

# 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.**

### Our Lord Jesus Christ Kind of the Universe

**24th 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**  
**TUESDAY TO 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 Day**  
**St Andrew, apostle**  
**Saturday**

We invite everyone without exception to our faith community.

#### PARISH NOTICES

**URGENT: PLEASE CONSIDER THIS REQUEST**  
**LAPTOP OPERATORS REQUIRED FOR 5.30 PM VIGIL MASS &**  
**9.00 AM SUNDAY MASS** following Christmas, please contact the Parish Office.

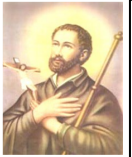


**SINCERE SYMPATHY:** Our parish community extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of **Betty Harris** who has sadly passed away. A Requiem Mass will be held this Monday 25th November, at 10.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church.



#### CELEBRATING OUR PARISH FEAST DAY 'PATRON SAINT' ST FRANCIS XAVIER 'PARISH 'CUPPA'

**NEXT Sunday 1st December**, following the 9.00 am Mass, in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church. SVdP members to host the Parish cuppa. Parishioners are invited to bring a plate for morning tea. **Our two RCIA candidates for 2024 will be received into the Catholic faith at this Mass.** Everyone is very welcome. **This will be our final Sunday morning tea for 2024.**



Feast Day  
Tuesday  
3rd December



**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 beginning this week :  
**2.45 pm Mondays in the Anawim Room and 10.00 am Thursdays in the Mother Teresa Room Parish Centre**  
**Parish Advent Reflection Morning 9.00am**  
**Saturday 14th December, 2024 morning tea will conclude the morning.**



**CROWLEY CARE** meeting will be held **This Monday 25th November at 12.00 noon**

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.*

**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](mailto: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](http://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

**1st Sunday Advent, Year C: 30th November/1st December, 2024**  
**Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 24; 1 Thessolonians 3:12—4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

	<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>Jeanette Wilkins Matt Ritchie</i>	<i>Damien Kennedy Mark McDonald</i>	<i>Wendy Hughes Richard Goss</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan Leanne Robbins</i>
<b>EMOHC</b>	<i>Katrina Miles Phil Chapman</i>	<i>Maddie Pride</i>	<i>Denise Miller Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Cheryl Bowen</i>
<b>Offertory Procession</b>			<i>Amy Derrick Frank</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Rodney Haydon, Betty Harris,  
**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** John Woolbank, Joan Leach, Donna Biddle, Joanne Wunch

**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'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, 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, Dympna 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**

<b>25th Nov</b>	<b>Monday 10.30 am</b>	<b>The Cenacle Anawim Room</b>
<b>25th Nov &amp; 9th Dec</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon</b>	<b>TAIZE SFX Church</b>
<b>25th Nov</b>	<b>Monday 3.00 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>26th Nov</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>'Cherry' Coffee</b>
<b>26th Nov HFC LH</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00am Final devotion for 2024</b>	<b>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus</b>
<b>1st Dec</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Feast Day Mass</b>
<b>to 5th Dec</b>	<b>Thursday 5.30 to 7.30 pm</b>	<b>ALPHA Parish Admin Centre</b>
<b>to 3rd Dec</b>	<b>Tuesday 7.00 pm MT room</b>	<b>Exploring the Mass with Deacon Anthony</b>
<b>7th Dec HFC ~ LH</b>	<b>Saturday 8.00 am</b>	<b>Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima</b>
<b>9th December</b>	<b>Monday 12.00 noon Mass Parish Vol Mass</b>	<b>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b>
<b>14th Dec</b>	<b>Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church</b>	<b>Parish Advent Reflection Morning</b>

