

# St Francis Xavier

## Catholic Parish of Ballina

*Respecting the traditional people of this land, 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 (C)**

**13th November, 2022**

**'WELCOME'**

**Weekend Mass Times  
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday — 9.00 am**  
**Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head**  
**Holy Family Church**  
**Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm**  
**Sunday—7.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
**at St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Tuesday to Friday**  
**12.00 noon**

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

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**Feast Day this week**

**St Elizabeth of Hungary**  
*Thursday*

## A message of faithful endurance

Jesus' disciples would have had the words of prophets like Malachi in today's first reading inscribed onto their hearts. Malachi, speaking centuries before the birth of Jesus, describes the day of God's judgement when "all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble" and, for God's people, "there will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays."

Jesus' disciples, like many faithful Jews of the time, would have eagerly anticipated when God would save his people, as he did in Egypt in the Exodus. This time, however, God would free them from suffering once and for all and lead them into an eternal promised land. This apocalyptic action would sweep aside the world as they knew it. So, when in today's gospel reading Jesus prophesies the cataclysmic destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem, it seems to open the possibility that

God's judgement will come within the disciples' own lifetimes. They would have looked at the chaos and destruction in the world around them as a sign that the end times were coming soon and they would have wanted to know what God would have them do to prepare.

However, Jesus' description of the signs of the coming apocalypse, such as wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues, sounds like business as usual on planet Earth. What would have seemed like a world-ending event to his disciples, such as the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple that occurs within

a generation of Jesus' warnings, is just one of the countless trials they will have to endure. While we should not expect the end of the world in our lifetimes, the signs prophesied by Jesus are constant reminders the things of this world are passing away.

Although it is unlikely that we will live to see the climactic events prophesied by the Scriptures, the end of our own time in this world

will indeed come. As always, Jesus' warnings about the passing away of this world are reminders of our own passing and to prepare ourselves for the eternal life that will follow the death that awaits us all.

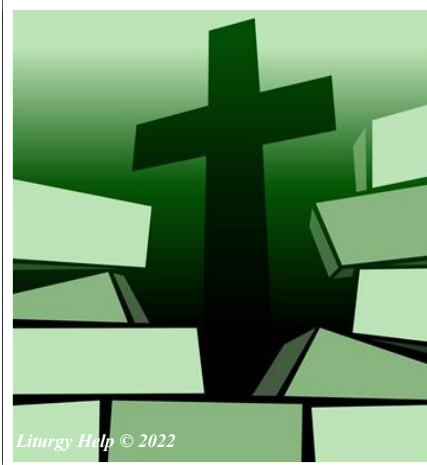
As we see in St Paul's writings to the Thessalonians in today's second reading, preparing for the life to come means faithfully performing the daily labours and service that

God has given us to do.

This message of faithful endurance is what Jesus wants his disciples to take away from his prophecies about the end times. As Jesus highlights in the gospel, it is not through noticing signs of the end of the world that they will find salvation, but by persevering in faith and love through trials.

While we await the coming of Jesus, let us also persevere in faith and love, whatever trials come our way, always counting on the grace of God to be with us, especially when we need it most.

Joseph Doyle  
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**PARISH LIBRARY:**

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**[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

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**ROSTER: Christ the King, Year C: 19th/20th November**  
**Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20 ; Luke 23:35-43**

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	Bryan Marriott Sophie Sullivan	Parish Youth Parish Youth	Warwick Manning Jim O'Kane
<b>EMHC</b>	Yvonne Head	Parish Youth & Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
	<b>Lennox Head</b> 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	<b>Lennox Head</b> Sunday 7.30 am	 
<b>Readers</b>	Emma McFadden Wally Carter	Kevin Lewis	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Fr Louis Molloy SM, Beverley Cathro (*Berry*), Bob Johnson (*Sydney, brother of Jean Ellis*), Rose Norris, Jack Ransom, Selma Daniels, Sr Julianne Murphy pbvm,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Lois Wunch, Bill Condon Snr,

**AND ALSO FOR:** 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, Kathleen Kelly, 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:** Michael Harris,, Kristine Bannerman, Leila Atken (*Sydney*), Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson 1 yr (*Brisbane*), Joan Leach, David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunt* Julia Paden, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise the parish office if you wish names to remain or be removed if good health as been restored.)

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS**

<b>November 16th and 18th</b>	<b>Wednesday</b> 5.30 to 6.30 pm <b>Friday</b> 10.00 to 11.00 am	<b>"The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"</b>
<b>November 20th</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Youth Mass</b> (Parish Youth Retreat Weekend)
<b>November 20th</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Commissioning of new SVdP members</b>
<b>November 25th</b>	<b>Friday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Volunteers Mass</b>
<b>November 26th</b>	<b>Saturday 6.00pm</b>	<b>Parish Primary Schools Mass</b>
<b>November 26th</b>	<b>Saturday 5.45 pm</b>	<i>Parishioner Meal @ Lennox Bowling Club</i>
<b>November 28th</b>	<b>Monday</b> 10.00 to 11.00 am & 3.00 to 4.00 pm	<b>'Incarnate' Advent Sessions</b>
<b>November 29th</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>'Cherry Coffee Club' Morning tea</b>
<b>December 3rd</b>	<b>Saturday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>Parish Feast Day</b>
<b>December 17th</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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection). Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

