



# 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.**

*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

### PARISH NOTICES



**DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS THIS SUNDAY 5TH OCTOBER**  
Clocks are moved forward 1 hour.



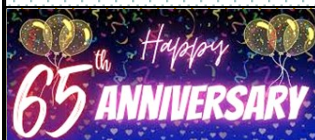
**BAPTISM :** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Darla Rose Cain** daughter of Christopher and Vanessa.



**FUNERAL NOTICE:** Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Ian William Lockton** who has sadly passed away. A Memorial Mass will be held this Wednesday 8th October at 2.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church Ballina.



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



### 'CONGRATULATIONS'

*Ron and Anne Haydon  
who are celebrating their  
65th Wedding Anniversary, this weekend.  
With love and best wishes from your parish community.*



### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

**COME AND JOIN THE PUBLIC ROSARY CHAIN  
ACROSS AUSTRALIA**

**THIS Saturday 11th October 11.00 am Beachfront Park, opposite  
Holy Family Catholic Church, Lennox Head.**

**We will pray for God's merciful blessings upon Australia, the  
world, our families and our Parish through the powerful intercession of  
Our Lady of Fatima.**

**Joyful Mysteries will be prayed. ALL WELCOME.**

**Shared Lunch will follow the Rosary Crusade.**

**(Shared 'treat' plate appreciated).**

**Bring your rosaries, fold-up chair and umbrella for sun or rain.**

**Enquiries: Marie 0409 887 677**

### PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY:

**This Monday 6th October** is a public holiday. The Parish Administration Office will be closed. If you are in urgent need of a priest please call: **0423 445 639**

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

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**5th October, 2025**

## OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

### 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**

**Our Lady of the Rosary**  
Tuesday



**PRESBYTERY:** Phone: (02) 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 **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

**[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 - 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

**28th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: 11th/12th October 2025**  
**Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19**

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	Trish Bazar Yvonne Head	Jean Mackay Murray Deeps	Gary Reen Annette Reen	Maxine Cole Leanne Robbins
<b>EMOHC</b>	Jeanette Wilkins Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Maddy Pride	Tony Nilon Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			Greg, Katie & family	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Ian Lockton, Tracy Williams (*Sydney*), Antonio Bonieiolli (*Sydney*)  
 Rowan Mooney, Mario Bogdanich (*Perth*), Bruce Hankinson, M.J.  
 Cooney (*London*), Father Frank Mulcahy, Ailsa Patch,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS,**  
**TIME:** Jack & Marie Flood, Gregory Thomas, Michael  
 Wilson, Patricia Holwell, Buntly Sainsbury,

**AND ALSO FOR:** *Bernard, Ambrose & Frank Mooney, Phillip Dykes, Marj & Pat Hobbs, 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:** Veronica Bennett (*Gold Coast*), Nancy and Joan Obonyo, 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 Kohlback & 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,*

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025**

<b>5th October</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am &amp; 11.30 am</b>	<b>Parish Cuppa</b>
<b>6th October</b>	<b>Monday No Cenacle</b>	<b>Due to Public Holiday</b>
<b>7th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>7th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>Devotion to the Holy Face L H</b>
<b>9th October</b>	<b>Thursday 2.00 pm</b>	<b>The Chosen MTR</b>
<b>11th October</b>	<b>Saturday 11.00 am</b>	<b>Public Rosary Beachfront Park Lennox Head</b>
<b>11th October</b>	<b>Saturday 1.30 to 4.30 pm Upper Room</b>	<b>Waste time with God Parish Admin</b>
<b>16th October</b>	<b>Thursday 5.30—7.30 pm</b>	<b>Alpha MTR</b>
<b>18th October</b>	<b>Saturday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Pilgrimage to Cathedral</b>
<b>22nd October</b>	<b>Wednesday 10.00am <span style="color: red;">Postponed</span></b>	<b>Safeguarding Training</b>
<b>30th November</b>	<b>Sunday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Annual Parish Lunch</b>

**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**

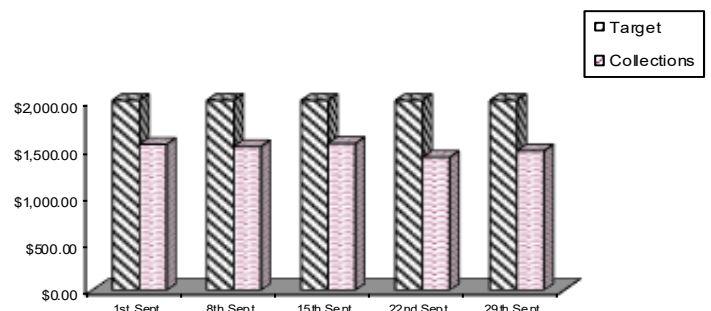
**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COLLECTED SEPARTELY AT MASS COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information. By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,002.00
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 299.80
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,469.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





## OUR DUTY TO TRUST

As the gospel makes clear, faith is never an abstract notion, it's how we live our lives. The apostles ask Jesus to 'increase our faith' as a specific response to what he has just said about forgiving one another.

