

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.**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

29th September, 2024

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
At St Francis Xavier Church
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
12.00 noon

ADORATION FRIDAY
 11.00 am to 11.45 am



RECONCILIATION
 9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina
 St Francis Xavier Church

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Feast Days

St Jerome
 Monday

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus
 Tuesday

The Holy Guardian Angels
 Wednesday

St Francis of Assisi
 Friday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER 12.00 NOON
IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Barbara Levett** who has sadly passed away. A private Requiem Mass has been held.



'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'
Lauren Condon and Daniel Heid
on their Marriage at St Francis Xavier Church,
last Saturday 21st September 2024.
Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ALPHA
Explore, Meaning, Life, and Faith
Get connected and explore with others

Thursdays 5:30 – 7:30 pm
17th October – 5th December,
St Francis Xavier Parish Administration Centre.
Dinner will be provided.



Please RSVP for catering purposes by Monday 14th October to the Parish
Office 6681 1048 or Pauline 0438 435 566

ALPHA is a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and family to restart conversations on faith.

FEAST OF ST THÈRESE OF THE CHILD JESUS
THIS TUESDAY 1ST OCTOBER ~ MASS 10.00 am
THE CARMELITE MONASTERY GOONELLABAH



No 7.00 am Mass at the Monastery on this day.

DAYLIGHT SAVING 2024/2025 BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY 6TH OCTOBER

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. To honour our Blessed Mother and draw closer to her son Jesus, we are encouraged to **PRAY AT LEAST ONE DECADE OF THE ROSARY EVERY DAY** in our families. Our lady's request at Fatima was to pray the Rosary for peace in the world.

'The family that prays together –stays together'—Fr Patrick Peyton

SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER 11.00 AM

Beachfront Park opposite Holy Family Catholic Church Lennox Head.

Lets gather to join in the Public Square Rosary 2024

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

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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: 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

AGED CARE:

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 5th/6th October, 2024
Readings: Genesis 2:18-24; Psalm 127; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Yvonne Head Mick Vella</i>	<i>Mark McDonald Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Annette Reen Gary Reen</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Maurice Gahan</i>
EMOHC	<i>Pauline Fingleton</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i>	<i>Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Peter Bowen</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Mary Goss Cathy Campbell</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Barbara Levett, Joseph Vella (*Sydney, father of Mick Vella*), Sylvia Mogielnicki (*Sydney*), Peter O'Brien,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Margaret Rizzo, William Curtain, Lyndall Pavey, Kitty Gorton, Betty McNiff
AND ALSO FOR: *Jack & Marie Flood, Marj & Pat Hobbins, Fabian Okeke, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, John Patrick Moreland, Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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: Lorraine Ball, Helen Johnston, Beryl Reed, Daphne Sweeney (*mother of Sr Kathryn*), Vince Newman, Phyl Cullinane, Shirley Kirkland, Nell Anderton, Doreen McIntyre (*Ireland*), Semmens family (*Tas*), Janice McNair, Michael Townsend, Barry O'Shea (*Dalby*), Peter Groom (*Dalby*), David Le'Fevre (*London*), Jackie Wotton, Gordan Albany (*Syd*), Mary Howard, Hallie Butler (*infant*), Lynette Holland (*Tas*), Kathleen Young, Loretta Heaton, Graham Clark, Kathy Fraser, Elizabeth Townsend, Mary Evans, Noline Conyngham, Annemarie Higgins, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Kneightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Michael Hains, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Carmel Hackett, Leila Atken (*Syd*), David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Maree Doolan, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care. (Please advise if a*

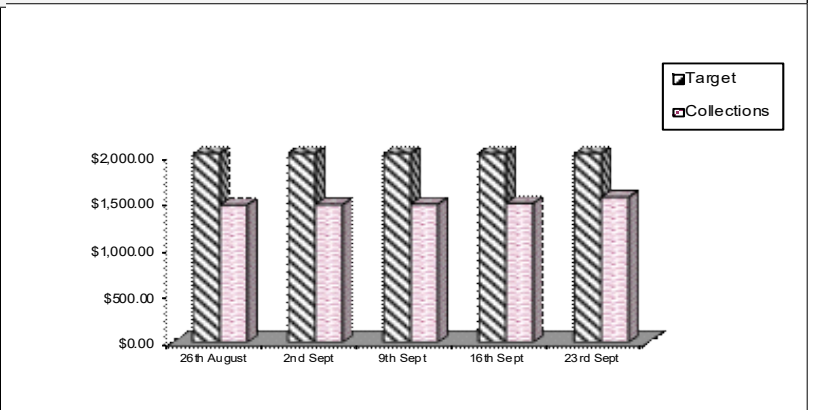
UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024		
30th Sept & 14th Oct	Monday 12.00 noon SFX Church	TAIZE <i>45 min of simple praise, meditation & music</i>
1st October	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
1st October Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
5th October	Saturday 8.00 am Lennox Head Church	Our Lady of Fatima
6th October	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa in Church grounds
9th Oct & 23rd Oct	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
12th October	Saturday 11.00 am	Public Rosary Lennox Head
17th Oct to 5th Dec	Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm	ALPHA Parish Admin Centre
28th/29th October	All Parish Masses	Catholic Mission Appeal weekend

