

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.**

**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)**

13th 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 Days

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Tuesday
St Ignatius of Antioch
Thursday
St Luke, evangelist
Friday

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: **Mojave Wolf and Tarlo Night Pace** children of Nicholas and Tiarne.



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 THIS 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.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY : ‘THANK YOU’ to those who joined the Public Square Rosary yesterday.

Reminder : There is community prayer at St Francis Xavier Church weekly on Saturdays at 9.00am for Prayer of the Church and Rosary. The Rosary is said at Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus each week on Tuesdays at 10.00 am at Holy Family Church Lennox Head and each Sunday before Mass at 7.00 am. 1st Saturday of the month devotion at 8.00 am in Holy Family Church. We are encouraged to pray the Rosary in our families.. reflecting on at least one decade daily.

‘The family that prays together—stays together’ Fr Patrick Peyton

CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY ~ NEXT SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.



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



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

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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

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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

PARISH LIBRARY:

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

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 19th/20th October, 2024
Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11; Psalm 32; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-45

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	XCC Students XCC Students	Damien Kennedy Angela Beglin	Julie McKinnon Richard Goss	Gemma Duffy John Jarzynski
EMOHC	XCC Staff	Deacon Anthony	Margaret Tay Cathy Campbell	Leanne Robbins
Offertory Procession			Amy Derrick & Frank	

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*),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Judi Hoolihan, Gino AGarzolini, Hector & Betty McNiff jnr, Hector & Margaret McNiff snr
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'Fevé (*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, 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

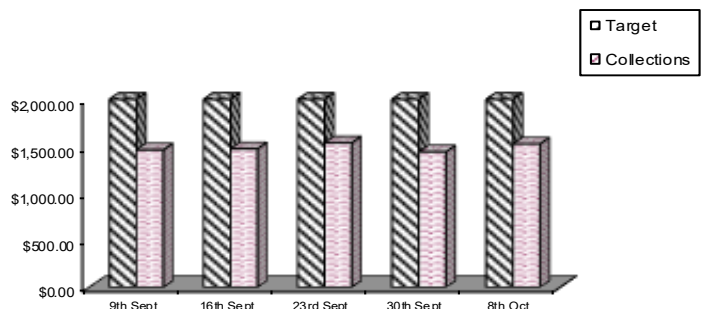
UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024		
14th Oct & 28th Oct	Monday 12.00 noon SFX Church	TAIZE 45 min of simple praise, meditation & music
15th October	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
15th October Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
17th Oct to 5th Dec	Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm	ALPHA Parish Admin Centre
19th/20th October	All Parish Masses	Catholic Mission Appeal weekend
23rd Oct & 6th Nov	Wednesday 8.00 am	menALIVE Lennox Head
25th October	Friday 9.30 am	Holy Family Committee Meeting
26th October	Saturday 6.30 pm	Parishioner Dinner @ Club Lennox
28th October	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting

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>	\$ 918.85
Second Collection	Loose Plate	\$ 430.80
<i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,525.40
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



TO LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER

The fairytales and fables we heard as kids have taught us to hope that in the end, the good will be rewarded and the evil will get their comeuppance. The humble and persecuted Cinderella won the prince, while her cruel stepsisters failed to impress. Jack got his golden egg-laying goose, while the greedy giant met a sticky end. The Little Red Hen enjoyed her bread with her chicks, while the unhelpful pig, cat, and frog went hungry.

These stories instill an expectation: virtue leads to reward, and wrongdoing brings punishment. However, today's gospel challenges this notion, showing us that eternal life cannot be won solely by our best efforts.

In the gospel, both the wealthy man and Jesus' disciples believe that their strict observance of the Law or their sacrifices for the mission will guarantee them salvation. Jesus, however, disrupts their expectations. The wealthy man is told to let go of his "many possessions" (Mk 10:22), and the disciples are reminded that their rewards come with "persecutions" (Mk 10:30).

This narrative exemplifies Jesus' radical reinterpretation of God's commandments. In the Matthean "Sermon on the Mount" (Mt 5:1-7:29), Jesus redefined righteousness. It is not enough to stay one's hand from murder; one must also avoid anger (Mt 5:21-26). It is not enough to be devoted to one's friends; one must love those who persecute us as well (Mt 5:43-44). Similarly, the wealthy man of today's gospel might live by the "letter of the law" (Mk 10:20), yet still fall short. He "went away sad" (Mk 10:22), blinded by his riches; he was unable to fully commit to Jesus.

