

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.**

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

6th October, 2024

OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

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 Day
Our Lady of the Rosary
Monday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES



BAPTISM: Our parish family *warmly welcomes* into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week:
Remi Rue Coldwell daughter of Zahar.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins ***THIS* Sunday 6th October.**
 Clocks are moved **forward** one hour.
 Daylight saving will **end** Sunday 6th April, 2025.



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.



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

PUBLIC HOLIDAY MONDAY:

This Monday 7th October is a public holiday. The Parish Administration Office will be closed. If you are in urgent need of a priest please call: **0423 445 639**

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

COME AND JOIN THE PUBLIC ROSARY CHAIN ACROSS AUSTRALIA
THIS Saturday 12th October 11.00 am Beachfront Park, opposite Holy Family Catholic Church, Lennox Head.

We will pray for God's merciful blessings upon Australia, the world, our families and our Parish through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

Joyful Mysteries will be prayed. ALL WELCOME.
Shared Lunch will follow the Rosary Crusade.
(Shared 'treat' plate appreciated).

Bring your rosaries, fold-up chair and umbrella for sun of rain.
Enquiries: Parish Office, 6681 1048 or Marie 0409 887 677

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

PRESBYTERY: Phone: 6686 2042
AFTER HOURS MOBILE: 0423 445 639

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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

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 12th/13th October, 2024
Readings: Wisdom 7:7-11; Psalm 89; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Matt Ritchie Peter Fear</i>	<i>Emma McFadden Jean Mackay</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Maxine Cole</i>
EMOHC	<i>Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i>	<i>Adam Sullivan Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Greg, Katie & family</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Jeanette Kneightly (*Inverell*), Gregory Thomas (*Sydney*), Michael Wilson (*Sydney, brother of Dave*) Barbara Levett, Joseph Vella (*Sydney*), Sylvia Mogielnicki (*Sydney*), Peter O'Brien,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Jack Flood, Patricia Holwell, Bunty Sainsbury
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, Noeline 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, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunty Julia Paden, Greg Campbell, Maree Doolan, 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 2024		
8th October	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
8th October Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
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
19th/20th October	All Parish Masses	Catholic Mission Appeal weekend
28th October	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting

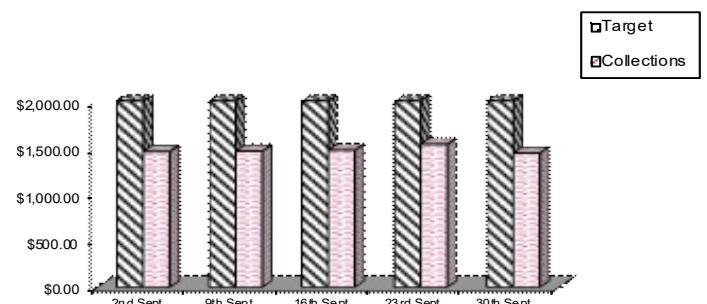
The Rosary and the Liturgical Year: The Rosary had its origin in the liturgical mentality of former ages. Even at the present time it is called "Mary's Psalter." There still are Catholics who consider the 150 Hail Marys a substitute for the 150 psalms for those persons who neither have the time, the education, nor the opportunity to pray the Hours of the Divine Office. Thus "Mary's Psalter" is a shortened, simplified "breviary" — alongside the common Hour-prayer of the Church. — *The Church's Year of Grace*, Dr. Pius Parsch

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>	\$ 903.00
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 520.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,441.35
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



LET THE CHILDREN COME TO ME

The long form of this week's gospel reading includes some strange words that are worth our careful reflection. The disciples get annoyed at people bringing children to Jesus so that he can bless them.

You can imagine their grumbling: "We have work to do, God's work! We don't have time to waste like this. We have to make it to the next town by nightfall. Crowds are waiting to be taught. Sick need healing. Possessed need deliverance. We will be here all day with all these children ..."

The disciples, the insiders, the privileged participants in Jesus' mission, in their zeal and sincerity still miss the essential point. In fact, throughout the gospels, Jesus' most intimate friends and his most devoted followers, struggle to comprehend what following Jesus is really all about.

