

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.**

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

10th November, 2024

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

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

NO MASS TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY

FRIDAY

12.00 noon MASS

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 Martin of Tours
Monday

St Josaphat
Tuesday

We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

PARISH NOTICES

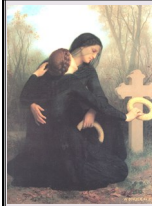
CLERGY CONFERENCE

This week our priests will be attending the annual Clergy Conference.

There will be NO Mass this

Tuesday 12th, Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th November.

Mass will be as normal on Friday at 12.00 noon.



ALL SOULS : 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.



ADVENT 2024 'HOPE REIGNS'

Reflection books are available from the parish office - \$6.50 ea

For individual preparation for Christmas or join a

Group session 2.45 pm Mondays in the Anawim Room and

10.00 am Thursdays beginning Monday 25th November in the

Mother Teresa Room Parish Centre

Parish Advent Reflection Morning 9.00am



'CONGRATULATIONS' FATHER ANSELM
ON YOUR 6th ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION
Thursday 14th November.

'Thank You' for all you do for us.

Our Prayers and best wishes from your parish family.



YOUR PARISH COMMUNITY AT WORK

Next weekend you will learn about our community response to the homeless and disadvantaged in Ballina. The story of **MARY'S PLACE**. Another work of our local **St Vincent de Paul Society**.

With summer here and Christmas approaching the **Friends of Mary's Place** are hoping to raise some funds to help the homeless by having a small raffle after Masses next weekend.

Please bring some small change to support the raffle or give a donation.



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
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Parish Youth Co-Ordinator: Kailani Tiernan **Email:** ktiernan@sfxballina.org.au

PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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**

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B: 16th/17th November, 2024
Readings: Daniel 12:1-3; Psalm 15; Hebrews 10:11-14,18; Mark 13:24-32

	5.30 pm Saturday Vigil	7.30 am Lennox Head	9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Trish Bazar Kristie Coster</i>	<i>Jean Mackay Emma McFadden</i>	<i>Richard Goss Gemma Duffy</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Warwick Manning</i>
EMOHC	<i>Peter Bowen Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Sue Hetherington</i>	<i>Deacon Anthony Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
Offertory Procession			<i>Mary Goss Ron Hughes</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Denise Robinson, Margaret Burt (*Canberra*),
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Tony Smith, Lois Wunch, Bill Condon snr, Fr Lou Molloy SM

AND ALSO FOR: *Phillip Dykes, 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: Craig Cunneen Annemarie Higgins, Michael Hains, 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'Feve (*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, Louise King, Michael Lyons, Neville Johnston, John Kneightly (*Inverell*), Pam Murray, Virginia Kohlbach and family, Ronald Windle, Jones & Skimmings family members, Carmel Hackett, David Anderton, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt 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*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS 2024

11th Nov	Monday 10.30 am	The Cenacle Anawim Room
11th Nov & 25th Nov	Monday 12.00 noon SFX Church	TAIZE <i>45 min of simple praise, meditation & music</i>
12th Nov	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry' Coffee
12th Nov Holy Family Church	Tuesday 10.00am	Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus
25th Nov	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting
1st December	Sunday 9.00 am	Parish Feast Day Mass
to 5th Dec	Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm	ALPHA Parish Admin Centre
5th Nov to 6th Dec	Tuesday 7.00 pm MT room	Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony
14th Dec	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection Morning

Remembrance Day: 'At the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, the guns fell silent'.

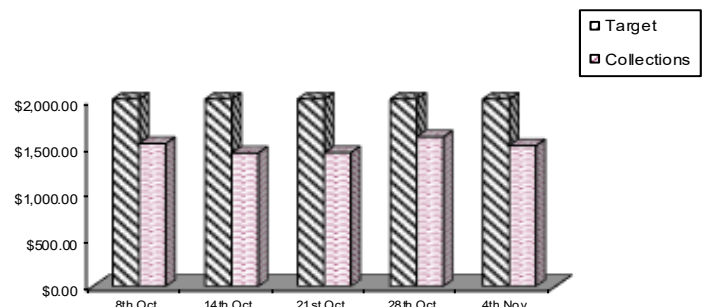
THANK YOU to all Parishioners for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter 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>	\$ 651.95
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 381.95
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,502.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



ACT HUMBLY AND BE REAL

If you sit in church long enough you will hear it read that Jesus brings a kingdom, or rather, *the* capital 'K' Kingdom—the Kingdom that never comes to an end, unlike all the others that have appeared in history. He's relentlessly talking about it in the gospels.

Even the capital 'P' Prayer he taught his disciples (the 'Our Father') is above all concerned with the Kingdom's arrival or accomplishment. This Kingdom defines His mission. Since we share his mission, we share too his Kingdom.

As members of the Church, we are his chosen collaborators. But why God would choose people like you and me, flawed human beings, people like St Peter (who denied him when things got dicey), and like St Paul (a violent persecutor of his followers), and so on, to accomplish his most important purpose with his creation? The old quip about Jesus being either a lunatic, or a liar, or the lord he claims to be is appropriate here. It's one of the three.

