

# 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.**

### 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**17th 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 MASS**

**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

**The Presentation of  
Blessed Virgin Mary**  
*Thursday*

**St Cecilia**  
*Friday*

*We invite everyone without exception to our faith community.*

#### PARISH NOTICES

#### URGENT: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS REQUEST

**LAPTOP OPERATORS REQUIRED FOR 5.30 PM VIGIL MASS &  
9.00 AM SUNDAY MASS** following Christmas, please contact the Parish Office.



#### 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 beginning Monday 25th November in the  
Mother Teresa Room Parish Centre  
Parish Advent Reflection Morning 9.00am

#### COLUMBAN 2025 CALENDARS

are available from the Parish Office. \$10.00 each

#### MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS

are available from the Parish Office \$10.00 for a packet of ten.



**To Sr Anne Shay and all the Presentation Sisters  
'HAPPY FEAST DAY'**

for this Thursday 21st November.

We thank you Sr Anne and all the Sisters for their many  
contributions to our parish life.

*Love and best wishes from all the parish.*



#### CELEBRATING OUR PARISH FEAST DAY 'PATRON SAINT' ST FRANCIS XAVIER 'PARISH 'CUPPA'

**Sunday 1st December**, following the 9.00 am Mass,  
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church.  
SVdP members to host the Parish cuppa.

**Parishioners are invited to bring a plate for morning tea.**

**Our three RCIA candidates for 2024 will be received into the  
Catholic faith at this Mass.**

Everyone is very welcome.



*Feast Day  
Tuesday  
3rd December*



Office of the  
Children's Guardian

**'Thank you'** to all parents who supervise their children while  
attending Mass and within our Church grounds.

**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.



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](mailto:john@sfxballina.org.au)

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Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto: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](http://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

<b>Christ the King, Year B: 23rd/24th November, 2024</b> <b>Readings: Daniel 7:13-14; Psalm 15; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33-37</b>				
	<b>5.30 pm</b> <b>Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>7.30 am</b> <b>Lennox Head</b>	<b>9.00 am</b> <b>Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am</b> <b>Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Bryan Marriott</i> <i>Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Jean Mackay</i> <i>Angela Beglin</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan</i> <i>Richard Goss</i>	<i>John Jarzynski</i> <i>Maxine Cole</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Trish Bazar</i> <i>Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i> <i>Adam Sullivan</i> <i>Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
<b>Offertory</b> <b>Procession</b>			<i>Greg, Katie</i> <i>&amp; family</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Betty Harris, Denise Robinson,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

**AND ALSO FOR:** *Phillip Dykes, 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 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:** *Craig Cunneen Annemarie Higgins, 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, , 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, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt 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).*

<b>UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024</b>		
<b>18th Nov</b>	<b>Monday 10.30 am</b>	<b>The Cenacle</b> <i>Anawim Room</i>
<b>19th Nov</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>19th Nov</b> <i>Holy Family Church</i>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>20th Nov &amp; 4th Dec</b>	<b>Wednesday 8.00 am</b>	<b>menALIVE</b> <b>Lennox Head</b>
<b>25th Nov</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care</b> <b>Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>1st December</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Feast Day Mass</b>
<b>to 5th Dec</b>	<b>Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm</b>	<b>ALPHA Parish</b> <b>Admin Centre</b>
<b>to 6th Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday 7.00 pm</b> <b>MT room</b>	<b>Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony</b>
<b>9th December</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon Mass</b> <i>Parish Volunteers Mass</i>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>14th Dec</b>	<b>Saturday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Advent Reflection Morning</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 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 -**

<b>THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS</b>			
<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 821.90	
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	<i>Loose Plate</i>	\$ 428.85	
	<i>Planned Giving Envelopes Collected</i>	\$ 1,548.10	
<b>Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target</b>		<b>\$ 2,009.00</b>	



## THE PASSING OF TIME

Next week, we will bring this liturgical year (Year B/Mark's Gospel) to an end, with the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Another year has passed. It's a fitting moment then to think about the passing of time and, indeed, of the end time and the passing away of the world.

So, in our last reading for this year from the Gospel of Mark, he writes about the end time. He knows, at the time of his writing, that his audience is suffering oppression and persecution and is thinking and expecting the end time is nigh. He writes to comfort and assure them.

