



# 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 (C)

**16th November, 2025**

### 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 THIS WEEK

**TUESDAY 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 Elizabeth of Hungary**

Monday

**Dedication of the Basilicas of**

**Sts Peter & Paul**

Tuesday

**The Presentation of**

**Blessed Virgin**

Friday

**St Cecilia**

Saturday

*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

#### PARISH NOTICES



**BAPTISM :** Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:

**Max Markel Crowe** son of Thomas and Sandra;  
and **Ada Belle Bracey** daughter of Jack and Jenieka.



#### PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP

##### FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH WWCC

**Safeguarding Awareness Training opportunity **NEXT** Wednesday 26th November 2025 10.00 to 11.00 am with Mandatory Reporting from 11.00 to 11.30 am** in the Upper Room Parish Admin Centre. Parishioners who have not revised their safeguarding awareness in the past 3 years are strongly encouraged to attend this workshop.

*Under the NSW government laws surrounding Safeguarding it is mandatory to be updated through Awareness training.*

Please contact the Parish Office to register.

Phone 6681 1048 or email [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)



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

for this Friday 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.*



#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LUNCH

**Sunday 30th November, 2025**

**Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina**

**Main meal, sweets, tea/coffee**

**Tickets are available from the Parish Office ~ \$25.00 ea**

**Numbers limited to 100.**

***Ticket sales will close next Friday 21st November for catering purposes.***



#### ADVENT 2025 the PROMISE

**Reflection books are available from the parish office - \$8.00 ea.**

**For individual preparation for Christmas.**

**Parish Advent Reflection Morning 9.00 am**

**Saturday 13th December, 2025**



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY:** The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held on **Monday 24th November at 12.30 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.***

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

**PRESBYTERY:** Phone: (02) 6686 2042

**\*AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639\***

**Administrator of Ballina Parish:** Father Peter Padsungay

**Assistant Priest:** Father Erick Quinteros

**Deacon:** Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

**Pastoral Associates:** email: [pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au)

**Parish Youth Co-Ordinator:** Kailani Tiernan Email: [ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au)

Phone: 02 6681 1048; 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**

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**[www.sfxballina.org.au](http://www.sfxballina.org.au)**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

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

**AGED CARE:**

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

Christ the King Year C: 22nd/23rd November 2025  
Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

|           | 5.30 pm Saturday Vigil       | 7.30 am Lennox Head             | 9.00 am Ballina                                 | 11.00 am Ballina               |
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| Readers   | Peter Fear<br>Kristie Coster | Angela Beglin<br>Damien Kennedy | Richard Goss<br>Gary Reen                       | Tony Hunter<br>Warwick Manning |
| EMOHC     | Peter Bowen<br>Phil Chapman  | Maddy Pride                     | Deacon Anthony<br>Gemma Duffy<br>Cathy Campbell | Kailani Tiernan                |
| Offertory |                              |                                 | Greg, Katie & Family                            |                                |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Smith (*Tamworth*), Michael Honeywell, Neville Johnston,, Lidia Zeraushek (*Sydney*), John Orr,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Jackie Xavier, Betty Harris,

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:

Gloria Bordin, 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, Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David LeFevre Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Mary Evans, Noeline Conyngham,, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach & family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Samantha Anderson, Aunt Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, 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 2025

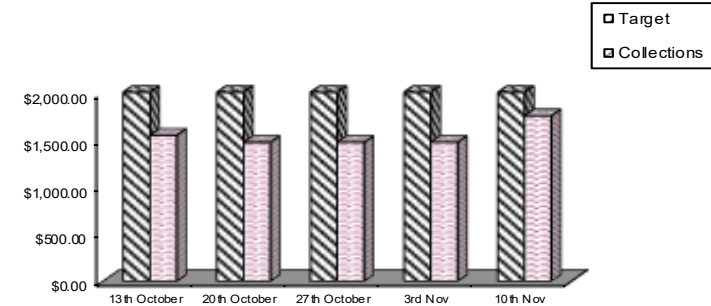
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| 17th November | Monday 10.30 am                          | Marian Cenacle Anawim Room       |
| 18th November | Tuesday 10.00 am                         | 'Cherry' Coffee                  |
| 18th November | Tuesday 10.00 am                         | Devotion to the Holy Face L H    |
| 20th November | Thursday 5.30 pm—7.30 pm                 | Alpha MTR                        |
| 21st November | Friday 2.00 pm                           | Committee Meeting L H            |
| 24th November | Monday 12.30 pm                          | Crowley Auxiliary Meeting        |
| 25th November | Tuesday 5.30—7.30 pm<br>MTR Parish Admin | A walk through Matthew's Gospel  |
| 26th November | Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am              | Safeguarding workshop Upper Room |
| 30th November | Sunday 12.00 noon                        | Annual Parish Lunch              |
| 7th December  | Sunday 9.45 & 11.30 am<br>Parish Cuppa   | Feast of St Francis Xavier       |
| 13th December | Saturday 9.00 am                         | Parish Advent Reflection Morning |

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 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 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 3.40% 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](http://www.dif.org.au)

| THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS                                                                      |                                    |             |
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| First Collection                                                                             | Support of our Diocese Priests     | \$ 1,140.75 |
| Second Collection<br>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund | Loose Plate                        | \$ 313.25   |
|                                                                                              | Planned Giving Envelopes Collected | \$ 1,751.70 |
| Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target                                                       |                                    | \$ 2,009.00 |





### A New Temple

This week's readings are referred to as *apocalyptic*. While 'Hollywood' and video games portray *apocalyptic* through images of widespread destruction, catastrophic events or zombie attacks, the original meaning refers to uncovering or unveiling in order to impart wisdom, meaning, and hope to people.

