

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.**

**30th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (A)**

29th October, 2023

**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 Days
All Saints Day
Wednesday

All Souls Day
Thursday

St Charles Borromeo
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: **Herbert and Walter Huggins** sons of Jay and Anastasia.



**ALL SOULS DAY ~ THIS 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.

Mass also at 12.00 noon St Francis Church, Ballina

MESSAGE FROM FATHER PETER

Parishioners please be advised that a scam using my name is being randomly circulated to parishioners. If you receive a phone call from me asking to message you back please **DO NOT REPLY, it is a scam**. The call will be from an international number and will indicate my whereabouts, which makes it seem authentic. Thank you, Father Peter Padsungay.

'PARISH 'CUPPA'

Next Sunday 5th November, following the 9.00 am Mass,
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church
Everyone is very welcome.



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: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A: 4th/5th November, 2023
Readings : Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; Psalm 130; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12

	Saturday 5.30 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 7.30 am Lennox Head	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Jeanette Wilkins Matthew Ritchie</i>	<i>Angela Beglin Jean MacKay</i>	<i>Bill Duffy Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan Leanne Robbins</i>
EMOHC	<i>John Jarzynski</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maxine Cole</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Cathy Andrews Diane Evans</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Kevin Dover, Rupert Sheddin (*Casino*), Billy King (*Casino*), Bill Margetts (*Casino*), Jean Kelly (*Lismore*),

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS

TIME: Larry Timmins, Bob Pidcock, Jack Flood

AND ALSO FOR: 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

30th October	Monday 10.30 am	The Cenacle Anawim Room
31st October	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee Club
31st October	Tuesday 7.00 pm	The Bible Timeline Moses, Aaron & Joshua
2nd November	Thursday 8.30 am	All Souls Day Mass @ East Ballina Cemetery
2nd November	Thursday 3.00 pm St Teresa Room	'Presence' The Mystery of the Eucharist
5th Nov	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
6th Nov & 20th Nov	Monday 12.00 noon SFX Church	Taizé ~ 45 min of praise meditation & music uninterrupted
7th November	Tuesday 12.30 pm	Melbourne Cup Lunch @ Crowley
3rd December	Sunday Parish Feast Day	Feast of St Francis Xavier
16th December	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection Day

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.

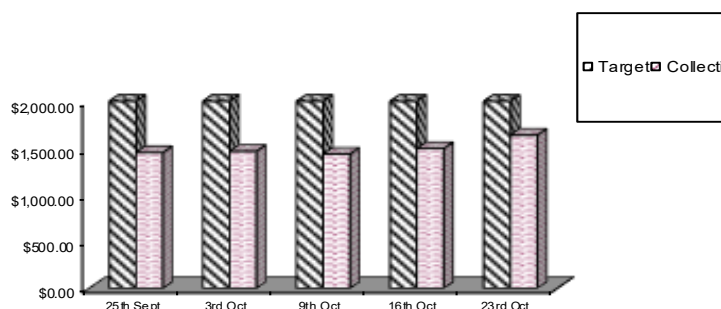
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: **your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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 4.15% PER ANNUM as of 1st November, 2023

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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 862.15
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 395.60
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,636.25
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR

The rabbis in Jesus' time identified 613 commands (248 positive [you shall] and 365 negative [you shall not]) that were prescribed in the Torah, the first five books of the Old Testament. Given the impossible burden this posed, this prompted much argument as to which were the most important.

When, in the gospel today, the Pharisees, through a lawyer, ask Jesus which is the greatest commandment, they do it to trick him, knowing that he is unschooled in the intricacies of Jewish Law.

Jesus' reply is disarmingly simple and straightforward. Jesus is in no doubt about the first and greatest commandment. It is to love God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. But Jesus immediately goes on to state that the second commandment is to love your neighbour. Notice that he distinguishes these two commands, but he does not separate them.

Indeed, he indicates that, in a sense, they constitute a single command. His point is very clear: love of God and love of neighbour go hand in hand and, together, encapsulate what God requires of us.

