



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.**

We invite everyone to our faith community.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA (C)

9th 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

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy
Communion 12.00 noon**

**Tuesday, Wednesday
& Thursday**

WEEKDAY MASS THIS WEEK

FRIDAY ONLY

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 Leo the Great

Monday

St Martin of Tours

Tuesday

St Josaphat

PARISH NOTICES

CLERGY CONFERENCE

This week our priests will be attending the annual Clergy Conference.
**There will be Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion this
Tuesday 11th, Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November.**
Mass will be as normal on Friday at 12.00 noon.



'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'

SOPHIE SULLIVAN AND LAURIE PRATT

on their Marriage at St Francis Xavier Church, this weekend.
Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.



FUNERAL NOTICE: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to
the family of **Neville Johnston** who has sadly passed away.
A Requiem Mass was held on Friday 7th November in
St Francis Xavier Church.

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

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.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH LUNCH

Sunday 30th November, 2025

Cherry Street Bowling Club, Ballina

Main meal, sweets, tea/coffee

Tickets are now available from the Parish Office ~ \$25.00 ea
Numbers limited to 100.

TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

Encouraging the spirit of Kindness, Simplicity and Reconciliation of the heart

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

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Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

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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**

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

www.sfxballina.org.au

PARISH LIBRARY:

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

SCHOOLS:

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C: 15th/16th November 2025
Readings: Malachi 3:19-20 Psalm 97; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott Yvonne Head	Marie Sullivan Mark McDonald	Tony Hunter Margaret Tay	Warwick Manning Kailani Tiernan
EMOHC	Matt Ritchie Phil Chapman	Sue Hetherington	Denise Miller Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
Offertory Procession			Pam Hansen Colin Mumikwa	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Neville Johnston,, Lidia Zeraushek (*Sydney*), John Orr, Leo Moore
Kath Sullivan,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS, TIME: Tony Smith, Lois Wunch, Bill Condon snr,
Fr Lou Molloy SM,

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 Kennessy & 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 Le'Feve 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, Aunty 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

10th November	Monday 10.30 am	Marian Cenacle Anawim Room
10th November	Monday 12.00 noon	Taizé
11th November	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
11th November	Tuesday 10.00 am	Devotion to the Holy Face L H
12th November	Wednesday 8.00 am	menAlive Lennox Head
13th November	Thursday 5.30 pm-7.30 pm	Alpha MTR
21st November	Friday 2.00 pm	Committee Meeting L H
25th November	Tuesday 5.30-7.30 pm <i>MTR Parish Admin</i>	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 <i>Parish Cuppa</i>	Feast of St Francis Xavier

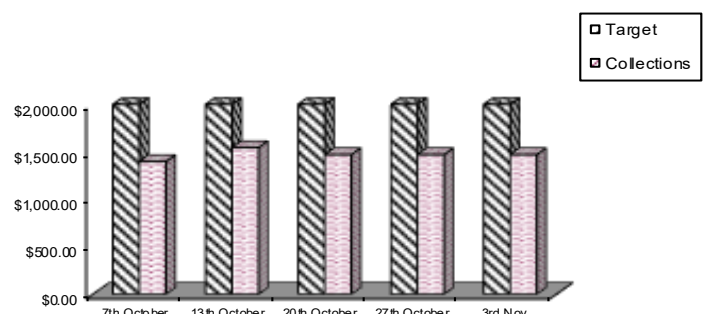
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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 FROM 1ST NOVEMBER- 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>	\$ 957.15
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 317.45
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,471.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



Seeing the world with new eyes

The celebration of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the official cathedral of the Diocese of Rome) one thousand seven hundred and one years ago in 324AD) is an occasion to reflect on the architectural symbolism of a church.

The most foundational elements of a functioning church are surely the altar, the tabernacle, and the baptismal font. There is wide variety as regards their architectural style and location in the building. Typically, the baptismal font is placed at the entrance at the back of the church and the altar in an elevated section in the front of the church, called the sanctuary.

