



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

NO 12.00 NOON PARISH MASS THIS TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER

CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY ~ TODAY 18TH/19TH OCTOBER 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

19th October, 2025

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 THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY 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 John Paul II

Wednesday

St John of Capistrano

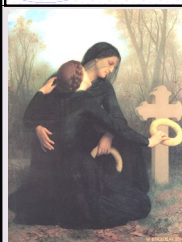
Friday

St Anthony Claret

Friday



BAPTISM : Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Eli William Garrard** son of William and Samantha.



ALL SOULS DAY ~ SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

MASS AT EAST BALLINA CEMETERY 9.30AM

FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER FOR ALL SOULS

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 are in the church pews and 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.



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 THIS 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 WEEKLY on sale following each weekend Mass. \$2.00 ea

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

30th Sunday Ordinary Time Year C: 25th/26th October 2025
Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18; Luke 18:9-14

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Matt Ritchie Kristie Coster	Damien Kennedy Jean Mackay	Richard Goss Nicole Sullivan	Bernadette McQuillan Warwick Manning
EMOHC	Katrina Miles Phil Chapman	Maddy Pride	Oanh hoang Letran Cathy Campbell	Peter Bowen
Offertory Procession			Cathy Andrews Diana Evans	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Leo Moore (*son of Margaret*), Kath Sullivan, Ian Lockton, Tracy Williams (*Sydney*), Antonio Bonieiolli, Rowan Mooney, Mario Bogdanich, Bruce Hankinson, M.J. Cooney.

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Kevin Dover, Glorie Kelly, Bernard Evans, Michael Harris, Fay Kerslake

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, Auntie Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village,*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

20th October	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
21st October	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
21st October	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
23rd October	Thursday 2.00 pm	The Chosen MTR
23rd October	Thursday 5.30 pm—7.30 pm	Alpha MTR
23rd October	Thursday 7.00 pm Lennox Head	Taize Holy Family Church
27th October	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
31st October	Friday 9.30 am	Holy Family Committee Lennox Head
31st October	Friday 9.30 am	Mass @ East Ballina Cemetery
2nd November	Sunday 9.45 am & 11.30 am	Parish Cuppa
30th November	Sunday 12.00 noon	Annual Parish Lunch

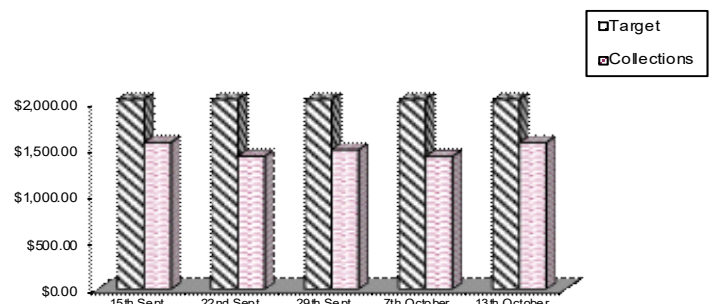
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterian collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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 Presbyterian 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>	\$ 955.00
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 346.75
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,545.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



In solidarity with Jesus

The determined widow in this week's parable encourages us to persist in prayer. She was not deterred by the judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. Instead, she demonstrates what St Therese of Lisieux described as a "surge of the heart": a trust and confidence in God who knows what we need and who draws close to us.

Indeed, when we pray, we need not speak much at all; but merely let ourselves be still before God and let God nourish us. St Alphonsus Ligouri advised us to "speak with familiarity and confidence as to your dearest and most loving friend. In return, God will speak to you – not that you will hear audible words in your ears, but words that you will clearly understand in your heart."

But the gift of prayer goes beyond intercession. In prayer, we discover a clear vision of our deepest identity – both of who we are and whose we are – and of who we are called to be and what we are called to do. Being aware of how God is at work in our lives awakens within us a response to be a prophetic presence in the world. We are not content to act within the limits of our current reality, but are inspired to move towards that vision of who we are called to be.

We are invited to enter ever more deeply into the mystery of God – into a divine presence and purpose larger than our finite frames of reference. We are drawn into the ongoing work of God

within us, throughout the world and, indeed, in the whole of creation. In this way, prayer awakens us and inspires us to act, to make a difference by bringing about justice, mercy and wholeness.

