



# 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.**

### Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

**23rd 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**

**Sts Andrew Dúng-Lac and  
Companions  
Monday**

**St Catherine of Alexandria  
Tuesday**

*We invite everyone to our faith community.*

#### PARISH NOTICES



**WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH:** We joyfully welcome **Simone Macdonald and Sandi Lindsay**, who were baptised this week through the RCIA program. May God bless them as they begin their new life in Christ, and may our parish community support them with prayer and fellowship.



**ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LUNCH NEXT Sunday 30th  
November, 2025 Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina  
12.00 noon for 12.30 pm start.**



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY:** The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held **THIS 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.*

**CELEBRATING OUR PARISH FEAST DAY  
'PATRON SAINT' ST FRANCIS XAVIER 'PARISH 'CUPPA'**  
Sunday 7th 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 RCIA candidates for 2025 will be  
fully received into the Catholic faith at this Mass.*



*Feast Day  
Wednesday  
3rd December*



#### PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING WORKSHOP FOR VOLUNTEERS WITH WWCC

**Safeguarding Awareness Training opportunity THIS 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. Morning tea available.  
Phone 6681 1048 or email [admin@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:admin@sfxballina.org.au)

**TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 12.00 NOON  
IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA**  
*Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation of the heart  
This will be the final Taizé for 2025.  
Taizé will recommence in early March 2026*

**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

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

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**PARISH LIBRARY:  
SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

First Sunday of Advent Year A: 29th/30th November 2025  
Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	John Jarzynski Mick Vella	Jean Mackay Courtney Hyde	Margaret Tay Wendy Hughes	Maxine Cole
EMOHC	Peter Bowen Phil Chapman	Mark McDonald	Deacon Anthony Oanh Hoang Letran Cathy Campbell	Tony Hunter
Offertory Procession			Ron Hughes Joan Hollingsworth	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Joan Smith (*Tamworth*), Michael Honeywell, Neville Johnston,, Lidia Zerauschk (Sydney),

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: John Woolbank, Joan Leach, Donna Biddle, Joanne Wunch

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: Mary Evans, Luke Willett, 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 LeFeve 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2025

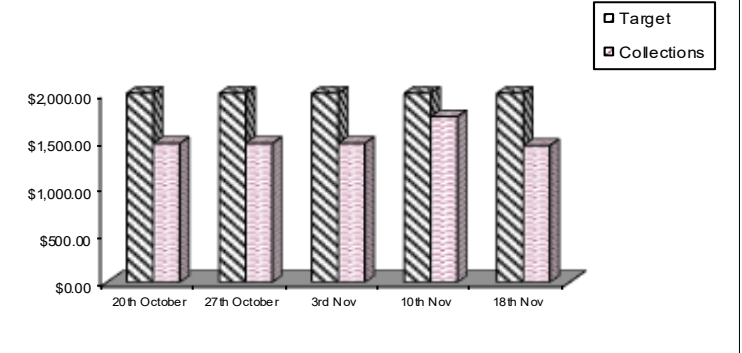
24th November	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
24th November	Monday 12.30 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting
24th November	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé Final for 2025
18th November	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
25th November	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
25th November	Tuesday 5.30–7.30 pm MTR Parish Admin	A walk through Matthew's Gospel
26th November	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
26th November	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am	Safeguarding workshop Upper Room
27th November	Thursday 5.30 pm–7.30 pm	Alpha MTR
30th November	Sunday 12.00 noon	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 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		
First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 923.70
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 261.70
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,447.80
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00





### Our Lord, our King

We come to the last Sunday of this liturgical year, and our year-long celebration of all the wonders that God has done for us culminates in the feast of Christ the King. Crowning the liturgical year, we profess and rejoice that Christ is King of the Universe, Lord of all creation, and that he is Lord of our lives, individually and communally.

On this feast, we also rejoice that, unlike the monarchies, dictatorships and governments that come and go in the world, Christ the King reigns forever. But today's feast challenges us to think about what it means to say that Christ is King.

We remember that, after his arrest, on the night of his trial, Jesus is taken to be examined by the governor, Pontius Pilate. In the course of their conversation, Pilate asks Jesus if he is indeed a king. In John's Gospel, Jesus replies that his kingdom is not of this world (Jn 18:36). Jesus' response clearly implies that he is a king, but he stresses that his kingship is not the kind that the world has come to know in the course of human history.

Indeed, Jesus' whole life attests to the fact that his kingdom is definitely not of this world. His kingship brooks none of the trappings of power, majesty or wealth which worldly kingship readily claims and jealousy guards for itself. His kingship also firmly rejects the methods of coercion, violence and abuse of power that worldly power so often wields.

The events of Jesus' passion and death following his arrest demonstrate that his crown is made not of jewels but of thorns; he wears no rich finery; indeed he is stripped of his clothes; he is mocked and tortured; his hands and feet pierced with nails; he is crucified; he dies battered and bloodied; his throne is a cross. Even when he rises from the dead, his resurrected body bears the wounds of his suffering, born for love of us.

Rather than power as the world exercises it, rather than power over people, the power of Christ's kingship is the power of love. It is a love that is all-embracing and steadfast. It is a love that refuses to be anything but love, even in the face of violence and rejection. It expresses itself concretely and consistently in the virtues of hospitality, compassion, patience, gentleness, and kindness (as described by the apostle Paul in 1 Cor 13), and in an unswerving concern for justice and for the welfare of others, especially the most vulnerable. This is "the mind of Christ" (Phil 2: 5-8) that we, his disciples, are called to make our own.

The feast of Christ the King surely challenges us to be especially attentive to the ways in which we exercise power in our dealings with others – be it in our family or our community or our workplace – that it be true to the example of Christ our King.

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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 **THIS 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

**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.**



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>.

### LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER MASSES FOR HOLY SOULS

**COLUMBAN 2026 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 10.

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

### 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**



**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: 2 Samuel 5:1-3;***A reading from the second book Samuel*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.**

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:  
'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing  
within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

2. Jerusalem is built as a city  
strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the Lord. **(R.)**

3. For Israel's law it is,  
there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement  
of the house of David. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20***A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –

all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

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

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: Luke 23:35-43***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St Luke*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS****TUESDAY 25TH ~ WEDNESDAY 26TH ~ THURSDAY 27TH & FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025****Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him.**Communion Antiphon:** O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Crucifixes often have the letters *INRI* inscribed on them. These are the Latin initials for *Iesus Nazarenus, Rex Iudaeorum*, which means 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews'. These are the words that Pilate had written on the cross above Jesus.
- All four gospels state that Jesus was crucified between two thieves, but Luke is the only one that recounts this story of one of the thieves recognising and believing in Jesus. This is consistent with Luke's theme of God's grace being granted to the lowly and the outcast.
- Today is the final Sunday of the church liturgical year. Next week is the first Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new church year, during which the Gospel of Matthew will be read.



**Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) in Melbourne:** Next week around 100 pilgrims from our schools and parishes, along with Bishop Greg are attending the festival. We pray that this event is rewarding and strengthen their faith.

*Heavenly Father, we lift up in prayer the 100 young pilgrims from our Diocese of Lismore as they journey to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival in Melbourne. Grant them safe travels under Your watchful care, a profound encounter with Christ and the Holy Spirit, and the grace to return renewed in faith, ready to share Your love with our communities. Through the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, may this pilgrimage strengthen their hearts for the mission*



**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](mailto: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.