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 Anselm**

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ **1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS ARE COMBINED IN THE ONE 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 4.15% PER ANNUM
BALLINA AGENTS: Michael Shay, L J Hooker 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 -

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS		
First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 627.45
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 282.65
<i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,536.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



NOT WORKING ALONE BUT AS ONE

A flock of geese flying in formation is a beautiful sight. Scientists who have researched why they fly in a V-formation have discovered some fascinating details.

First, it conserves their energy. Each bird flies slightly higher than the bird in front of it. This decreases wind resistance for each bird. Second, the geese take turns at being the leader and fall back in the group when they get tired. This enables them to fly for a long time before they need to stop for a rest.

The tired geese support the group from behind and recharge themselves as they fly at a slower speed. Third, the V-formation enables them to keep track of every bird in the group, and to communicate and coordinate with the group. In fact, research has also discovered that flying in formation is so beneficial that other birds such as ducks, ibis, swans, seagulls, pelicans, and flamingos also fly in formation.

Valuing the initiative and contribution of each person at different points in their journey and drawing the best from each member in the group are also important tenets in faith communities.

In this week's gospel, Jesus discourages the disciples from preventing a man from working a miracle in his name. Jesus tells them, "You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us". Jesus thus redirects the disciples' initial focus on excluding those who may not be in their immediate circle, to emphasising the commitment to doing the will of God: healing, teaching, and proclaiming the good news that God's love is available to everyone.

Today, we are called to embrace diversity amongst the faithful and to appreciate that the variety of our gifts and talents nourishes and enriches the entire community. Jesus speaks with great tenderness of everyone who acts in faith and good will, calling them his "little ones". He encourages us to be generous and to not exclude anyone from whole-hearted and loving service of God.

The community in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France is a modern example of a community of faith which embraces diversity. When Brother Roger founded the community towards the end of World War Two, it initially sheltered war refugees. Taizé is now renowned for being an ecumenical community of brothers, who have created beautiful music and work for peace and justice. Currently, it comprises eighty brothers from Catholic, Anglican, Protestant traditions, from nearly thirty countries. Brother Matthew, the current prior, penned a beautiful prayer recently which describes this spirit of diversity in service:

God the Creator, all that comes from your hands is good. Help us to discern your presence in the beauty of your creation, and to rejoice that we are a part of it. May your light shine on every corner of this earth and on every creature with which we share our common home.

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PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church, NEXT Sunday 6th October, following the 9.00 am Mass. Everyone is very welcome.



OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions. Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head. **Saturday 5th October at 8.00 am. Everyone welcome to attend!**



In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing.

This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.

This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.



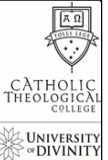
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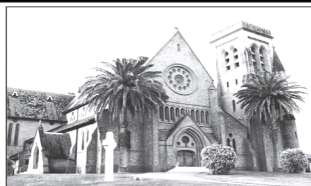
ASPIRE YOUNG ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION
18-35 years old
with Bishop Greg Homeming OCD
Wednesday 9th October 5.30 to 6.30 pm
via Zoom login: 299 665 7662
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Catholic Theological College Online presentations engaging your faith October 2024. Theology, Scripture, meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. From \$25.00 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS TUESDAY 10.00 AM AT HOLY FAMILY CHURCH LENNOX HEAD.

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 6621 9444. There are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk. email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29*A reading from the book of Numbers*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**

2. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**

3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. **(R.)**

4. From presumption restrain your servant
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. **(R.)**

Second Reading: James 5:1-6*A reading from the letter of St James*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are

corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

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

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, '*You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.*

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 1st OCTOBER**

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord led her and taught her, and kept her as the apple of his eye. Like an eagle spreading its wings he took her up and bore her on his shoulders. The Lord alone was her guide.

Communion Antiphon: Thus says the Lord: Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

WEDNESDAY 2nd OCTOBER

Entrance Antiphon: Angels of the Lord, bless the Lord, praise and exalt him above all for ever.

Communion Antiphon: In the presence of the Angels I will praise you, my God.

THURSDAY 3rd OCTOBER

Entrance Antiphon: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Communion Antiphon: Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

FRIDAY 4th OCTOBER

Entrance Antiphon: Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Hell is the English word used to translate the Hebrew Sheol or Gehenna or the Greek Hades. The idea of a particular place of punishment by fire in the afterlife developed quite late in Hebrew thought—about the third century BC.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

This week's Opening Collect is worth repeating often:

O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven.