

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.**

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

3rd November, 2024

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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

At St Francis Xavier Church

**TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon**

**ADORATION FRIDAY
11.00 am to 11.45 am**



RECONCILIATION

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

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Feast Days

**St Charles Borromeo
Monday**

**The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
Saturday**

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

ALL SOULS



You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes. There are additional November Mass envelopes at the doors 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.

PARISH 'CUPPA'

**in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,
This Sunday 3rd November, following the 9.00 am Mass.
Everyone is very welcome.**



ADVENT 2024 'HOPE REIGNS'

**Reflection books are available from the parish office - \$6.50 ea
For individual preparation for Christmas or join a
Group session 2.45 pm Mondays in the Anawim Room and
10.00 am Thursdays in the Mother Teresa Room Parish Centre
Parish Advent Reflection Morning 9.00am
Saturday 14th December, 2024**



ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MEN'S GATHERING

4:00 pm , THIS Friday 8th November 2024 ~ Ballina Angling Club

Please join Frank Lynch, our host, Murray Parr and Richard Goss for drinks at the Angling Club on the southern bank of North Creek.

Enter from south of the bridge on Tamarind Drive when driving to Kerr St.

RSVP & Registration: None. If you arrive later, you may not get a seat, but you are likely to find us still there. *(Subject to the weather.)*

VOLUNTEERS PLEASE

Following Christmas our **5.30 pm Vigil Mass and our Sunday 9.00 am Mass** will be requiring volunteers to be Laptop operators.

Please call the Parish Office during office hours if you can help 6681 1048.

St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our parish community.



**Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus
Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head**

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

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay
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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

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY:

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

SCHOOLS:

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

AGED CARE:

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

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 9th/10th November, 2024
Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 145; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Bryan Marriott Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Marie Sullivan Angela Beglin</i>	<i>Gary Reen Annette Reen</i>	<i>Maxine Cole Leanne Robbins</i>
EMOHC	<i>John Jarzynski Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Maddy Pride</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Julie McKinnon Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Gemma Duffy</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Cathy Andrews Diana Evans</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denise Robinson, Margaret Burt (*Canberra*),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Larry Timmins, Rose Norris, Zelma Daniels
AND ALSO FOR: *Marj & Pat Hobbins, Fabian Okeke, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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: Michael Hains, Kelly Savage, Lorraine Ball, Helen Johnston, Beryl Reed, Daphne Sweeney (*mother of Sr Kathryn*), Vince Newman, Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Fevre (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Syd*), Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Kneightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Maree Doolan, 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 2024

4th Nov	Monday 10.30 am	The Cenacle Anawim Room
5th Nov	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
5th Nov Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
to 5th Dec	Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm	ALPHA Parish Admin Centre
6th Nov & 20th Nov	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
5th Nov to 6th Dec	Tuesday 7.00 pm Mother Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre	Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony
14th Dec	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection Morning

Prayer for World Peace: God we trust you and we put our confidence in you. As we look out at this world so full of conflict and disruption, violence and chaos, hear our pray to you and let the waters of your peace flow out to all who are experiencing conflict. Amen.

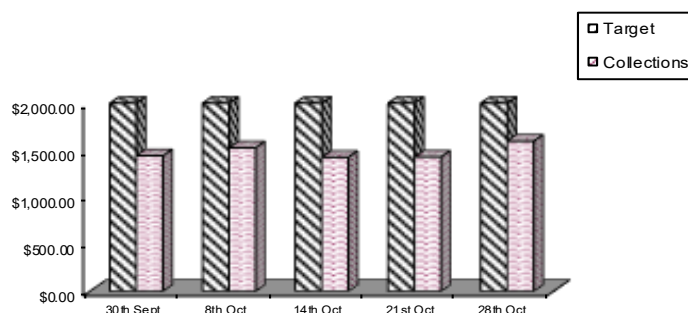
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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 use your Planned Giving number as reference.**

DIF PAYS 4.15% PER ANNUM
BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, L J Hooker 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 -

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 778.40
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 365.35
<i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,597.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



GOD'S LOVE IS WRITTEN ON OUR HEARTS

From the moment in Chapter 12 of the Book of Genesis when God promises salvation to Abraham, the story of the Old Testament people is one of them repeatedly being called to faithfulness. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we listen to Moses, who having just received the Ten Commandments, now tells the people not to regard these Commandments as a list of instructions to be obeyed, but words to be written on their hearts.

When Jesus is questioned by the scribe about which is the first of the commandments, without hesitation, Jesus sums it all up by reminding him that everything begins and ends with the love of God and our neighbour. Happily, and for once with one of the scribes, the conversation ends in agreement and Jesus is able to assure him that he is "not far from the Kingdom of God." Notably the scribe has recognised that love is more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.