Like all biblical references to the future, such apocalyptic descriptions are symbolic in nature. They are meant to inspire believers to find whatever good they can from life's inevitable suffering. Contrary to what some people think, they don't point to specific historical occurrences, nor are they predictions of events taking place in our own time. Rather, they are meant to urge us on with perseverance and fidelity.

The prophet Malachi predicts: "the day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble". Yet, for the righteous, it will be a day of healing. Luke presents Jesus announcing: nations at war, family divisions, and various natural disasters. For individuals, there's also an expectation of persecution, hatred and even death. Yet, in the midst of the turmoil, promises for those who remain steadfast: "your endurance will win you your lives" and "not a hair of your head will be lost".

Jesus warns his disciples there will be challenging times ahead – for himself, his followers and the nation. Yet, in the midst of all this, he offers hope that "the end is not so soon." He urges his followers, and us, not to be fooled by so-called 'saviours and messiahs' spouting empty promises and false predictions. He implores us to remain resolute and forever focused on the gospel.

The gospel shines an insightful light upon the great efforts we put into building up visions, plans or structures only to have them torn down by circumstances; whether by natural disasters, accidents or the negligence and malice of others. We're encouraged to reflect on such realities, with Jesus cautioning us to invest our time, talent and resources in God's Kingdom and its values, which cannot be destroyed.

There's a verse in Marty Haugen's hymn "*Gather us in*," that says: "Not in the dark of buildings confining; not in some heaven light years away. But here, in this place, new light is streaming, *now* is the kingdom, *now* is the day." This is precisely what Jesus is saying. We must live God's Kingdom *now*, not just as something that will happen at some future date. While God's Kingdom is not fully established, it does have a solid foothold in our world.

Jesus is offering us the vision of an ending and a new beginning; a vision of God's Kingdom and a different kind of temple where Jesus is the cornerstone. Jesus understands that every temple is temporary, every system we create will collapse, every cause, every framework that we construct will disappear and disappoint, except His!

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**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 26th, 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](mailto:agooley@lismore.catholic.org.au)

# A Walk Through

## MATTHEW'S GOSPEL



Tuesday  
25 November



Ballina Parish Admin Centre



5:30 PM  
7:30 PM



Phone 6681 1048 for more  
info and to register.

## Charismatic Healing Mass

3pm Sunday 23 November, 2025

Celebrant: Fr Erik Quinteros

St Mary's Chapel behind  
St Carthage's Cathedral,  
Leycester Street, Lismore.

At a Charismatic Healing Mass, we pray for the extraordinary power and inspiration of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of healing us spiritually, physically, mentally and emotionally.

Personal Prayer ministry available

Contact Valerie 0400 752 072



The Migrant Jubilee Cross will be at the Carmelite Monastery from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> November and will be present during all 7 am Masses. The sisters will be leading two Holy Hours: 10 am on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and 6 pm on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>. All welcome. All may visit the church at any time for personal prayer. Cards, information and free rosaries will be available. The Cross will be leaving Goonellabah after Mass on 27<sup>th</sup>.



**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.

### URGENT

**PLEASE CONSIDER THIS REQUEST  
LAPTOP OPERATORS REQUIRED  
FOR 5.30 PM VIGIL MASS  
9.00 AM SUNDAY MASS  
11.00 AM SUNDAY MASS**

*It is with great hope that we look forward to a heartening response to this call for assistance.*

Please contact the Parish Office 02 6681 1048.

*Thank you.*

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

**The CATHOLIC WEEKLY on sale following each weekend Mass. \$2.00 ea**



Diocesan  
Investment  
Fund

**Interest Rate — 3.40% For further information and our current rate, Please visit our website [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au) or contact us on 1800 802 516**

**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 Thessalonians 3:7-12***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: Luke 21:5-19***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St 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 DAILY MASS****TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 2025 ~ DEDICATION OF STS PETER & PAUL BASILICAS**

**Entrance Antiphon:** You will make them princes over all the earth; they will remember your name through all generations. Thus the peoples will praise you for ever, from age to age.

**Communion Antiphon:** O Lord, you have the words of eternal life, and we have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God.

**WEDNESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER AND THURSDAY 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.

**FRIDAY 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.

**Our Parish say's**

**to our parish community  
for supporting and  
promoting safeguarding.**

A copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter is available from the Safeguarding information stand in the foyer of the Church.