Trust is central to the gospel and to our faith, which is to say our lives. And the faith that Jesus speaks of isn't blind; it's a way of seeing one another, as a woman reminded me recently when she spoke of coming to befriend a man sitting on the footpath outside Coles.

And as happened when Vinnies began its soup van service: On the first night they ran into Billy Morgan four times. On the fourth occasion a volunteer asked him if there was anything else they could give him or do and he replied, 'Your friendship is enough'. He had told her – ever so clearly – what they were all about. It wasn't simply that they had something to give him, but he had something to give them.

Billy and the woman outside Coles remind us that faith isn't something we have or don't have. It's not something we possess but is given to us in relationship. So, when Jesus speaks of a mulberry tree obeying you, there's no magic formula involved; he's simply speaking of the power of faith made real in our relationship with God.

Yet it seems wherever we look these days, there's a general loss

of trust which undermines our trust in one another and ensures, perhaps, that the one thing binding us together is money. We give so we might get in return, and often this becomes our model for relationship. Where it exists, a society may begin to fragment, all the more so a church, because a church community is founded in the gift of relationship – it's where we learn to trust one another and God.

As we do, we begin to see the connection between faith and service, which Jesus speaks of in the second part of today's gospel. We're invited to join a group, so we go along, and gradually our lives change. Our faith begins to deepen, almost unawares, as we practise what's been called 'the spirituality of turning up.'

Later, we may come to understand that it's our trust in the person who asked us and in Jesus which brought us to live in this way, doing 'all you have been told to do.' It's not that God is indebted to us for what we do, but we're indebted to God for enabling this. Like the disciples we're discovering that faith and service are inextricably linked.

Today's first reading, the psalm and the second reading all speak of trusting in God, whatever happens in our lives. This is the precious gift we're entrusted to look after, the gift of God's self in Jesus, and we do this by giving it away. Trusting in Jesus enables us to do what God entrusts to us – it's our duty and our life.

Damian Coleridge @ Majellan Media 2025

## SAVE THE DATE

### ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LUNCH

**Sunday 30th November, 2025**

Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina

Main meal, sweets, tea/coffee

Tickets available from the Parish Office ~ \$25.00 ea from Wednesday 15th October.

Numbers limited to 100.



## WASTE TIME WITH GOD!

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

**THIS 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.



## PARISH SAFEGUARDING AWARENESS TRAINING

**22nd OCTOBER**

**Postponed**

**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

**Postponed**

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 CARTHAGE'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  
A lift can be organised to Lismore if required, please advise when registering

JUBILEE 2025  
PIGRIMS OF HOPE

**MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
among all peoples

In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of two inspiring missionaries, Sr Jane and midwife Kayula, who are helping to lift women like Sharon out of poverty and provide life-saving care to mothers like Grace and their newborn babies.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring these programs can move forward.

**catholic mission**  
Free call: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/mission](http://catholicmission.org.au/mission)

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



Diocesan Investment Fund

**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**

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4***A reading from the prophet Habakkuk*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help  
 while you will not listen;  
 to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear  
 and you will not save?  
 Why do you set injustice before me,  
 why do you look on where there is tyranny?  
 Outrage and violence, this is all I see,  
 all is contention, and discord flourishes.  
 Then the Lord answered and said,  
     'Write the vision down,  
     inscribe it on tablets  
     to be easily read,  
     since this vision is for its own time only:  
     eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;  
     if it comes slowly, wait,  
     for come it will, without fail.  
     See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,  
     but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
 hail the rock who saves us.  
 Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
 with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
 let us kneel before the God who made us  
 for he is our God and we  
 the people who belong to his pasture,  
 the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!  
 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
 as on that day at Massah in the desert  
 when your fathers put me to the test;  
 when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Luke 17:5-10***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

'The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.

Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 7th OCTOBER ~ FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name Jesus.

**WEDNESDAY 8th OCTOBER ~ THURSDAY 9th OCTOBER & FRIDAY 10th OCTOBER**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will.

For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

**Closing soon! Help shape the Diocese****Join the Diocesan Pastoral Council**

Bishop Greg is re-establishing the Diocesan Pastoral Council - clergy, religious, and laity working together to support the Mission of the Church.

**Nominations are now open!** Closing date is 10 October.

We're looking for people of prayer, discernment, and passion for the Church's Mission. Your voice matters, walk with us in hope.

To nominate, visit: [www.bit.ly/LismoreDPC](http://www.bit.ly/LismoreDPC)

**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 02 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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The mustard seed is one of the smallest of seeds. Even a little faith is able to achieve wondrous things.
- A mulberry tree has a complicated root system, which makes it very difficult to move.
- In the New Testament period, servants were totally reliant on the master to provide everything they needed in return for their labour. Their status was really that of a slave.
- Jesus always presents the call to discipleship and belief as a call to service of others.