I suggest that here we have a fruitful focus for our meditation. The Law of God is not there to make life difficult for us or to catch us out, but when it is written on our hearts, it enables us to live a life of love: to live life to the full. When Jesus came into our world he presented us with a wholly new vision of God. He reveals that God is a Father who has created us for love and in sending his Son has shown us the ultimate meaning of sacrifice, for we now know that we have a God who *literally* loves us to death.

Accordingly, in the letter to the Hebrews the nature of priesthood and sacrifice is explored. Christ has made the ultimate sacrifice "once and for all." Now it is up to us to imitate his sacrificial form of loving by recognising that love is the emptying of ourselves so that we can give ourselves completely to God and our neighbour. That is precisely why we gather each Sunday to celebrate the Eucharist: the memorial of Christ's sacrifice and the means whereby he fulfils his promise to be with us always; the means whereby he unites us with himself and one another by feeding us with himself.

Jesus assured us the Holy Spirit would lead us to all truth: the truth about God, about ourselves and about the world around us. At each Eucharist we invoke the Holy Spirit to make Christ present so that we can indeed be transformed into his Body and be able to proclaim a message of love, hope, compassion and reconciliation to a world which so desperately needs more people to have God's word written on their hearts.

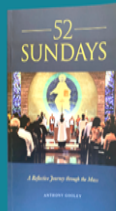
When we are sent forth from the Eucharist this weekend, may it be with renewed confidence that God's word is written large on our hearts.

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Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony

Reflect on what we do at Mass and why. Deepen our understanding so that we can pray the Mass more deeply, through full, conscious and active participation. The five sessions will take some cues from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays: A Reflective Journey through the Mass* (available through Coventry Press). Each session will include a presentation and time for people to share comments and questions.

**Five x 90 mins sessions over 5 weeks
Commencing Tues, Nov 5 at 7pm
St Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre**



Session 1 The Fourfold Dynamic of the Mass
Session 2 Called and Gathered
Session 3 Formed by the Word
Session 4 Transformed by Eucharist
Session 5 Sent on Mission

Register to attend by phoning the SFX Ballina Parish Office on 6681 1048, scan the QR code or go to bit.ly/ExploreMass



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 6621 9444 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults.



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY
MELBOURNE CUP DAY
LUNCHEON**

**THIS Tuesday 5th November, 2024
12.30 pm—3.30 pm**

Ticket sales have closed.

*Tickets include: Glass of champagne on arrival
Delicious 3 course meal 1 x entry into the Lucky door prize
Live entertainment*

**MenALIVE WEEKEND
30th November &
1st December 2024
St Flannan's Parish
Zillmore. QLD**

MEN of all ages and faiths are invited.
If you are seeking inspiration, support or encouragement, or want to make a change in your life, or the life of someone you love, invest time in this weekend.

Saturday: 8.00 am - 8.00 pm
Sunday: 8.30 am - 1.15 pm

Contact Murray Parr 0414 399 658 or
Email heal@murrayparr.com.au

Tribunal of the Catholic Church : Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please phone the Lismore Office of the Tribunal on 6622 7288 or Email: tribunal@lismore.catholic.org

Reflection: Only a contemplative stance of deep acceptance helps illuminate the paradox at the heart of what it means to be human. I know that I am responsible for my actions even though I am powerless to control the results. I feel a responsibility for using my voice with integrity, compassion, honesty, and courage and I find a feeling of great peace in doing so. In my contemplative stance, I feel both great power and an utter powerlessness. This is both the dilemma and the solution!
Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation: 'Wisdom Will Come'

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First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6;
A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.

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!
Praise be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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: Mark 12:28-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 5th ~ WEDNESDAY 6th ~ THURSDAY 7th ~ FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

DID YOU KNOW?

- The first commandment which Jesus quotes is the great Jewish prayer known as the Shema (Deut 6:4-5). Even today this prayer is recited each morning and evening by practising Jews.
- In traditional Jewish practice the Shema is written on a slip of paper and placed inside the mezuzah, a small box beside the front doors of Jewish homes. Each time a person passes through the door, they touch the mezuzah in a symbolic action of reciting this great prayer. It is a way of reminding themselves often during the day of God's greatness and their obligation to love him.
- The second commandment quoted by Jesus comes from Leviticus 19:18. Both commandments are part of the Torah or Law.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- What for you is the greatest aspect of your faith? What does it mean to love God with all our heart, understanding and strength? What does it mean to love our neighbour as ourselves?
- Use today's Psalm as an affirmation of faith:

*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.*

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.

Taizé: Every second Monday SFX Church from 12.00 noon.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday.

Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am Ballina.

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

Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.30 am Anawim Room.

Parish Youth Group: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the Upper Room Parish Admin Building **Sunday evenings.**

You are welcome to our prayer gatherings.