As a sixteen-year-old, Monsignor Enrique (Kike) Figaredo, a Spanish Jesuit who has spent his life working with victims of landmines in Cambodia, once prayed on a Holy Thursday at a Taizé monastery for God to enlighten him with his life's direction. He said he was "looking for Jesus, like a madman". He heard within his heart Jesus saying to him, "Don't go crazy. If you want to know me, I live with others. My face is that of people. If you look for me, look for me in people." This realisation inspired him to dedicate his life to victims of landmines.

Known as the Bishop of the Wheelchairs, Monsignor Figaredo wears a crucifix which he describes as the wheelchair crucifix. One of the legs of the crucified figure is shorter than the other. This wheelchair crucifix is a symbol of the victims of landmines; of Jesus in solidarity with people who suffer from landmines; and of God entering into the suffering of his people and illuminating their lives. Kike, as Monsignor Figaredo is affectionately known to Cambodians, says the wheelchair is his sacrament. It is where human suffering meets the beauty of God's love.

God is intimately present with his people and his love transforms every human experience.

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ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LUNCH

Sunday 30th November, 2025

Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina

Main meal, sweets, tea/coffee

Tickets are now available from the Parish Office ~

\$25.00 ea Numbers limited to 100.



HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMITTEE MEETING

'A little gem by sea' The next meeting of the Committee will be on **Friday 31st October** in the Sacred Heart Room, situated behind Holy Family Church. This Committee's purpose is to care for the Holy Family Church and its people. The meeting commences at 9.30 am and you are invited to join us, and contribute to the meeting.



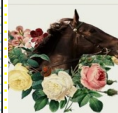
PARISH 'CUPPA'

in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, Sunday 2nd November, following the 9.00 am Mass and 11.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very welcome.



CONNECT WITH CURSILLO All are welcome at our BALLINA Gathering on Saturday 1st November 1:00 – 3:30 for prayer and reflection and talks on "Living our faith in everyday life" and "Insights from the Cursillo National Encounter". Looking for more information? Pick up the Cursillo Brochure or the Cursillo Newsletter or phone Maxine 0429 669 029.



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 NEXT 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



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY: The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held **Monday 27th October, 2025 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.



FUNERAL NOTICE: The sudden death of Leo Moore occurred last week in Casino. Leo is the beloved son of Margaret and the late Len Moore.

Leo's Funeral Prayer Service will be on **Monday 27th October at 10.30 am** in The Chapel at Parkview Funeral Home, Ballina. Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to Margaret and her family.



Envelopes available at the doors of the Church and in the pews

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Zambia to help women overcome poverty and mothers give birth safely.

The Women's Cooperative, led by Sr Jane will provide women with the training and support required to break the cycle of scarcity, and the Chilonga Mission Hospital is determined to ensure every woman and baby receives a safe and dignified start to life.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to be 'Missionaries of hope among all peoples', and we invite you to extend Christ's love to those in need in Zambia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mission, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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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: Exodus 17:8-13*A reading from the second book of Exodus*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

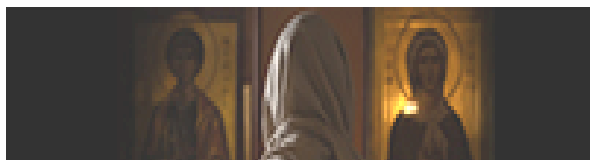
*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4***A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

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

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Luke 18:1-8***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER NO PARISH 12.00 NOON MASS****WEDNESDAY 22nd ~ THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER ~ FRIDAY 24th 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.

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 (Rite of Reception into Full Communion) for Christians entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. This **is not** for catechumens or candidates. 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 next planning meeting is **Wednesday November 26, 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

DID YOU KNOW? • In ancient Israel, according to the Law, justice should have been available to all who sought it, not only to the rich or powerful. Judges were appointed and they sat 'at the city gate' making themselves available to any who needed a judgment. The prophets often criticised the corruption that was sometimes associated with this office. Judgment would go in favour of those who could pay a bribe! Prayer for this week : *Our help is from the Lord who made heaven and earth.*



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.