They put their understanding of God, of his Kingdom, of Jesus, before God, his Kingdom and Jesus. They make a box and place God, the Kingdom and Jesus inside of it, instead of letting their little box be broken open by the *wonder* of who God is, and what God is accomplishing in Jesus for the world (which is called the "Kingdom").

Just like the disciples, our ideas of Jesus and his mission can be too convenient and comfortable, too idolatrous and narrow. This was the problem with Jesus' disciples and it's the problem with Jesus' disciples today.

But again and again, Jesus mercifully and patiently corrects his disciples' misunderstandings; he breaks open their all-too-narrow, all-too-convenient understandings of himself and his Kingdom.

How does Jesus break open and transform our understanding in this story of the little children? It's all revealed in Jesus' response to them when they try to bar the children from coming to him: "Let the children come to me, do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

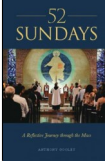
On the one hand, the disciples know that Jesus' mission is the Kingdom; the reign and rule of God over all the earth, the eradication of all injustice, suffering and evil, the gathering of all peoples as one in obedience to their Creator — all of this and more is Jesus' singular purpose in his teaching and in his actions. The disciples, like us, believe this and devote their entire lives to it. What is the problem, then?

Jesus' disciples continually struggle to understand this rule and reign of God.

Jesus demands a complete undoing of what we think rule and reign is. The Kingdom is not accomplished by might, strategy and self-interest, but by humility, self-sacrifice and love. Strength, wealth, good looks and smarts get you nowhere! Jesus tells us frankly: "Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the Kingdom of God like a child, will not enter it."

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



A book for you recommended by Bishop Greg Homeming to enrich your experience of participation in Mass by Deacon Anthony Gooley of Ballina parish, **52 Sundays: A Reflective Guide to the Mass. Coventry Press. 2024. Available online from Coventry Press.** This is a book that is meant to be read over 52 weeks and invites you to deepen your own experience of the celebration of the Mass. Readers are saying what a positive impact the book is having on their experience of the Mass.

Catholic Mission Appeal weekend of 19th 20th October



In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Are you ready to embark on a life-changing journey that combines your professional experience with meaningful community impact and living our faith in practice?

Hear inspiring stories from Palms mission participants at our at our [Discovery Online](#) session Wednesday 9th October. Explore [unique opportunities](#) matching your skills to sustainable solutions.

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

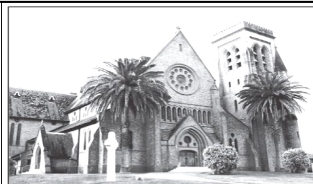
Date: Wednesday 9 October 2024

Time: 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au



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email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au



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First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24*A reading from the book of Genesis*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them, each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!

This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**

2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**

3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 10:2-12 (Shorter form)*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

The Gospel of the Lord

FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES

TUESDAY 8th ~ WEDNESDAY 9th ~ THURSDAY 10th ~ FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

DID YOU KNOW?

- In this text, Jesus is quoting from the Book of Genesis (Gen 2:24), citing the second and earliest of the creation stories contained in the first two chapters of that Book.
- Orthodox Jews believe that Moses was the author of the first five books of the Old Testament, known as the Pentateuch or the Torah, which means Law. Thus the designation of 'the Law of Moses'.
- In the New Testament world both a husband and a wife could initiate divorce but only for the gravest of reasons. This differs from the biblical Israelites who had no law which allowed a woman to initiate divorce.
- This is one of the few gospel texts in which Jesus offers a direct teaching in opposition to that of Judaism at his time.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

Examine your own understanding of right relationship between men and women. In what ways is this teaching a challenge to modern attitudes to marriage?

- What threats to a Christian understanding of marriage currently exist? How do you feel about those?
- Put particular effort into your own marriage or a significant relationship this week. In what ways can your love for another become a present representation of the love of God for all people?
- Reflect on what makes for a successful marriage. What are the qualities which need to be cultivated to ensure that loving relationships are life-giving and sustaining for both partners? Are there significant relationships or marriages which have had an impact on your views of married love? How does this compare with what we see represented in popular culture? Share your insights together.

Use the Gospel Acclamation of the Mass this week:
If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love