



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



BAPTISM : Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Ruby Winter Warburton** daughter of Dale and Rachael.

RETIREMENT OF PAUL LLOYD – PARISH MANAGER

With deep gratitude, we bid a fond farewell to **Paul Lloyd** as he retires after **33 years of faithful service** as our Parish Manager and Finance Manager. Throughout his dedicated years, Paul has guided the parish through a time of great growth and development: the establishment of our two schools at Skennars Head, the opening of St Anne's Long Day Care, the continued improvement and expansion of St Francis Xavier School, the strengthening of Crowley Care, and the careful stewardship of parish assets, including Ballina Heights and our rental properties. Paul's **professionalism, wisdom, and care** have been a true blessing to our parish community. His leadership has ensured that the administration of our parish has always been marked by integrity, diligence, and compassion. As Paul now begins this new chapter, we pray that his retirement is filled with **joy, good health, relaxation, and countless blessings**. Paul, **thank you** for everything you have given to our parish. You will be dearly missed, but always remembered with deep appreciation. Your legacy will live on in the life of our parish.

Congratulations and Thank you, Paul.

Father Peter, Father Erick, The Parish Administration Team, and Parishioners of St Francis Xavier Parish.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

12th 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

St Teresa of Avila
Wednesday

St Ignatius of Antioch
Friday

St Luke, evangelist
Saturday

**MISSIONARIES OF
HOPE**
among all peoples



For women like Sharon, who must choose between feeding their children or selling their crops to survive, and Grace, who risked her life traveling 160km for safe childbirth, hope comes through Sr Jane and Kayula. Through sustainable farming, Sr Jane helps women provide for their families. At the Chilonga Mission Hospital, Kayula ensures mothers and babies receive the dignity and care they deserve.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope to the people of Zambia.



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mission



CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY ~ NEXT SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2025

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

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

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

29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: 18th/19th October 2025
Readings: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott John Jarzynski	Sue Hetherington Michael Piccoli	Margaret Tay Wendy Hughes	Bernadette McQuillan Warwick Manning
EMOHC	Mick Vella Phil Chapman	Deacon Anthony Mark McDonald	Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell	Peter Bowen
Offertory Procession			Ron Hughes Joan Hollingsworth	

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: Judi Hoolihan, Gino Garzolini, Hector & Betty McNiff jnr, Hector & Margaret McNiff snr,

AND ALSO FOR: *Jack & Marie Flood, 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: 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 LeFeve (*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,*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

13th October	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
13th October	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé
14th October	Tuesday 10.00 am	‘Cherry’ Coffee
14th October	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
15th October	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
16th October	Thursday 2.00 pm	The Chosen MTR
16th October	Thursday 5.30 pm—7.30 pm	Alpha MTR
18th October	Saturday 12.00 noon	Pilgrimage to Cathedral Lismore
18th/19th October	All Parish Masses	Catholic Mission Appeal
23rd October	Thursday 7.00 pm Lennox Head	Taize Holy Family Church
30th November	Sunday 12.00 noon	Annual Parish Lunch

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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,014.00	
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 288.40	
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,398.30	
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00	

It is a question of manners

How often have you encouraged your young children to say 'thank you' after they are given something? Saying 'thank you' is a common courtesy that is used almost without thinking. Yet it's much more than a courtesy.

When you give your children food or a gift, or do something for them, you do so without question because you love and care for them. Your giving is an expression of your relationship with them.

So too for saying 'thank you'. It is the relationship that is most important. Saying thanks is a personal acknowledgment of what you have done for them, sometimes with considerable effort on your part. Saying 'thank you' implies that I am not taking for granted what you have done for me. It can be very annoying if we feel others are taking for granted what we do for them.

Even Jesus may have been annoyed with the nine lepers who did not return to say thank you for being cured. The word translated as 'lepers' does not refer to the disease that is known today as leprosy. It did not exist at that time in Palestine. But the disfiguring skin disease suffered by these 10 people meant they were isolated from their families and communities and could not even approach Jesus. How distressing this must have been for all concerned.