The Book of Daniel, from which the first reading comes, is an influential apocalyptic writing from the Old Testament, well known among the Jews at this time. It tells of the oppression and persecution of the Jewish people in earlier times. In it the prophet Daniel proclaims the resurrection of the dead: *"Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."*

In his gospel, Mark writes about the end time in similarly apocalyptic terms that his listeners will understand. He recalls Jesus teaching his disciples that the things of this world and indeed time itself will pass away. "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus teaches, "but my words will not pass away."

As for when this will happen, Jesus tells the parable of the fig tree. When the fig tree puts forth its new leaves, we know that summer is approaching. In other words, watch for the signs of the times.

Not even Jesus knows – only the Father – when that time will be, but there is no doubting that an end time will come. There is also no doubting that God's designs will not be thwarted and that the reign of God will triumph.

But Mark's point is that, before the end time, the gospel must be preached to the whole world.

This indeed is our time and our mission. We, like the Christians for whom Mark wrote his gospel, live in the in-between time, the time between the time of Jesus and the end time. For us, as for them, this is a time for preaching and spreading the good news of the kingdom.

St Francis of Assisi urged his followers, "Preach always," adding, "and, *if necessary*, use words." We, as disciples of Jesus, are called to preach the good news of Jesus, to take the good news of God's abundant and steadfast love to every part of the world in which we live. We too must preach always in our actions *first and foremost*, in love of neighbour, compassion for the broken-hearted, care for the marginalised, and concern for those in need. Let our actions speak every day!

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



**CROWLEY CARE** meeting will be held **Monday 25th November at 12.00 noon**

in the Education Centre,

Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Please consider attending as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. This will be our last meeting for the year.

*You will be very welcome.*



**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.



**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](mailto:heal@murrayparr.com.au)

## 'FRIENDS OF MARY'S PLACE'

Your continued support for those less fortunate in our local community is requested with the purchase of a raffle ticket or a donation following Masses this weekend. *Thank you.*

**Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with Global Gifts.**

This Christmas, give a gift that changes the lives of those living in poverty.

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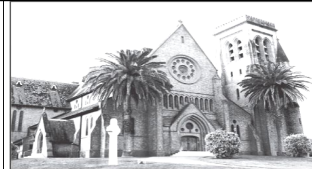
**SILENT WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
BY: BISHOP GREG HOMEMING, OCD

25 - 27 JANUARY 2025  
MT. CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE  
247 ST. ANDREWS ROAD, VARROVILLE, NSW  
0405 327 153  
[youth@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:youth@lismore.catholic.org.au)

SCAN TO REGISTER



**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](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au). Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



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**First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3;***A reading from the prophet Daniel*

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope!**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **(R.)**
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**
3. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one

single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

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

Be watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Mark 13:24-32***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK’S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 19TH ~ WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER**

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

**Communion Antiphon:** To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

**THURSDAY 21ST NOVEMBER ~ THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Hail, Holy Mother, who gave birth to the King who rules heaven and earth for ever.

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the womb of the Virgin Mary, which bore the Son of the eternal Father.

**FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER ~ FEAST OF ST CECILIA**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Behold, now she follows the Lamb who was crucified for us, powerful in virginity, modesty her offering, a sacrifice on the altar of chastity.

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne will lead them to the springs of the waters of life.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The language which Jesus uses here to describe the end times is called ‘apocalyptic’. Apocalyptic writing was very common and popular from about the second century before Jesus’ birth through to the second century after his death. The Bible contains many examples of this apocalyptic style; for example, the Book of Revelation. It is a particular literary form with specialist rules for interpretation. It is perhaps the most misunderstood style of writing in the Scriptures. It is highly symbolic and should never be read literally.
- It is generally accepted by scholars that Mark’s Gospel was the first one written, probably about 65–70 AD, and thus it reflects this belief in the imminent second coming of Christ.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:**

- My words will not pass away.’ What words of Jesus stay with you most?
- What signs of growth, life, death or change do you see around you—in the natural world, your community, your family, yourself? Be attentive to change this week.

Use the response to the Psalm as this week’s prayer:

*Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.*

**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 SFX Church 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.**