

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.**

**29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)**

20th October, 2024

MISSION SUNDAY

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 John Paul II, pope

Tuesday

St John of Capistrano

Wednesday

St Anthony Claret,

Thursday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

**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 in the church pews and 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.

CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY : meeting will be held
Monday 28th October 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 very welcome.



HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMITTEE

The monthly meeting will be held in the Sacred Heart Room
behind the Church **NEXT Friday 25th October**
commencing at 9.30 am.

Contact Sue 0400 052 505 if you would like to add an item to the agenda.



'A little gem by sea'

**PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis
Xavier Church, Sunday 3rd November, following the
9.00 am Mass. Everyone is very welcome.**



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

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 26th/27th October, 2024
Readings: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 125; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>John Jarzynski Kristie Coster</i>	<i>Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Wendy Hughes Nicole Sullivan</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan Leanne Robbins</i>
EMOHC	<i>Mick Vella</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony</i>	<i>Gary Reen Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maxine Cole</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Jo Hurley Joan Hollingsworth</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
 Margaret Burt (*Canberra*), Jeanette Kneightly (*Inverell*), Gregory Thomas (*Sydney*), Michael Wilson (*Sydney*), Barbara Levett,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Kevin Dover, Glorie Kelly, Bernard Evans, Michael Harris, Fay Kerslake
AND ALSO FOR: *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 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: Kelly Savage, 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, 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, Dymrna 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024		
22nd October	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
22nd 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
2nd November	Saturday 8.30 am	All Souls Day Mass @ East Ballina Cemetery

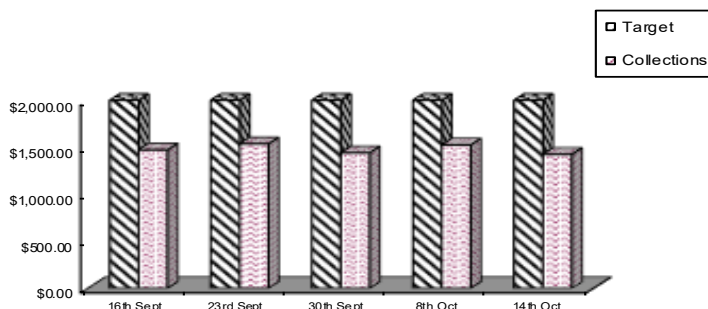
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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.

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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>	\$ 673.05
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 351.50
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,424.60
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



TO BE A SERVANT FOR OTHERS

To be human is to experience desire and ambition. To know a person's deep desires is to see into that person's soul. Desire for good, such as world peace or the end of global warming, is a positive urge of the human spirit. Other desires that focus on personal happiness and success can also be positive. However, they may also become caught up with the 'dark side' of the human spirit leading to jealousy, blind ambition and ruthless disregard for others.

Throughout the drama of human life, desire and suffering are closely linked. This is evident, for example, in the works of Shakespeare: one thinks of the innocent, youthful desires of Romeo and Juliet, the dark and treacherous desires of Macbeth and Lady Macbeth, or the obsessive desires of King Richard III. In different ways, these desires all lead to tragic suffering.

The connection between suffering and desire is also a key insight of the Buddha who taught that all suffering is caused by human desire and that happiness or enlightenment consists in the elimination of all desires. How does this compare with the approach of our own Christian Scriptures?

The long history of Israel is one of suffering at the hands of external enemies and through internal divisions. Jesus' life-story is also one in which his efforts to bring about God's kingdom of justice and peace are thwarted by negative forces. Even Jesus' own disciples seem blind to his real mission and message.

Why are Jesus' disciples so dim-witted? In a word, they are so caught up with their petty desires and ambition for power and glory, they are unable to see Jesus for who he really is or to hear what he truly asks. They want to overcome suffering (as we all do); but they think the way to do this is in the worldly way of grabbing power, status and authority.

Jesus' response is to challenge their preconceptions: "Anyone who is to be great among you must be your servant; anyone who wants to be first among you must be your slave." Suffering is integral to our human lives. In this sense, compared to the Buddha, Jesus is more radical by insisting his followers embrace suffering as he does: "Can you drink the cup that I must drink?"

Jesus is not glorifying suffering for its own sake but shows us how to place suffering in its proper context. The message is foreshadowed by Isaiah who links positive acceptance of suffering with liberation from sin and practising justice. Acting for God's kingdom means putting one's life on the line—and even, as in Jesus' case, giving one's "life as a ransom for many".

There is another form of suffering Jesus shares with us because, like us, he experiences human weakness – though, the writer is careful to add, "he is without sin" (Hebrews). Sin is the ultimate cause of human suffering often expressed in our wayward human desires. Jesus shows us the way to purify such desires through a life of servanthood.

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CATHOLIC MISSION SUNDAY ~ TODAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024



This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.



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

SCAN ME



OUR LADY OF FATIMA 1st Saturday Devotions. Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church, Lennox Head. **Saturday 2nd November at 8.00 am. Everyone welcome to attend!**

MONTHLY DINNER @ CLUB LENNOX : Parishioners are welcome to the next of our monthly dinners to be held **NEXT Saturday 26th October at 6.30 pm.** This is an opportunity to enjoy each other's company and delicious food. *Young and old and everyone in between are most welcome.*

'A little gem by sea'

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: Isaiah 53:10-11*A reading from the prophet Isaiah*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
 If he offers his life in atonement,
 he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
 and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
 His soul's anguish over he shall see the light
 and be content.

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
 taking their faults on himself.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) Lord let your mercy be on us,
 as we place our trust in you.**

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
 and all his works to be trusted.
 The Lord loves justice and right
 and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
 on those who hope in his love.
 to rescue their souls from death,
 to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
 The Lord is our help and our shield.
 May your love be upon us, O Lord,
 as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confi-

dent, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

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

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 10:35-45***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 22nd ~ WEDNESDAY 23rd ~ THURSDAY 24th ~ FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER****Entrance Antiphon:** To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.**DID YOU KNOW?**

- The brothers, James and John, sons of Zebedee, were nicknamed by Jesus 'sons of thunder'.
- Acts 12:2 reports the martyrdom of James. He was killed, probably by decapitation, by Herod Agrippa, grandson of Herod the Great, during a persecution of the early Church.
- According to some traditions John survived until the end of the first century and lived in Ephesus.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- What is it you want me to do for you?' How might you respond to this question from Jesus at this point on your journey?
- What do you think your baptism will mean for you?
- 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink?' Have you ever had to do something which you were really dreading? Reflect on how you faced this challenge and where you got your courage from. What was the outcome? Did you rise to the challenge? Share your reflections with others.
- Perform an act of service each day this week.

Pray the prayer of St Ignatius Loyola:

*Lord Jesus teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve to be served,
 to give without counting the cost, to fight without heeding the wounds,
 to work without seeking rest, to spend my life without expecting any other return
 than the knowledge that I do your will.*

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.
Taizé: Every second Monday SFX Church from 12.00 noon.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 11.00 am Friday.
Prayer of the Church & Rosary: Saturday 9.00 am

Ballina.

CCR: Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029.

Marian Cenacle: Monday 10.30 am Anawim Room.

Parish Youth Group: 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm in the Upper Room Parish Admin Building **Sunday evenings.**