



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.**

ALL SOULS' DAY (C)

2nd 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 Martin de Porres

Monday

St Charles Borromeo

Tuesday

We invite everyone to our faith community.

PARISH NOTICES



'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' TOM O'LEARY
CELEBRATING HIS 100th BIRTHDAY
today 2nd November 2025

CONGRATULATIONS AND PRAYERS
FROM ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH
FAITH COMMUNITY

Tom is a resident of Ballina Bupa Aged Care.



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 2nd November, following the 9.00 am Mass
and 11.00 am Mass. Everyone is very welcome.

Welcoming Our RCIA 2025 Candidates: We are delighted to introduce to our parish community the candidates of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) for 2025:

**Simone MacDonald, Donna Dellar, Norm Lannoy, Zachary Heard,
Michael Pitton, Sandi Lindsay, Riina Luttinen,
Mark Wallace, and Bryn Base.**

These individuals began their faith journey with us in August and are now preparing to be fully received into the Church. Some will be accepted into the faith, and others will receive the Sacrament of Baptism before the end of the year.

Let us keep them and their families in our prayers as they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love. May their journey be filled with grace and joy as they draw closer to Christ and His Church. Welcome, RCIA 2025 candidates — we are blessed to walk this path with you!



MARRIAGE OF SOPHIE SULLIVAN AND LAURIE PRATT
Next Saturday 8th November parishioners are invited to attend
the Nuptial Mass for Sophie and Laurie,
3.00 pm in St Francis Xavier Church.

As Sophie and Laurie prepare for their Wedding Day, our prayers are
with them.

Please note: Attending the Nuptial Mass does not replace Sunday Mass.

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

PRESBYTERY: Phone: (02) 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 Erick Quinteros

Deacon: Rev Assoc. Prof Anthony Gooley

Pastoral Associates: email: pastoralassociate@sfxballina.org.au

Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan Email: ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au

Phone: 02 6681 1048; 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: 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

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

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Year C: 8th/9th November 2025
Readings: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12; Psalm 45; 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Jeanette Wilkins Pauline Fingleton	Courtney Hyde Angela Beglan	Annette Reen Gary Reen	Maurice Gahan Bernadette McQuillan
EMOHC	Kristie Coster Phil Chapman	Murray Deeps	Deacon Anthony Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	Cheryl Bowen
Offertory Procession			Amy Derrick Frank	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Lidia Zeraushek (*Sydney*) John Orr, Leo Moore Kath Sullivan, Ian Lockton,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Larry Timmins, Rose Norris, Zelma Daniels,

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: Neville Johnston,, 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 (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Veve (*London*), Hallie Butler (*infant*), 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.*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

2nd November	Sunday 9.45 am & 11.30 am	Parish Cuppa
3rd November	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
4th November	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
4th November	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
4th November	Tuesday 12.00 am	Crowley Auxiliary Melbourne Cup Lunch
6th November	Thursday 5.30 pm—7.30 pm	Alpha MTR
25th November	Tuesday 5.30—7.30 pm 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 12.30 pm	Annual Parish Lunch
7th December	Sunday 9.45 & 11.30 am Parish Cuppa	Feast of St Francis Xavier
13th December	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection

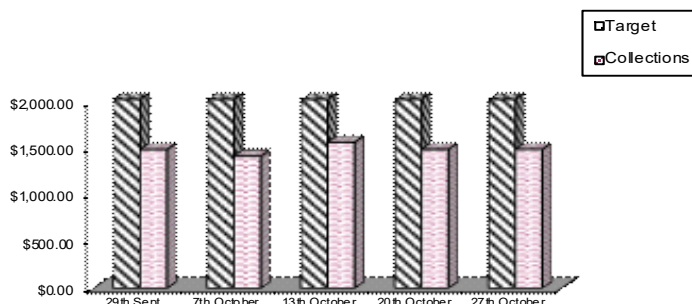
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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 3.65% 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 1,055.95
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 289.10
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,471.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





ADVENT 2025 *the PROMISE*

Reflection books are available from the parish office - \$8.00 ea. For individual preparation for Christmas. Parish Advent Reflection Morning 9.00am Saturday 13th December, 2025

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 26, 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

5.30 pm VIGIL MASS FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

First Reading: Rev 7:2-4, 9-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

The Word of the Lord.



Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **(R.)**

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of St John

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us,
by letting us be called God's children;
and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him,
therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God
but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed;
all we know is, that when it is revealed
we shall be like him

because we shall see him as he really is.
Surely everyone who entertains this hope
must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

For the Gospel Acclamation and Gospel please turn to page 4

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

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

*Our Parish Pilgrims at St Carthage's
Cathedral Saturday 18th October, 2025*



PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER
12.30 PM \$25.00 tickets from Parish Admin

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



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Interest Rate — 3.65% For further information and our current rate, Please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516

First Reading: Job 19:1. 23-27*A reading from the book of Job*

Job said:

'Ah, would that these words of mine were written down,
inscribed on some monument
with iron chisel and engraving tool,
cut into the rock for ever.

This I know; that my Avenger lives,
and he, the Last, will take his stand on earth.
After my awaking, he will set me close to him,
and from my flesh I shall look on God.

He whom I shall see will take my part:
these eyes will gaze on him and find him not aloof.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Romans 5:5-11*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been
poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment
Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good

man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man
might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us
is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having
died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to
save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God
by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we
have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by
the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled
but because we are filled with joyful trust in God,
through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already
gained our reconciliation.

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

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Matthew*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down
and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This
is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and
speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice
and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

The Gospel of the Lord

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP: Safeguarding Awareness Training opportunity
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. Please contact the Parish Office to register. Phone 6681 1048 or email admin@sfxballina.org.au

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER~ FEAST OF ST CHARLES BORROMEO**

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last

WEDNESDAY 5th ~ THURSDAY 6th ~ FRIDAY 7th 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.

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 02 6621 9444 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or vulnerable people at risk. A copy of the latest Safeguarding Newsletter is available from the Safeguarding information stand in the foyer of the Church.