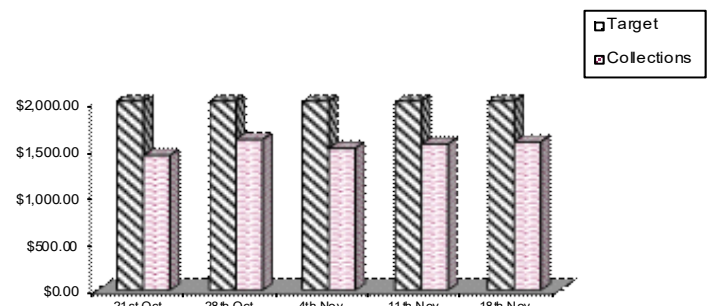
**THANK YOU to all Parishioners** for your continued efforts to maintain your pledge to the Parish Planned Giving program. **Thank you** also for your donations to the Presbyterium collection to assist the priests in our Diocese. Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father 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>	\$ 696.20
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 374.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$ 1,570.90
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$ 2,009.00



## A KINGDOM OF JUSTICE, LOVE AND PEACE

What is the Kingdom of God? Gerald Darring, a retired high school and college teacher of theology, explains it this way: "The Kingdom of God is a space. It exists in every home where parents and children love each other. It exists in every region and country that cares for its weak and vulnerable. It exists in every parish that reaches out to the needy. The Kingdom of God is a time. It happens whenever someone feeds a hungry person, or shelters a homeless person, or shows care to a neglected person. It happens whenever we overturn an unjust law, or correct an injustice, or avert a war. It happens whenever people join in the struggle to overcome poverty, to erase ignorance, to pass on the faith. The Kingdom of God is in the past (in the life and work of Jesus of Nazareth); it is in the present (in the work of the Church and in the efforts of many others to create a world of goodness and justice); it is in the future (reaching its completion in the age to come).

The Kingdom of God is a condition. Its symptoms are love, justice, and peace."

The Kingdom of God, God's Reign in the world, is Jesus' central and urgent message. In proclaiming the Kingdom, Jesus announces that a new age has come and that the Reign of God is near – underway, but not yet complete. Jesus' proclamation of the Kingdom was so counter-cultural to those who heard him and witnessed his works that he was put to death on a cross. Jesus' Kingship is a reversal of the Kingship of empire building. Instead of striving for power, prestige and privilege, Jesus seeks out 'excluded' or 'forgotten' people – for example, the leper, the adulteress, the sinner, the blind, the lame, and the Samaritan; people who were oppressed, put down, voiceless and seen to be worthless in the dominant culture of power, control and position. Jesus turns the lives of these 'little ones' around, loves them into life, and sets them on new paths of living, loving and relating.

In our time, who are the 'excluded' and 'forgotten', the demonised and condemned, the oppressed and abandoned, whom we are called to love into life? Called to love into life with love that affirms their dignity, love that breaks down the barriers of discrimination, love that heals and comforts, and love that is practical and hands on.

This week's Mass Preface describes Christ's Kingdom as one of "truth and life, of holiness and grace, of justice, love and peace." Such a Kingdom is not some 'pie in the sky' ideal or utopian dream. The Kingdom is a reality which may have small beginnings but has the potential to change the world and the way we live. And each of us has a role to play to bring about this reality wherever and with whom we find ourselves.

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**TAIZÉ THIS MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER 12.00 NOON ST FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH.**

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



### ‘THANK YOU’ PARISHIONERS OF ST FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

It was a wonderful and generous response to the raffle of the beautiful quilt last weekend. Mary's Place will benefit greatly from the \$1,886.85 collected. Vinnies and Mary's Place will also benefit from the interest shown in new volunteers wanting to assist those most in need.

*The raffle for the quilt for Mary's Place will be drawn at our Parish Feast Day 'Cuppa' next Sunday.*

**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.



#### 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.

**Please note : we will be in recess from Monday 2nd December and resume in the New Year.**

#### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This year this feast falls on the Sunday 8th December, it will be celebrated universally on Monday 9th December.

Our parish will have **Mass at 12.00 noon**  
**Monday 9th December.**

At this Mass we will acknowledge and give thanks for our wonderful Parish Volunteers for 2024.

Everyone is welcome to this Mass.



#### DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS

Following this Tuesday 26th November devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus will go into recess.

Devotion will recommence on Tuesday  
4th February 2025.



#### 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](mailto:heal@murrayparr.com.au)



#### OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**1st Saturday Devotions.**

Rosary will be recited at Holy Family Church,  
Lennox Head.

**Saturday 7th December at 8.00 am.**

**Everyone welcome to attend!**

#### LAST WEEK OF NOVEMBER MASSES FOR HOLY SOULS



**CATENIANS**

**Meeting and Dinner Wednesday**  
**4th December~ First Wednesday of each**

**month ~ Fellowship 6.15 pm –**

St Joseph's Staffroom, Alstonville

**Meeting 6:30 pm – St Joseph's Staffroom, Alstonville**

**Dinner 7:00 pm – The Federal Hotel, Alstonville**

**A network of Catholic men who catch up regularly for dinner and friendship.**

For more information or to RSVP call or email Kurt Challinor  
[kurt.challinor@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:kurt.challinor@lism.catholic.edu.au) 0417661057



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**First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14;***A reading from the prophet Daniel*

I gazed into the visions of the night.  
 And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,  
 one like a son of man.  
 He came to the one of great age  
 and was led into his presence.  
 On him was conferred sovereignty,  
 glory and kingship,  
 and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his  
 servants.  
 His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
 which shall never pass away,  
 nor will his empire be destroyed.

*The Word of the Lord.***Responsorial Psalm:****(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty!**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
 the Lord has robed himself with might,  
 he has girded himself with power. **(R.)**
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
 your throne has stood firm from of old.  
 From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **(R.)**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
 Holiness is fitting to your house,  
 O Lord, until the end of time. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Revelations 1:5-8***A reading from the book of the Apocalypse*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the  
 dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has

washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of  
 kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be  
 glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is com-  
 ing on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who  
 pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over  
 him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega'  
 says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the  
 Almighty.

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

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
 blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Alleluia!****Gospel: John 18:33-37***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St John*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do  
 you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to  
 you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own  
 people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me:  
 what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom  
 of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men  
 would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the  
 Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king  
 then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I  
 am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this:  
 to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of  
 truth listen to my voice.'

*The Gospel of the Lord***FOR THIS WEEK'S DAILY MASSES****TUESDAY 26TH ~ WEDNESDAY 27TH ~ THURSDAY 28TH ~ FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER****Entrance Antiphon:** The Lord speaks of peace to his people and his holy ones and to those who turn to him.**Communion Antiphon:** O praise the Lord, all you nations, for his merciful love towards us is great.**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Pilate's normal place of residence was in the coastal city of Caesarea. He was in Jerusalem at this time because the Passover was one of the 'pilgrimage festivals' of Judaism when many people travelled to the city to celebrate the feast at the Temple. The population of Jerusalem swelled greatly and this was a time when the Romans feared an outbreak of rebellion. Because of this, the Roman legions travelled to Jerusalem to reinforce the troop numbers stationed in the city.
- There is some confusion over the powers which the Sanhedrin (ruling Jewish Council) held. Some texts suggest they had the power to stone to death someone found guilty of blasphemy (Acts 6:12 and 7:54-58) or adultery (Jn 8:1-12). Why then was Jesus not treated in this way by the Council and stoned to death? Why instead was he handed over to the Romans?
- The crime for which Jesus is tried and killed is that of sedition—any claim that he was the 'King of the Jews' was a direct threat to the emperor. Only the Roman governor could pass judgment in such a case. Crucifixion was a Roman punishment not a Jewish one.

**MAKING CONNECTIONS:**

- How are you progressing in your own search for truth?
- Today's feast brings the Church year to a close. Review the year together. What have been the important moments for you in your personal life and on your journey? Who have been the important people for you this year? Have you noticed change and movement forward?
- This week, bear witness in your home or workplace to the truth that you are discovering.
- Use today's Psalm response this week: *The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.*

**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.**

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 you believe someone is being harmed please contact the Safeguarding Office 6621 9444 or email safeguard-  
 ing@lismore.catholic.org.au. Procedures are in place to guide how best to help victims - whether children or adults at risk.