Jesus sent all 10 lepers to the Jewish priests, because only after

the priests had formally verified they were cured would they be able to return to their homes and families. Soon after setting off to see the priests, they realise they've been cured, but it is only the Samaritan who returns to thank Jesus. This Samaritan must have been doubly isolated, suffering from this disease – being ritually unclean – and belonging to a heretical religion and tribe. Jews were not supposed to have any contact with Samaritans because they had separated from the Jewish people and established their own temple worship.

How excited and overcome with emotion was this Samaritan, 'praising God at the top of his voice' and throwing himself at the feet of Jesus. The other nine disappeared, but the Samaritan enters into an intense personal relationship with Jesus. Being cured is really a springboard into a deeper relationship.

St Luke is telling us something significant. It is the most excluded and marginalised of the group who responds to Jesus, while the other nine, Jesus' own co-religionists, have taken the gift but ignored the giver. By thanking God and falling to the ground before Jesus, the Samaritan is relating with God on an entirely new level. He is not only cured but, as Jesus remarks, it is his faith that has saved him.

For us too, saying thanks to God for all the gifts of life and love around us will surely enrich our relationship with God.

Bruce Duncan @ Majellan Media 2025



EXAM TIME : Prayers and best wishes to all Year 12 students sitting their HSC exams, beginning this Thursday 16th October.

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 THIS Wednesday 15th October. Numbers limited to 100.



EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO XCC COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS MASS NEXT SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER 5.30 PM VIGIL MASS Xavier Catholic College 2026 Year 12 Student Leaders will be presented and commissioned at this Mass.

Get connected and explore faith with others

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

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.



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.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY : 'THANK YOU' to those who joined the Public Square Rosary yesterday.

Reminder : There is community prayer at St Francis Xavier Church weekly on Saturdays at 9.00am for Prayer of the Church and Rosary.

The Rosary is said at Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus each week on Tuesdays at 10.00 am at Holy Family Church Lennox Head. 1st Saturday of the month devotion at 8.00 am in Holy Family Church.

We are encouraged to pray the Rosary in our families.. reflecting on at least one decade daily.

'The family that prays together—stays together'

Fr Patrick Peyton



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday 4th November, 2025

12.00 pm—3.30 pm

\$70.00 per person ~ BYO drinks

Please RSVP and pay via cash or eftpos at Crowley reception by Tuesday 28th October.

Please also provide any dietary requirements.

Tickets include: Glass of champagne on arrival

Delicious 3 course meal 1 x entry into the Lucky door prize

Live entertainment



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

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 or contact us on 1800 802 516

First Reading: 2 Kings 5:14-17*A reading from the second book of Kings*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

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

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's

news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,
for he cannot disown his own self.

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

For all things give thanks to God,
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Luke 17:11-19***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER AND THURSDAY 16th OCTOBER**

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

WEDNESDAY 15th OCTOBER ~FEAST OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

Entrance Antiphon: Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Communion Antiphon: I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER ~ FEAST OF ST IGNAIUS OF ANTIOCH

Entrance Antiphon: I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me

Communion Antiphon: I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.

FEAST OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

Mass in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) will be offered at 10:00 am on Wednesday, 15th October, at the Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah.
Please note that there will be no 7.00 am Mass on that day.
All welcome.

**TAIZE THIS MONDAY 13th OCTOBER 12.00 NOON
IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**

*Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and
Reconciliation of the heart*

BEACHSIDE MEDITATION

Come rest a while, listen to the waves' heartbeat, and sit in stillness with Jesus.

Join us for a twilight **TAIZE** gathering in
**Holy Family Catholic Church, Lennox Head at
7:00pm on Thursday 23rd October.**

All are welcome, including young people from Primary and Secondary schools.

Contact the Parish Office if transport is required.
02 6681 1048



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. 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.