

# 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.**

### 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

**27th 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

**Sts Simon and Jude, apostles  
Monday**

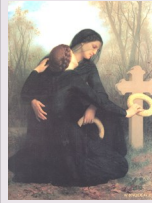
**All Saints  
Friday**

**All Souls' Day,  
Saturday**

**Mass at East Ballina Cemetery  
8.30 am**

**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.**

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.



**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY :** meeting will be held  
**THIS 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.*

**Taizé this Monday 28th October  
12.00 noon SFX Church.**

**Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus  
Tuesday 10.00 am Holy Family Church**



**PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church,  
Next Sunday 3rd November, 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 2nd November at 8.00 am.  
Everyone welcome to attend!**

#### ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH MEN'S GATHERING

**4:00 pm , Friday 8th November 2024 ~ Ballina Angling Club**

Please join Frank Lynch, our host, Murray Parr and Richard Goss for drinks at the Angling Club on the southern bank of North Creek.

Enter from south of the bridge on Tamarind Drive when driving to Kerr St.

**RSVP & Registration: None.** If you arrive later, you may not get a seat, but you are likely to find us still there. *(Subject to the weather.)*

**St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our parish community.



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

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

**Administrator of Ballina Parish:** Father Peter Padsungay

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**Phone:** 6681 1048; **Fax:** 6686 8774; **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: 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

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 2nd/3rd November, 2024**  
**Readings: Deuteronomy 6:2-6; Psalm 17; Hebrews 7:23-28; Mark 12:28-34**

	<b>5.30 pm Saturday Vigil</b>	<b>7.30 am Lennox Head</b>	<b>9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Dan Gubby Pauline Fingleton</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Margaret Tay Wendy Hughes</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Maurice Gahan</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Tamara Gubby Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Gemma Duffy Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Cheryl Bowen</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Pam Hanson Gerry Taylor</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
 Denise Robinson, Margaret Burt (*Canberra*), Jeanette Knightly (*Inverell*), Gregory Thomas (*Sydney*), Michael Wilson (*Sydney*),  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Bob Pidcock, Jack Flood  
**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 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:** 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'Fève (*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 Knightly (*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

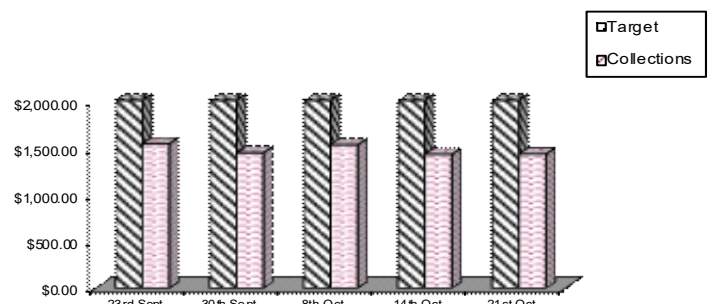
UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024		
<b>28th Oct &amp; 11th Nov</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon SFX Church</b>	<b>TAIZE</b> <i>45 min of simple praise, meditation &amp; music</i>
<b>28th October</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care Aux Meeting</b>
<b>29th October</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>29th October Holy Family Church</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>to 5th Dec</b>	<b>Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm</b>	<b>ALPHA Parish Admin Centre</b>
<b>2nd Nov</b>	<b>Saturday 8.00 am Holy Family Church Lennox Head</b>	<b>Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima</b>
<b>2nd Nov</b>	<b>Saturday 8.30 am</b>	<b>All Souls Day Mass @ East Ballina Cemetery</b>
<b>6th Nov To 6th Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday 7.00 pm Mother Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre</b>	<b>Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony</b>

**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		
<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 813.20
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 420.15
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,428.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



## THERE ARE THOSE WHO GET IT

Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and, on the journey, he has been emphasising what it means to be his disciple. Peter does not get it, refusing to accept that Jesus must die on the cross. The rich young man does not get it, turning away because the cost of discipleship is too high. The sons of Zebedee, James and John, do not get it, asking Jesus to be at his right and left when Jesus comes into his kingdom.

Jesus arrives in Jericho, the last stage on his journey to Jerusalem, and he encounters someone who does get it. Now Jesus has performed many miracles to this point in the gospel, healing a deaf-mute, a blind-man, a lame-man, as well as the demon-possessed, but none are named, except this blind-beggar: he is Bartimaeus, son of Timaeus.

For Mark, the significance of Bartimaeus is that he demonstrates the characteristics of a real disciple. The twelve do not comprehend the mission of Jesus and they vie for power. The rich young man chooses to keep his money rather than give it away and follow Jesus. It is a wonderful irony that the sighted do not see, but the blind beggar sees and follows the Lord into Jerusalem.

In the time of Jesus, those with a disability had to resort to begging to make a living, but it worked moderately well as it brought together their need to make a living and the need for law-abiding Jews to give alms.