Sometimes he can appear to be a liar (when, for example, you feel abandoned in a time of profound suffering) and sometimes he could appear to be a lunatic (when, for example, the people who bear his authority seem to fall very short of their calling). So, at the very least, his lordship and the kind of kingdom he is accomplishing both require some adjustments in our outlook to perceive their wonders.

The good thing is that he clearly anticipated this need of ours for adjustment. His teachings gathered in the gospels are full of precisely such adjustments. You could even call his parables 'outlook adjustment training' for his Kingdom collaborators. One of these is his comment on the poor widow's offering to the temple treasury. The widow gives out of her poverty, two small coins, worth next to nothing in monetary value. The fact that she gave "all she had to live on, everything she had" means that she had just about nothing and gave just about nothing.

And yet, she gave "more than all the others" who were putting in large sums. Jesus' Kingdom is radically different, upside-down you could say, compared to the kingdoms of this world. Amid our kingdoms, our ways of power, authority, greatness, wealth, and so on, the poor widow gave a negligible amount. Nothing to pay attention to or applaud, of no value, with no effect. In reality, however, *in the Kingdom*, she gave an incredibly large amount.

The adjustment of outlook Jesus requires of his collaborators is radical. But once made, you will find that opportunities for greatness abound, maybe especially for the nobodies, the overlooked, the weak, and the poor. Are you counted among one of these? Act on your opportunities! Are you wealthy, powerful, honored, rich in the goods of the world? Be humbled and see and act according to Reality, the Reality of the Kingdom.

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TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER 12.00 NOON ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH.

'HAPPY BIRTHDAY' THELMA LICHERI celebrating her 80th Birthday this weekend with love and prayers from

St Francis Xavier faith community.

'Thank you' Thelma for all you do within our Parish Hospitality Committee.



COLUMBAN 2025 CALENDARS are available from the Parish Office. \$10.00 each
MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS CARDS are available from the Parish Office \$10.00 for a packet of ten.



CROWLEY CARE meeting will be held **Monday 25th November at 3.00 pm**

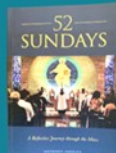
in the Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina.

Please consider attending as you will be assisting the Aged Care Centre. This will be our last meeting for the year.

You will be very welcome.

Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony

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



MenALIVE WEEKEND
30th November & 1st December 2024
St Flannan's Parish Zillmore. QLD
MEN of all ages and faiths are invited.

If you are seeking inspiration, support or encouragement, or want to make a change in your life, or the life of someone you love, invest time in this weekend.

Saturday: 8.00 am - 8.00 pm Sunday: 8.30 am - 1.15 pm

Contact Murray Parr 0414 399 658 or email

heal@murrayparr.com.au

THE CENACLE 'PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS'

The Cenacle is a Marian Movement that prays for Priests and promotes Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. This prayer gathering is very simple and easy.

Everyone is welcome to join—we meet every Monday at 10.30 am in the Anawim Room at the Parish Administration Centre.



ALPHA: 19 participants continue their **ALPHA** journey, including reflecting on important questions, such as, **Is There More to Life Than This, Who is Jesus, and Why did he die?** We are excited to continue our discussions on **How can I have faith, and How and why do I pray?** Please keep our leaders and participants in your prayers as they venture on this meaningful journey together.



Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus
Tuesday 10.00 am
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 or email safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.



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First Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16;*A reading from the first book of Kings*

Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel:

"Jar of meal shall not be spent,
jug of oil shall not be emptied,
before the day when the Lord sends
rain on the face of the earth."

The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.

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

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

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mark 12:38-44***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Mark*

In his teaching Jesus said, 'Beware of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, to be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, to take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at banquets; these are the men who swallow the property of widows, while making a show of lengthy prayers. The more severe will be the sentence they receive.'

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

The Gospel of the Lord

**FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASS
FRIDAY 15TH NOVEMBER**

Entrance Antiphon: Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Every Jewish male was required to pay an annual half shekel offering towards the costs of the Temple (see Mt 17:24). Women were not obligated to make this offering. The offering of the widow was not required but freely given.
- The Jerusalem Temple was a massive structure with a large cohort of priests and attendants and its upkeep must have been a very expensive exercise.
- The treasury was a part of the Temple in Jerusalem and its function was under the exclusive control of the Sadducees, an elite and wealthy group of families of high priestly caste.

MAKING CONNECTIONS:

- Reflect on a time when you were the recipient of a generous gesture by another. What was revealed about the giver in this gesture? How did you respond? Reflect on occasions when we have been generous as a nation. When have we been less than generous? How did that make you feel as an individual citizen? Share your reflections together.
- Use today's Opening Collect this week:
Almighty and merciful God, graciously keep us from all adversity, so that, unhindered in mind and body alike, we may pursue in freedom of heart the things that are yours.

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 SFX Church 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.**

You are welcome to our prayer gatherings.