The tabernacle, flanked by a perpetually burning candle, is often beyond the altar, perhaps above the high altar against the eastward wall, if your church is old enough to have one. It may be placed in its own chapel somewhere else in your church. If you are seated in a pew in the nave, the main body of the building, you can probably locate each of these three items. To understand their significance, we must look at them from a symbolic or sacramental perspective.

The baptismal font: The story of creation begins with waters. They represent uninhabitable, unformed reality, chaos, death, and ultimately nothingness. God restrains darkness with light, separates the waters, and permits dry land to appear. He's making a domain in which life can appear and ultimately human life with which he seeks to partner to complete his creation purpose. Baptism restarts that original purpose. It reestablishes your partnership with God, bringing you into

Eden where the New Adam and Eve, Jesus and his mother, are now, giving you a place and a role in their new world.

The altar: An altar is a little mountain. And a mountain is the high place where heaven and earth are brought together. When you enter liturgical space, you move through the waters to the mountain. In other words, you make passage through the act of creation! And what happens on the altar is the sacramental accomplishment of the goal of creation, a real foretaste of the world's purpose.

The tabernacle: This box takes its name from the tent in which the presence of God resided in the center of Israel's camp as they made their pilgrimage through the desert after passing through the waters of the Red Sea in their miraculous deliverance from Egypt. In your church, it holds the reserve sacrament, the consecrated bread which is the sacramental presence of God made flesh. The tabernacle contains the tangible promise of God's commitment to liberate the whole world through humanity united to himself. It is opened at the apex of the mass when this promise is renewed between God and you.

If you ponder these architectural items from the sacramental viewpoint, you will begin to see the world with new eyes. The church, in its most basic elements, is a microcosm of creation. Its architecture is meant to teach you the deepest truths about the world's beginning and purpose.

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RCIA and RRFRC 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 RRFRC (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


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



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY: The next Meeting for Crowley Auxiliary will be held **on Monday 27th 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.**

HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMITTEE

'A little gem by sea' The next meeting of the Committee will be on **Friday 21st November** in the Sacred Heart Room, situated behind Holy Family Church.

The Committee's purpose is to care for Holy Family Church and its people.

The meeting commences at **2.00 pm**, and you are invited to join us, and contribute to the meeting.

JUST A THOUGHT: 'The smallest seed of faith is better than the largest fruit of happiness'



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

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



Interest Rate — 3.40% as of 1st November For further information and our current rate, Please visit our website www.dif.org.au or contact us on 1800 802 516

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9, 12*A reading from the prophet Ezekiel*

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.**

1. God is for us a refuge and strength,
a helper close at hand, in time of distress:
so we shall not fear though the earth should rock,
though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. **(R.)**
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within, it cannot be shaken;
God will help it at the dawning of the day. **(R.)**
3. The Lord of hosts is with us:
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
Come, consider the works of the Lord,
the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1Corinthians 3:9-11*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians*

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

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

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time.

Alleluia!**Gospel: John 2:13-22***A reading from the holy Gospel according to St John*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

The Gospel of the Lord

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS
FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER 2025**

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.**Communion Antiphon:** 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.

REFLECTION: 'I often wonder,' Pope Leo reflects, 'even though the teaching of Sacred Scripture is so clear about the poor, why many people continue to think they can safely disregard the poor.' 'Why complicate something so simple?', he asks, before reminding us that 'the early Christians were clearly aware of the necessity to care for those who were most in need.' They 'did not separate belief from social action.' Any idea that contradicts this simple message is not truly of the Church. Lived Christianity always involves active charity. Anything less is not truly Christian. As the Pope reminds us, the Church is called to a profoundly mystical service. 'From the first centuries,' he says, 'the Fathers of the Church recognised in the poor a privileged way to reach God, a special way to meet him.'

Charitable works, therefore, are about more than doing good things to get to heaven. Authentically charitable action involves the recognition of God's presence in moments of need and mercy.

The Pope wants us to remember the teachings of Saint Justin that 'it is not possible to separate the worship of God from concern for the poor', and that of Saint Augustine that 'the poor are not just people to be helped, but the sacramental presence of the Lord.'

Nick Brodie Liturgy Help

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.

