



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.**

**26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

28th September 2025

**WORLD REFUGEE &
MIGRATION DAY**

**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 THURSDAY &
FRIDAY ONLY**

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

**Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Archangels**

Monday

St Jerome

Tuesday

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Wednesday

The Holy Guardian Angels

Thursday

St Francis of Assisi

Saturday

We invite everyone to our faith community.

PARISH NOTICES

NO 12.00 NOON PARISH MASS THIS WEDNESDAY 1st OCTOBER
(Funeral for Father Frank Mulcahy, Cathedral Lismore, 11.00 am)



BAPTISM : Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Oliver William Bedding** son of Brendan and Caitlin; and **Keeley Louise and Luca Lainey Crawford**, children Abe and Chloe.



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Bruce Henry Hankinson** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held this Monday 29th September at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina. (Livestream link fwhlive.com/brha)



**WE SAY 'FAREWELL' TO THE JUBILEE OF HOPE
BOAT FROM OUR PARISH**

The *boat*, will depart this **Monday 29th**

September, travelling to the Parish of MacLean.

Our parish sincerely *thanks* the Catholic Schools Office of the Lismore Diocese for this initiative of having all parishes included as Pilgrims of Hope with the Jubilee Boat.



DAYLIGHT SAVING 2025/2026

**BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER AND CONCLUDES
SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026 (move your clocks forward 1 hour)**



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

RCIA and RRFC Network. We are planning to establish a network in the Diocese of Lismore for those who work in the ministry of RCIA for unbaptised people and RRFC for Christians entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. This is **not** for catechumens or candidates. The network will meet four times per year via Zoom for a two-hour session. Meetings will include formation for leaders and opportunities for participants to share ideas and practices. We want to build up the capacity of our parishes for this important ministry of mission and evangelisation. If you are someone in the parish leading these processes or working with those who do, this network is for you. This initiative is supported by Bishop Greg Homeming. The first meeting is **Tuesday October 7th, 7-8 pm**. Please register, with your name and parish, to receive a zoom link via email to Deacon Anthony Gooley agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au

'THE CHOSEN' SEASON 5 ~ THURSDAY 2ND OCTOBER, ~ 2.00PM ~ MTR

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

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au

Phone: 02 6681 1048; Email: 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

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

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

27th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: 4th/5th October 2025
Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Pauline Fingleton Mick Vella	Marie Sullivan Damien Kennedy	Nicole Sullivan Tony Hunter	Warwick Manning Maurice Gahan
EMOHC	Cheryl Bowen Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Kailani Tiernan
Offertory Procession			

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Mario Bogdanich (*Perth*), Bruce Hankinson, M.J. Cooney (*London, brother of Senan*) Father Frank Mulcahy, Ailsa Patch, Loretta Gardiman,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Silvana Gruber, Barbara Levett, Margaret Rizzo, William Curtain, Lyndall Pavey, Kitty Gorton, Betty McNiff, **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: 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 LeFevre (*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, Aunt Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

29th September	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
29th September	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé
30th September	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
30th September	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
1st October	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
2nd October	Thursday 2.00 pm	The Chosen MTR
5th October	Sunday 9.45 am & 11.30 am	Parish Cuppa
11th October	Saturday 11.00 am	Public Rosary Beachfront Park Lennox Head
11th October	Saturday 1.30 to 4.30 pm Upper Room	Waste time with God Parish Admin
16th October	Thursday 5.30—7.30 pm	Alpha MTR
18th October	Saturday 12.00 noon	Pilgrimage to Cathedral
22nd Oct	Wed 10.00 am	S.G training

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**

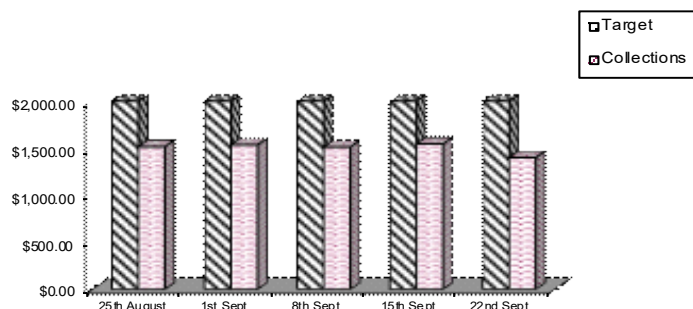
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARTELY AT MASS COLLECTION:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 941.55
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 354.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,401.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH

Catholic Mission Month 2025 is a month-long celebration in **October**, focused on the theme *"Missionaries of Hope Among All Peoples"*. **World Mission Sunday will be on October 19th, 2025**, and funds raised support church-run programs for communities and children in need. The month encourages faith-driven actions like prayers and donations to promote a message of hope.