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

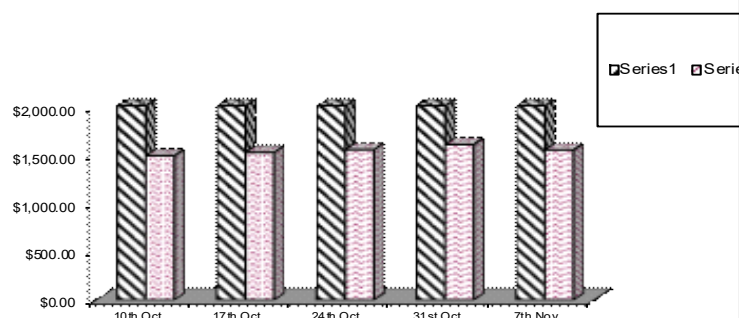
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 *ref: your name*
- 2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 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 1.75% 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	\$ 967.50
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 549.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,545.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00

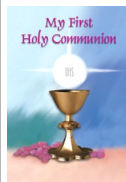


# Parish Notices

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



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:  
**Margo Ellie McCarthy** daughter of Adam and Kathryn and **Jax James Armytage** son of Daniel and Sallyann.



**'CONGRATULATIONS' to**  
**WILLIAM GRIFFITHS, AMY ROBERTS**  
**& BEAU YANTSCH**

who will make their First Holy Communion this Saturday at 5.00 pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head.



**November Masses:** 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.

**'CONGRATULATIONS'**

**FATHER ANSELM ON YOUR**  
**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY FOR**  
**MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER**

'Thank You' for all you do for us.  
Love and prayers from your parish family.



**PARISH 'CUPPA'**  
in the grounds of **St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Sunday 20th November**  
following the 9.00 am Mass.  
We will welcome guests to our parish from  
the youth retreat and SVdP dignitaries.  
*Everyone is very welcome.*



**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the Marist Fathers and the family of **Father Louis Molloy SM** who has sadly passed away. Requiem Mass will be held this Friday 18th November at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church.

**FEAST OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER**  
**Saturday 3rd December, 2022**  
**MASS 12.00 NOON**

**St Francis Xavier Church Ballina**  
Following Mass a light lunch will be served to celebrate our Parish Patron Saint.

If possible please bring a plate to share.  
*Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.*

**JOSEPHITE 2023 CALENDARS**

Now available from the parish admin office.  
The price is \$10.00 each.



**2022-2023 YEAR A ~ 'Incarnate'** Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections. Now available from the Parish Admin Office at \$5.00 each. If you would like to be included in a group please join a group Mondays from 10.00 to 11.00 am or 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm in the St Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre beginning 28th November.



**'THANK YOU AND FAREWELL**  
**JEANNIE SAVAGE'**

It is with sadness that our parish community will say good bye to Jeannie this Saturday as she finishes her volunteering work as sacristan at the 5.00pm Vigil Mass at Holy Family Church.

We thank Jeannie for the years of care she has given to the Lennox Head community, and her kindness for all in St Francis Xavier Parish.

Our love and prayers go with you for the years ahead in America.  
*Father Peter and Father Anselm*

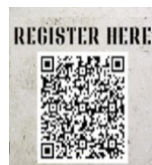


**HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**  
**SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER**  
**2.00 pm to 5.00 pm**

**At HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL, SKENNARS HEAD.**  
All past and present students, parents and staff are invited to attend as we celebrate the first 25 years.  
We look forward to seeing you!  
RSVP by using this QR code.



**YOUTH RETREAT** Next weekend  
**19th-20th November**  
**Xavier Catholic College**  
**Cost \$20.00 open to all**  
**High School Students.**



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY**

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 28th November 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!*



**"Presence,**  
**The Mystery of the Eucharist"**

Wednesdays 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm  
Fridays 10.00 am 11.00 am

Saint Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre, for 4 weeks, beginning this Wednesday and Friday.

**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:** Monday 11.00 am Anawim Room enquiries to Narelle King via the Parish Admin Centre

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday  
**Sisterhood:** Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building Contact Leanne Robbins via Admin Office.

**Prayer of the Church and Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

**Parish Youth Group:** 7.00pm Saturday evening 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Upper Room Parish Admin Centre.

Contact Bianca McInnes 6681 1048

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

**Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head:** 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

*Welcome to our prayer gatherings.*



**First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20**  
*A reading from the prophet Malachi*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R): The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. **(R.)**

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord. **(R.)**

3. For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 2 Thess 23:7-12;**

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people

of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Lk 21:5-19**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASS—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY**

**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 NOVEMBER 17TH ~ FEAST OF SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Come, you blessed of my Father, says the Lord: I was sick, and you visited me.  
Amen, I say to you: Whatever you did for one of the least of my brethren you did it for me

**Communion Antiphon:** Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends

**THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH**

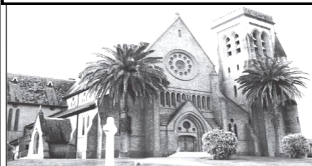
**BAPTISMS:** Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

**WEDDINGS:** In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

**ANOIDTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office if anointing is required.

**FUNERALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

**HOSPITAL:** If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.



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