Like a fairy tale character, this man sought a formula to earn his place in heaven (Mk 10:17). He viewed salvation as a commodity achievable by being "good." But Jesus isn't a Fairy Godmother, and eternal life isn't a magical golden egg. Salvation is a gift from God to all, whether blameless or blameworthy (Mk 10:27); it cannot be earned.

The point of this story is that the gospel is no fairytale, even though it promises a happy ending. The spectre of the Cross haunts every page of Jesus' story. The path to eternal life winds through dark days of persecution and disappointment. The happy ending can only be achieved through genuine self-sacrifice. On his final journey to Jerusalem, Jesus warns his disciples three times that he will suffer death at the hands of his enemies (Mk 8:31; 9:30; 10:32).

So, there is no secret recipe for salvation. Eternal life comes from accepting God's gift wholeheartedly, committing everything we are and own to the vocation to which God calls us. This acceptance is not a simplistic equation: be good, win salvation! To paraphrase Mark's Jesus as he set out on his final journey to Jerusalem, "if you want to live happily ever-after, you must deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me" (Mk 8:34).

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TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 12.00 NOON IN ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH BALLINA

FEAST OF ST TERESA OF AVILA

Mass in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) will be offered at 10:00 am on Tuesday, 15th October, at the Carmelite Monastery, Goonellabah.

Please note that there will be no 7.00 am Mass on that day.
All welcome.

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



EXAM TIME : Prayers and best wishes to all Year 12 students sitting their HSC exams, beginning Tuesday this week.



**EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO XCC
COMMISSIONING OF LEADERS MASS NEXT
SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 5.30 PM VIGIL
MASS Xavier Catholic College 2025 Year 12 Student
Leaders will be presented and commissioned at this Mass.**



ALL SOULS DAY ~ SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER MASS AT EAST BALLINA CEMETERY 8.30 AM No other Masses for All Souls will be celebrated on this Day.

We are reminded of the importance of praying for our departed relatives and friends. Traditionally, the month of November is the month where the Church remembers all those who have died. **November 1st is All Saints Day**, a tribute to all saints, while **November 2nd is All Souls Day**, dedicated to praying for those who have died. In the Catholic Church, we believe in the communion of saints, a spiritual bond that unites all the faithful, both living and dead. We are called to remember and pray for the souls of our departed

relatives, knowing that our prayers can assist them on their journey towards eternal life with God.

As we prepare for the November Masses for the faithful departed, let us remember that our prayers are a sign of our love and care for them. We entrust them to the mercy and love of our Heavenly Father, who desires to bring them into His eternal embrace. In addition to attending Masses, we can also offer prayers, sacrifices, and acts of charity for the souls of our departed loved ones. Our small gestures of love and remembrance can have a profound impact on their journey towards eternal life.

Therefore, you are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes. There will be additional November Mass envelopes at the back 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.

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: Wisdom 7:7-11*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;
 I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.
 I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;
 compared with her, I held riches as nothing.
 I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,
 for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,
 and beside her silver ranks as mud.
 I loved her more than health or beauty,
 preferred her to the light,
 since her radiance never sleeps.
 In her company all good things came to me,
 at her hands riches not to be numbered.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!**

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. **(R.)**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
for the years when we knew misfortune. **(R.)**
3. Show forth your work to your servants;
let your glory shine on their children.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts.

No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves

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

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 10:17-27 (shorter form)***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 15th OCTOBER****Entrance Antiphon:** Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God .**Communion Antiphon:** I will sing for ever of your mercies, O Lord through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity.**WEDNESDAY 16th OCTOBER****Entrance Antiphon:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.**Communion Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.**THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER****Entrance Antiphon:** I am crucified with Christ, yet I live; no longer I, but Christ lives in me. I live by faith in the Son of God, who has loved me and given himself up for me.**Communion Antiphon:** I am the wheat of Christ to be ground by the teeth of beasts, that I may be found to be pure bread.**FRIDAY 18th OCTOBER ~ FEAST OF ST LUKE****Entrance Antiphon:** How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation!**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns: The kingdom of God is at hand for you.**DID YOU KNOW?**

- At the time of Jesus, being a wealthy person was seen as a sign of God's favour; a reward for being a righteous person. Jesus' teaching here is a challenge to that attitude.
- In the early Church it was the practice that wealth and goods were shared in common (Acts 2:44-47). No-one should be in need.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' Rest quietly in the gaze of Jesus and know you are loved. How open are you to the challenge of living with different priorities? What are you prepared to leave behind to follow Christ?

Use this week's Psalm as a prayer:

Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we shall sing with joy. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.