

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.

Our Lord Jesus Christ
King of the Universe

20th 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

Feast Days this week

The Presentation of Blessed
Virgin Mary

Monday

St Cecilia

Tuesday

St Andrew Dũng-Lac &
companions

Thursday

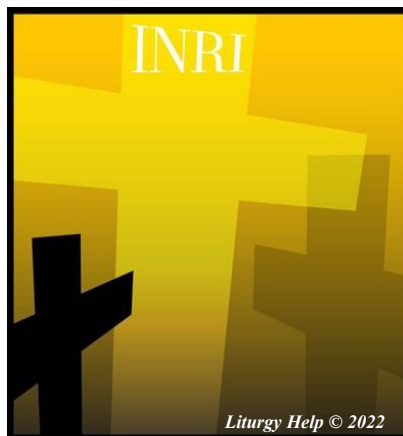
The king who serves and saves

We often associate the word 'king' with power and majesty. Also, a king's position is often not dependent on his personal abilities, virtues or goodness, but on family lineage: power and status through inheritance. But Jesus never displayed that kind of power or majesty; after all, he was born in a stable!

Jesus, the King of the Universe, doesn't reign from a golden throne. He does not wear a crown adorned with jewels or wear glittering royal robes. No, he hangs from a wooden cross (an instrument of brutality, pain and death for the 'lowest of the low'); he wears a crown of thorns; and his body is covered with the marks of his passion and torture. This is *our* King. This is the king we follow. With outstretched arms he invites us to embrace him and, in embracing him, to embrace all creation by living as merciful and self-giving people.

The cross is how God's kingdom is established and where our life as committed disciples begins – allowing ourselves to be formed by the cross of self-giving. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by saving himself but by saving others. Jesus demonstrates his kingship not by power and domination over others, but by a loving and hope-filled assurance that the fullness of the kingdom (paradise) awaits his faithful disciples. The promise we have is that our lives will end like the Good Thief's, hearing Jesus say to us, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Jesus was crucified because he chose not to run away, not to revoke his message of love, justice and peace, not to dilute his determined resolve, not to lose hope or to surrender his dream. Rather, he placed his hope and trust in God to make all things new. His integrity and determination in the face of unthinkable and unbearable suffering reveal his utter self-giving and his profound commitment to God's kingdom.



So often the world tries to seduce us into choosing to be ruled by other powers: greed, violence, indifference, manipulation, domination, intolerance, prejudice and exclusion. So much of Jesus' reign is still incomplete or disjointed in our world. Today's headlines will confirm that! Being members of God's kingdom, under Jesus' kingship, can at times be very discouraging.

Therefore, accepting Jesus' kingship needs to be renewed each day by the deliberate choices we make. By the way we live, by our words and deeds, we're challenged to make real the kingdom that Jesus dreamt of, hoped for, and poured out his life to bring about – "a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace." (Preface)

May Jesus' kingship inspire us to let go of whatever is contrary to the Kingdom of God and to give ourselves generously in love and service of others.

David J Hore CSsR
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We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

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Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478

www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

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

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

ROSTER: 1st Sunday of Advent, Year A: 26th/27th November
Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14 ; Matthew 24:37-44

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Parish Schools Parish Schools	Mark Biddle Nicole Sullivan	Leanne Robbins Maurice Gahan
EMHC	Parish Schools	Gary Reen & Cathy Campbell	Helen Cooney
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps	Damien Kennedy	

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:

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

November 23rd and 25th	Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30 pm Friday 10.00 to 11.00 am	"The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"
November 25th	Friday 12.00 noon	Volunteers Mass
November 26th	Saturday 6.00pm	Parish Primary Schools Mass
November 26th	Saturday 5.45 pm	<i>Parishioner Meal @ Lennox Bowling Club</i>
November 28th	Monday 10.00 to 11.00 am & 3.00 to 4.00 pm	'Incarnate' Advent Sessions
November 28th	Monday 3.00pm	Crowley Auxiliary Meeting @ Crowley Care
November 29th	Tuesday 10.00am	'Cherry Coffee Club' Morning tea
December 3rd	Saturday Mass 12.00 noon	Parish Feast Day
December 3rd	Saturday 2.00-5.00 pm	Holy Family School 25th Annv
December 17th	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection Day

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 (1st 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.

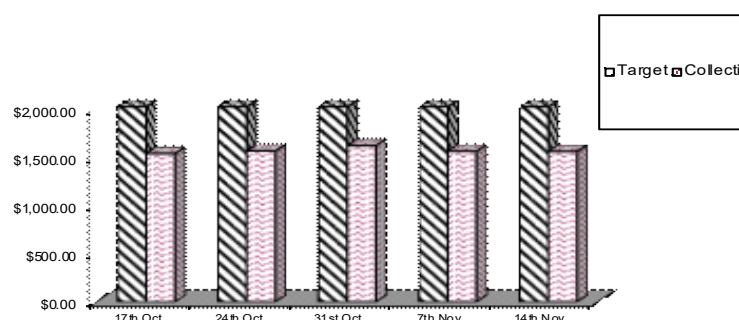
- **By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- **By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish 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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 835.15
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 381.10
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,542.00
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:
Islah May, Stella Jayde and Banks RJ Groves children of Zayne and Alexandra.



To Sr Anne Shay and all the Presentation Sisters 'HAPPY FEAST DAY' for this Monday 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.

PARISH 'CUPPA'
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church
This 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.



'THANK YOU' TO OUR PARISH VOLUNTEERS ~ MASS
Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for our volunteers for a wonderful year of service.
This Friday 25th November 2022 ~ 12.00 noon
Everyone is welcome at this Mass.



"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 the next 3 weeks.



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.



The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you. To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



'CONGRATULATIONS' NEW MEMBERS OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY—BALLINA
Julia Kelly, Helen Cooney, Ted Hogben, Frank Curtain and Stephen Seymour.
Your parish community supports each of you in this rewarding ministry to the poor.

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

WARM 'WELCOME' TO ALL VISITORS IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEKEND



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.**

JOSEPHITE 2023 CALENDARS
Now available from the parish admin office.
\$10.00 each.



'CHERRY COFFEE CLUB'
Ladies of our parish you are invited to gather for morning tea. **10.00 am Tuesday 29th November at Cherry Street Bowling Club.**
No booking required. All welcome!



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.



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!

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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you would like to be involved in our weekend Masses, assisting with the Offertory procession, or being a 'welcomer' and handing out the parish bulletin, please advise the Parish Office. Perhaps you might like to help when we have our "Parish Morning teas" once a month.
Your assistance to any of these activities will be greatly appreciated. Contact 6681 1048 or email admin@sfxballina.org.au Thank you.



First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3*A reading from the second book of 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: Col 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: Lk 23:35-43***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to 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 MIDDAY MASS—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER****FEAST OF ST CECILIA ~ TUESDAY 22ND NOVEMBER**

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

WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY

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.

FEAST OF ST ANDREW DŨNG-LAC & COMPANIONS ~ THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER

Entrance Antiphon: May we never boast, except in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the word of the Cross is the power of God to us who have been saved.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

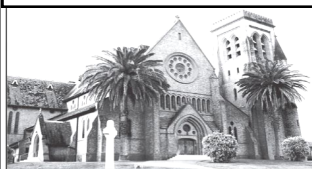
BAPTISMS: Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

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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