportunity to refocus our lives on Christ, mend divisions, and renew our trust in God's promises. It is a time to celebrate the joy of our faith and to shine Christ's hope into the lives of others."** – Bishop Greg Homeming

*May this Jubilee Year inspire us to deepen our trust in God's promises and rekindle the hope that sustains us, so that we may share that hope with the world.*

**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 3.65% PER ANNUM - BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, L J Hooker**  
 87-89 River St Ballina 026686 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>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,092.20
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 211.95
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,546.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00

Date	Target	Collections
18th Aug	\$2,009.00	\$1,546.00
25th Aug	\$2,009.00	\$1,546.00
1st Sept	\$2,009.00	\$1,546.00
8th Sept	\$2,009.00	\$1,546.00
15th Sept	\$2,009.00	\$1,546.00



### The wealth that really matters

We often draw a careful line between our spiritual lives and the economic and political realities of everyday existence—as if God somehow stops paying attention when we open our laptops or balance our budgets. But Jesus, like the prophet Amos before him, finds the divine in spreadsheets and business dealings, in the messy intersection of faith and finance. In this week's readings, we find ourselves once again in the company of an accomplished raconteur, listening to tales that are both wonderfully ordinary and mysteriously profound. Jesus' parable of the dishonest steward is a perfect example of his storytelling genius. Here's a tale that would make any modern HR department break out in a cold sweat—a story about a manager who, facing termination, essentially cooks the books to secure his future. Yet somehow, this ethically questionable character becomes the hero of Jesus' parable. Jesus doesn't traffic in simple moral platitudes. His stories make us wrestle with complexity, discovering that the kingdom of God operates by different rules than our world. The dishonest steward's cleverness becomes a metaphor for the kind of creative urgency we should bring to our spiritual lives. Amos understood this centuries earlier, railing against merchants who trampled the poor and made "the ephah [the measure or weight] small and the shekel [the money or payment] great"—an ancient form of "shrinkflation" that sounds remarkably familiar. The prophet saw clearly that there's no separating our relationship with God from our relationship with money, power, and each other. God, it seems, is indeed

in the details of everyday life. The olive oil debts, the wheat measures, the awkward conversations between masters and servants—these aren't just narrative props. They're the very fabric of existence where the sacred and secular meet.

This brings us to the question of true wealth. The steward in Jesus' parable understands something profound: relationships matter more than balance sheets. When he reduces the debts, he's investing in human connections that will outlast his employment. The "friends" he makes through his generosity become his true treasure.

Paul's letter to Timothy echoes this theme—the love of money is the root of evil. Notice he doesn't say money itself is evil, just our relationship with it. True wealth isn't measured in dollars but in faithfulness, gentleness, and godliness. It is found in choosing relationships over riches, recognising that we are all stewards of the "things" that have been gifted to us by fate or fortune.

Jesus' storytelling continues to surprise us. Two thousand years later, we're still debating the finer points of the dishonest steward's actions, still discovering new layers of meaning in these ancient tales. That's the mark of a master storyteller—creating stories that remain alive, that continue to provoke and inspire long after the original audience has gone home.

In our own lives, we are called to be both storytellers and characters in the ongoing narrative of faith, finding God in the ordinary details and choosing the kind of wealth that truly matters.

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### WHY IS THE PUBLIC ROSARY IMPORTANT?

The Public Rosary rallies are an international campaign to pray the Rosary together. Our Rallies in Australia are organised by Australia Needs Fatima, a campaign of the Australian TFP Inc (Tradition, Family, Property) with the following intentions in mind:

- to give a Public Witness of our Faith and to publicly express our love and devotion to Our Blessed Mother.
- to pray that Mary's urgent message at Fatima spreads and is heeded throughout Australia and the world.
- to make Public Reparation - many blasphemies are taking place in public and so we must also make reparation in public.
- to ask God's merciful blessing upon our nation, particularly for its conversion, conversion of families to turn back to God and for peace in the world.

Public Prayer is powerful: In his monumental work, *The Secret of the Rosary*, Saint Louis de Montfort states: "Public Prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering".

**Come and Pray together:** All families and children encouraged and welcomed.

**Public Rosary - Sat 11th October, 11.00am Lennox Head Beachfront Park opposite Holy Family Church**

Shared Lunch will follow the Rosary Crusade. (Shared "treat" plate appreciated) Bring your Rosaries, fold-up chair and Umbrella for sun or rain.

Contact the Parish Admin Office 6681 1048 or Marie 0409 887 677 for further information. *Please note it on your calendar.*

### YA Camp - 4 Days of Camping, Worship and Peace near Murwillumbah

The Lismore Diocese is offering subsidies to young adults to attend **YA Festival** near Murwillumbah in December this year. The Festival is open to adults aged 18-30 and will be facilitated by Ignite Youth, who hold the annual Ignite Conference in Brisbane each year and has been attended by hundreds of youths from the Diocese. According to Zac Parnell, Youth: Ministry and Music Coordinator at St Agnes Parish and former presenter at YA Fest, "the YA Festival is like no other Catholic event, it involves taking three nights away from the noise of life to camp and reconnect with Jesus through prayer, fellowship, and formation. The formation sessions are crafted specifically for young adults, targeting themes and issues that most of them experience." Link: [YA Festival — Ignite Youth](https://forms.office.com/r/xUdVB6YxRj) Link to Microsoft form for registrations: <https://forms.office.com/r/xUdVB6YxRj> (close 14/11 unless subsidies exhausted prior)

YA Festival Registration form for  
Diocesan Participants



**THE JUBILEE PRAYER:** Father in heaven, May the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel, so that those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.



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**Interest Rate — 3.65% For  
further information and our  
current rate, Please visit our  
website [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) or  
contact us on 1800 802 516**

**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**

**First Reading: Amos 8:4-7**  
*A reading from the prophet Amos*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord,  
praise the name of the Lord!  
May the name of the Lord be blessed  
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

2. High above all nations is the Lord,  
above the heavens his glory.  
Who is like the Lord, our God,  
who has risen on high to his throne  
yet stoops from the heights to look down,  
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly,  
from the dungheap he raises the poor  
to set him in the company of princes,  
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8**

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving –

and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Luke 16:1-13**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

'Jesus said to his disciples: "The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?" 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**

**TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER ~ FEAST OF ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property

**WEDNESDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER, ~ THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER ~ FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**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 02 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:** In recess over the school holidays

**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



**The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office:** Safeguarding in our parish is a community responsibility. If you believe someone is being harmed please contact the Safeguarding Office 6621 9444 or email [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au). Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or vulnerable people at risk. A copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter is available from the Safeguarding information stand in the foyer of the Church.

**PARISH AWARENESS TRAINING**

**"Safeguarding Awareness Training opportunity Tuesday 22nd October 2025 for all parishioners who have not revised their safeguarding awareness in the past 3 years" Please ask the parish office if this is you.**

**Save the Date**

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**St Paul's College**  
*Celebrating 60 Years*  
1965 - 2025

*You're Invited*

**Anniversary Celebration**  
**Sunday 5 October 2025**

Mass at 9:30am in the Mercy Centre, St Paul's College - followed by a BBQ brunch provided by the College & commissioning of Hope House.

Please RSVP with family name and numbers for brunch:  
☎ 02 6562 7200 ✉ [stpauls60thanniversary@gmail.com](mailto:stpauls60thanniversary@gmail.com)

We are collecting photos and memorabilia - please email them to the address above or drop them off at the College Office