But Jesus then adds a punch line that is a real challenge to his interlocutors: "On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." In other words, these two commandments are not simply the greatest or the most important. But all other laws (those 613 or any others that might be promulgated) fall under these two. Those two commandments are the core. They are like the pillars from which all else hangs and to which all others must adhere.

Here then we come to the very heart of Jesus' teaching about how we are to live our lives and express our discipleship. It is love that is commanded of us as his followers. This love is to be expressed in mercy, compassion and forgiveness, in generosity of heart and magnanimity of spirit, in our individual lives and in our life together as a community.

The reading from the Book of Exodus puts before us some very concrete demands of love of neighbour: we are not to wrong or oppress a resident alien. This surely prompts us to reflect in particular on our response, individually and collectively, to refugees and asylum seekers.

We are also urged not to abuse any widow or orphan, nor the defenceless or the vulnerable, the poor or oppressed. To meet these very practical and concrete demands of love of neighbour is an essential aspect of our Christian lives.

Jesus' teaching is so very simple and yet so profoundly challenging. Just as he challenged his listeners then, he challenges us today to reflect on our behavior in terms of our love of neighbour, and how we might do better, and on our love of God and how we might grow in loving God with all our heart, soul and mind.

Ann Hunt

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CATHOLIC MISSION

'THANK YOU' for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Veniale.

Envelopes for donations are still available in our Churches and by visiting: catholicmission.org.au/timor

HEARTS ON FIRE ~ FEET ON THE MOVE



PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

THURSDAYS 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm from

Starting 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



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 this 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



THE BIBLE TIMELINE

This week we embrace Moses, Aaron and Joshua.

Tuesday 31st October at 7.00 pm in the St Teresa Room.

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



Position Available: **CCD Director - Diocese of Lismore:**

Reporting to the Bishop of the Diocese of Lismore, the Director of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)/SRE Coordinator is responsible for ensuring the compliance of the Diocese of Lismore as an Authorised Provider in relation to Catechists teaching in NSW Public Schools. The Director implements Child Protection training, classroom management, curriculum and training courses, manages authorisation and verification of Working with Children Checks. Working in this role, you have the option of working anywhere in the Diocese. If you would like more information, please ring Marijo Bradley on 6621-9444.

Applications close **next Monday** 6th November 2023. This role can be accessed on Seek. Search for CCD Director!

ADVENT 2023 'WITH EXPECTANT HEARTS'

Program books are available from the parish office at \$8.00 each. *A date for commencement will be advised.*



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LISMORE SAFEGUARDING OFFICE. If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully; offer support and discuss options you have available to you. Contact the Safeguarding Office - Phone 6621 9444 or Email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26*A reading from the book of Exodus*

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.**

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **(R.)**

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Thessalonians 1:5-10*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become

imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

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

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself.



On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER AND FRIDAY 3rd NOVEMBER**

Entrance Antiphon: Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face

Communion Antiphon: We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER ~ ALL SAINTS DAY

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

THURSDAY 2nd NOVEMBER, ~ ALL SOULS DAY

Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life

Communion Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

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

- The commandment which Jesus quotes first is part of a famous Jewish declaration of faith known as the Shema from Deut 6:4. 'Hear O Israel, the Lord, our God, is one ...' This text is written out and placed inside small boxes called mezuzah which are placed on the door posts of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah, thus making this declaration of faith several times a day.
- The term 'the Law and the prophets' implies the whole teaching of Judaism. The Books of the Law, known as the Torah, are the first five books of the Bible, often called the Pentateuch.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- The term 'love' can be overused and undervalued in today's world. Discuss some of the abuses of the word 'love' which are common.
- St Paul describes what love is like in a beautiful passage in his first letter to the Corinthians. Pray over these verses this week. Contemplate the meaning of these verses:

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous. Love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people's sins, but delights in the truth. It is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, to endure whatever comes.
(1 Corinthians 13:4-6)

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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.