In Zambia, many families struggle daily with poverty and limited access to essential healthcare. The Catholic Church stands as a beacon of hope, supporting communities through education, sustainable livelihoods, and healthcare.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to journey with our missionaries, who are bringing Christ's love to those most in need.

Stay tuned to learn how you can be part of this mission and help create a future filled with hope.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



REFLECTION

DID YOU KNOW?

- The Law of Moses, the Torah, and the writings of the prophets both stress the need for justice and compassion.
- In the Hebrew Scriptures, God gives a preferential love to the poor, the outcast and the stranger.
- It is the poor man in this story whose name is given (Lazarus means 'God helps') while the rich man remains anonymous. Perhaps he represents us all.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- When have you closed your eyes to the plight of another?
- Have you ever failed to listen to good advice? What were the consequences?
- Share stories of a time when you were in desperate need and someone offered assistance to you. Alternatively, it may have been that your needs were not recognised because others were too absorbed in their own activities.

A suitable prayer this week:

*By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;*

so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.

111TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES | JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS
SUNDAY, 5 OCTOBER 2025

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, which coincides with the Jubilees of Migrants and of the Missions, is "MIGRANTS, MISSIONARIES OF HOPE."



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. To honour our Blessed Mother and draw closer to her son Jesus, we are encouraged to **PRAY AT LEAST ONE DECADE OF THE ROSARY EVERY DAY** in our families. Our lady's request at Fatima was to pray the Rosary for peace in the world.

*"The family that prays together –stays together"–
Fr Patrick Peyton*

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER 11.00 AM

Beachfront Park opposite Holy Family Catholic Church Lennox Head.

Lets gather to join in the Public Square Rosary 2025



WASTE TIME WITH GOD!

Come and 'be' with God praising, worshipping, listening and manifesting the gifts of the Spirit.

SATURDAY 11TH OCTOBER, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Upper Room, Catholic Parish Centre, Cherry St, Ballina – presented by Catholic Charismatic Renewal music ministry team from Brisbane – contact Maxine 0429 669 029.

**Get connected
and explore
faith with
others**

Alpha is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life. It's an opportunity to get connected, discover more about the Christian faith, and share your thoughts in a friendly environment.

You're Invited

St Francis Xavier Parish Admin Centre

Cnr Cherry & Swift Streets Ballina

Weekly Sessions on a Thursday 5.30pm - 7.30pm

October 16th - Dec 4th 2025



Gather together
and get connected



Watch an episode
on a topic of faith



Ask questions and
share your thoughts

Dinner will be provided

Please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday October 13th

Phone Ballina Parish Office on 6681 1048, Scan the

QR code or [Click Here](#)

For more info contact Peter on 0421 518 371.



Pilgrimage
ST CATHARINE'S
CATHEDRAL LISMORE

*Holy Hour, Exposition,
Adoration & Reconciliation*

Receive a Plenary Indulgence *BYO Picnic Lunch*

Saturday 18th October 2025

12 noon gather and depart by car from SFX Church Ballina
1pm Picnic Lunch on grounds outside Cathedral
Information and Registration phone 6681 1048
A lift can be organised to Lismore if required, please advise when registering

PARISH SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING Safeguarding Awareness Training opportunity Wednesday 22nd October 2025 10.00 am in The Upper Room Parish Admin Centre, for all parishioners who have not revised their safeguarding awareness in the past 3 years. Please ask the parish office if this is you.



Diocesan
Investment
Fund

Interest Rate – 3.65% For further information and our current rate, Please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on **1800 802 516**

First Reading: Amos 36:1,4-7*A reading from the prophet Amos*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,

who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

*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 16:19-31***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

'Jesus said to the Pharisees: "There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER ~ FEAST OF ST JEROME**

Entrance Antiphon: Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.

Communion Antiphon: Lord God, your words were found and I consumed them; your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.

****WEDNESDAY NO PARISH MASS******THURSDAY 2nd OCTOBER ~ FEAST HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

Entrance Antiphon: Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Communion Antiphon: In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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. 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.

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