

# 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.**

**29th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (A)**

**22nd October, 2023**

**MISSION SUNDAY**

**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**  
**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY**  
**MASS 12.00 noon**

**RECONCILIATION**  
**9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina**  
**St Francis Xavier Church**

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**Feast Day**  
**Sts Simon & Jude, apostles**  
**Saturday**

**We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.**

### PARISH NOTICES



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Cody Bede Fehon** son of James and Amber.



**'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'**  
**Samantha Kelly & Guy Hines**  
**on their Marriage at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head,**  
**this weekend.**

*Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.*



**ALL SOULS DAY ~ THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**  
**MASS AT EAST BALLINA CEMETERY 8.30 am**

We are reminded of the importance of praying for our departed relatives and friends. Traditionally, the month of November is the month where the Church remembers all those who have died. **November 1st is All Saints Day**, a tribute to all saints, while **November 2nd is All Souls Day**, dedicated to praying for those who have died. In the Catholic Church, we believe in the communion of saints, a spiritual bond that unites all the faithful, both living and dead. We are called to remember and pray for the souls of our departed relatives, knowing that our prayers can assist them on their journey towards eternal life with God.

As we prepare for the November Masses for the faithful departed, let us remember that our prayers are a sign of our love and care for them. We entrust them to the mercy and love of our Heavenly Father, who desires to bring them into His eternal embrace. In addition to attending Masses, we can also offer prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity for the souls of our departed loved ones. Our small gestures of love and remembrance can have a profound impact on their journey towards eternal life. Therefore, you are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes. There will be additional November Mass envelopes at the back of the churches for your use.

Please print names clearly so they can be easily read. Two lists of the names will be printed. One copy will be displayed in our churches and the other on the altar. All Masses in November will be offered for all those on the list.

### CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **THIS Monday 23rd October at 3.00 pm**, Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street. Please consider attending, as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre.

**You will be most Welcome!**



### THE BIBLE TIMELINE

This week we embrace Moses, Aaron and Joshua.

**Tuesday 24th October at 7.00 pm** in the St Teresa Room.

Phone Maxine 0429 669 029 for further information or just come along.

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

**PRESBYTERY:** Phone: 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 Anselm Okeke

**Deacon:** Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

**Pastoral Associate:** John Kearney **Email:** john@sfxballina.org.au

Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; **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: 6686 3370 - Swift St, Ballina

Holy Family Primary: 6687 5311 - 40 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

Xavier Catholic College: 6687 6484 - 2 Redford Drive, Skennars Head

St Anne's Long Day Care Centre: 6687 5961 - 42 Isabella Drive, Skennars Head

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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

**ROSTER: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 28th/29th October, 2023**  
**Readings : Exodus 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40-14**

	<b>Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Dan Gubby Abbie Beecher	Marie Sullivan Emma McFadden	Annette Reen Gary Reen	Warwick Manning Maxine Cole
<b>EMOHC</b>	Tamara Gubby	Deacon Anthony	Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			Mary Goss Ron Hughes	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Kevin Dover, Jean Kelly (*Lismore*), Lynette Ford,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Glorie Kelly, Bernard Evans, Michael Harris, Fay Kerslake

**AND ALSO FOR:** Jack Flood, Ab & Clare Mitchell, John Patrick Moreland, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Bill & Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all faithful departed.

**AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Ken Delany, Peter Mazzer, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, John McCoy, Noeline Conyngham Mick Ronan, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons (Neville Johnston, John Keightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Michael Hains, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Abby Barrie (*Tasmania*), Joan Flew, Tony Smith, Hugo Long, Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Aoife Stephenson (*Brisbane*), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Please advise if a name is to be removed if good health has been restored).

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS ~ 2023**

<b>23rd October</b>	<b>Monday 10.30 am</b>	<b>The Cenacle Anawim Room</b>
<b>23rd Oct &amp; 6th Nov</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon SFX Church</b>	<b>Taizé ~ 45 min of praise meditation &amp; music uninterrupted</b>
<b>23rd October</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>24th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee Club</b>
<b>24th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 7.00 pm</b>	<b>The Bible Timeline Moses, Aaron &amp; Joshua</b>
<b>2nd November</b>	<b>Thursday 8.30 am</b>	<b>All Souls Day Mass @ East Ballina Cemetery</b>
<b>2nd November</b>	<b>Thursday 3.00 pm St Teresa Room</b>	<b>'Presence' The Mystery of the Eucharist</b>
<b>5th Nov</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Cuppa</b>
<b>3rd December</b>	<b>Sunday Parish Feast Day</b>	<b>Feast of St Francis Xavier</b>
<b>16th December</b>	<b>Saturday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Advent Reflection Day</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 Anselm**

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ \*\*1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE COLLECTION\*\*:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

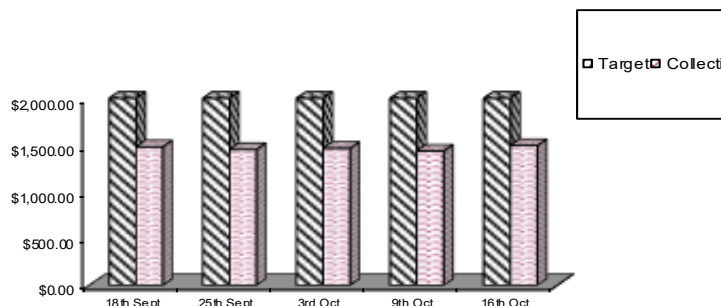
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218
- Please ensure you **use your Planed Giving number as reference**, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.