There is a crowd around Jesus and Bartimaeus senses this is his moment. He begins yelling at the top of his voice, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." Everyone tells him to keep quiet as it is embarrassing to hear the cries of a beggar when a distinguished person comes to town. Like many cities and towns in our own day, the homeless and indigent are rounded up and kept away when community leaders want to make a good impression on important visitors. Sadly, we often want to make the needy invisible.

Jesus hears the voice of Bartimaeus and says to his followers, "Call him here." When he comes forward, Jesus asks him "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus may be wondering if he wants material assistance.

However, the blind-beggar comes forward, boldly knowing that Jesus is his only hope. His response is, "Rabbuni, Master, let me see again."

Jesus responds, "Go; your faith has saved you." Instead of disappearing, he follows Jesus along the road.

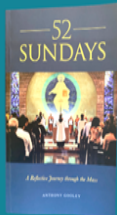
Mercy is the gift of God; it calls us to a deepened insight into who Jesus is, a capacity to recognise our deepest needs, the faith to turn in our need to the Lord for mercy, and the compassion to reach out to the needy in our world.

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## Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony

Reflect on what we do at Mass and why. Deepen our understanding so that we can pray the Mass more deeply, through full, conscious and active participation. The five sessions will take some cues from Deacon Anthony's book *52 Sundays: A Reflective Journey through the Mass* (available through Coventry Press). Each session will include a presentation and time for people to share comments and questions.

**Five x 90 mins sessions over 5 weeks  
Commencing Tues, Nov 5 at 7pm  
St Teresa Room Parish Admin Centre**



- Session 1 The Fourfold Dynamic of the Mass
- Session 2 Called and Gathered
- Session 3 Formed by the Word
- Session 4 Transformed by Eucharist
- Session 5 Sent on Mission

**Register to attend by phoning the SFX Ballina Parish Office on 6681 1048, scan the QR code or go to [bit.ly/ExploreMass](https://bit.ly/ExploreMass)**



**PUBLIC ROSARY SATURDAY 12TH OCTOBER**  
A fold up chair was mistakenly picked up following the morning tea at Holy Family Catholic Church.  
**If this is yours it is at the Parish Administration Office awaiting collection. Phn 6681 1048**



**ADVENT 2024 'HOPE REIGNS'**  
Program books are available from the parish office at \$6.50 ea  
*A date for commencement will be advised*  
**Parish Advent Reflection Morning  
Saturday 14th December, 2024**



We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

**Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.**

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](https://catholicmission.org.au/our-work). Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news.

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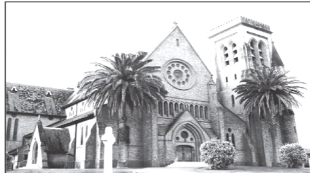


**CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY  
MELBOURNE CUP DAY  
LUNCHEON  
Tuesday 5th November, 2024  
12.30 pm – 3.30 pm  
\$65.00 per person ~ BYO drinks**



*Please RSVP and pay via cash or eftpos at Crowley reception by Tuesday 29th October.  
Please also provide any dietary requirements.  
Tickets include: Glass of champagne on arrival  
Delicious 3 course meal 1 x entry into the Lucky door prize  
Live entertainment*

**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. are procedures in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.  
email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)



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**First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9**  
*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

The Lord says this:  
Shout with joy for Jacob!  
Hail the chief of nations!  
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:  
The Lord has saved his people,  
the remnant of Israel!  
See, I will bring them back  
from the land of the North  
and gather them from the far ends of earth;  
all of them: the blind and the lame,  
women with child, women in labour:  
a great company returning here.  
They had left in tears,  
I will comfort them as I lead them back;  
I will guide them to streams of water,  
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.  
For I am a father to Israel,  
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;  
as are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,  
It seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,  
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels  
the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage  
as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears  
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,  
carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song,  
carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6**  
*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,  
and brought us life through his gospel.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mark 10:46-52**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES**

**TUESDAY 29th ~ WEDNESDAY 30th ~ THURSDAY 31st OCTOBER**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**FRIDAY 1st NOVEMBER ~ ALL SAINTS DAY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER ~ ALL SOULS DAY — MASS 8.30 AM AT EAST BALLINA CEMETERY**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- In Hebrew, 'Bar' means 'son of' in much the same way as Mac is used in Scotland. When a Jewish boy undergoes his Barmitzvah he becomes a 'son of the law'.
- While 'Rabbi' means master or teacher, 'Rabbuni' is usually employed to express familiarity with or devotion to the master or teacher.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:**

- Your faith has saved you'. What does this mean to you at this point in your journey?
- 'Courage, get up; he is calling you.' Reflect on these words this week. What are you being called to at this moment? Find ways to act on that calling this week.

Use this week's Psalm response as prayer:

*The Lord has done great things for us;  
we are filled with joy.*