**DIF PAYS 3.70% PER ANNUM**

**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**

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 860.95
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 419.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,493.25
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00







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This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to address gaps in medical care, and provide families with essential health care and knowledge, equipping them with the confidence to act and autonomy over their health and well-being.

**The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for families in need, like Petrolina's, whose daughter Vitoria was found to have tuberculosis. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far.**

Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/timor](http://catholicmission.org.au/timor), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Kevin Dover** who has sadly passed away. A Funeral Prayer Service will be held this **Thursday 26th October at 10.00 am**, in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina.



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday 7th November, 2023**

**12.30 pm—3.30 pm**

**\$55.00 per person ~ BYO drinks**

*Please RSVP and pay via cash or eftpos at  
Crowley reception by Tuesday 31st October.  
Please also provide any dietary requirements.*

*Tickets include:*

*Glass of sparkling wine on arrival*

*Delicious 2 course meal*

*1 x entry into the Lucky door prize*

*Tea and coffee*



**PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF  
THE EUCHARIST**

**THURSDAYS 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm from  
2nd November - 5 Weeks, 5 Videos,**

**St Teresa Room, Parish Admin Centre**

**JOIN US ON A PILGRIMAGE FOR THE FEAST OF  
CHRIST THE KING**



A prayerful way to prepare for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe.

Have you ever wondered what the Catholic Church teaches about the Eucharist? Why bread and wine? What happens at the consecration? Then this is for you!!

For more information, please phone Pauline 0438 435 566

**TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER 12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**

**PARISHIONERS' MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX : Due to other bookings for the end of the year events, our monthly dinners will now be in recess until February 2024**

'A little gem by the sea'



**AVOIDING A TRICKY QUESTION:** The gospels are full of great stories; and this Sunday's extract is no exception. It all hinges on a "trick question". The Pharisees and Herodians attempt to tempt Jesus into committing a political *faux pas*. The question they put to him – "is it lawful to pay the Census tax to Caesar or not?" – permits no "safe" answer. If Jesus answers "Yes, you should pay the tax," he could be condemned as a collaborator with the hated Roman occupation. If, however, he advocated that people avoid the tax, he could be denounced as anti-Roman.

Tax revolts against Rome were common. A large-scale one had taken place during Jesus' boyhood and had been crushed with typical Roman brutality.

Ironically, the Pharisees were not normally known for their cooperation with either the imperial authorities or their aristocratic collaborators. Yet they joined forces with the supporters of Herod against Jesus.

Jesus evades the question by posing his own riddle. He asks to see the coin that was used to pay the tax; most likely, the silver denarius of Tiberius. The denarius bears an idolatrous image of the Emperor Tiberius with the confronting inscription 'Tiberius Caesar, son of the Divine Augustus.'

The coin related to the pagan imperial cult in the East Empire and represented an affront to Jewish religious and political sensibilities. The ancient Jewish historian, Josephus proudly proclaimed that the Jewish citizens of Jerusalem preferred death to allowing Caesar's image to enter Jerusalem on stand-

ards (Antiquities of the Jews, 18.59). Yet Jesus finds some of Jerusalem's most respected citizens had the idolatrous images of Caesar.

Jesus asks, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" When his opponents reply, "Caesar's," Jesus tells them to "repay to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what belongs to God."

By asking his interlocutors to produce the coin, Jesus forces them to admit that they kept such idolatrous objects on their person. Jesus is not advocating what today we would call "the separation of Church and State." Rather, Jesus is suggesting that Caesar's regime was a blasphemous nonsense, which God would one day overthrow and replace with a new kingdom.

Jesus' words remind us of those of an earlier Jewish revolutionary, Mattathias, who told his sons "Pay back to the Gentiles what is due to them and keep the law's commands" (1 Mc 2:68). Neither Jesus nor Mattathias were talking about money, but about personal integrity and fidelity.

The lesson in here is that we shouldn't allow ourselves to be tricked into thinking that any political party or regime can bring about justice and peace. A truly just society is one aligned to God which we have yet to achieve. So, until the kingdom comes, we are called to engage in the social and political realms as critics and agents for change, champions of justice and seekers for peace.

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**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6***A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.**

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. **(R.)**

3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. **(R.)**

4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:1-5***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;

wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

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

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 24th, WEDNESDAY 25th, THURSDAY 26th, FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER,**

**Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

**FROM TODAY'S GOSPEL****DID YOU KNOW?**

- The Herodians are mentioned only three times in the New Testament as a group within Jewish society (Mk 3:6; Mk 12:13; Mt 22:16). In all three texts they are aligned with the Pharisees in trying to entrap Jesus. They may have been supporters of the rule and policies of Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, ruler of Galilee during Jesus' lifetime.

**QUESTIONS**

- At first reading, we may be tempted to think that Jesus is separating religious behaviour from political or

economic behaviour. A closer reading, however, shows that this is not the case. While Jesus gives due weight to civic and political duties, his instruction to 'Give to God what is God's' reminds us that there is no aspect of human life or activity that can be considered apart from God. To seek and honour God, the believer must work within the world.

- What belongs to God in your life? What are our duties towards the State?  
This week repeat the Gospel Acclamation often:  
*'Shine on the world like bright stars.  
You are offering it the word of life'.*

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**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

**Marian Cenacle:** Every Monday at 10.30 am—Anawim Room, Parish Admin Centre, Narelle King Phn 6681 1048

**Taizé:** Every second Monday SFX Church 12.00 noon

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

**Prayer of the Church & Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church.

**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

**Rosary @ Lennox Head:** Holy Family Church - **WEEKLY** on Wednesdays at 8.00 am Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

**MONTHLY** for Our Lady Of Fatima - 1st Saturday of the Month Devotions at 8am and each Sunday before Mass at 7.00am.