



St Francis Xavier's Parish

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A CALL TO GENEROSITY: SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH AND CLERGY

We are deeply grateful for the love and support you continually show to our Parish Church community. We know that these times have been challenging for many, as the rising cost of living has impacted us all in different ways. Yet, just as God provides for us each day, the church too relies on the generosity of its people to continue the vital work of ministry and service. We invite you to prayerfully consider giving as you are able, with hearts full of gratitude for God's blessings. Your support, no matter the amount, helps sustain the life of our church and the work of our clergy, who are dedicated to nurturing our faith and guiding us in our walk with Christ. Let us remember that when we give thanks for God's generosity by sharing what we have, we not only honour Him but also open ourselves to His continued blessings. May God bless you abundantly as you give, just as He has given so generously to each of us.

SUPPORTING OUR CHURCH AND CLERGY

1ST COLLECTION (cash or eft)

(supports the clergy: food, housekeeping, annual retreat & monthly stipend)

Account Name: Narrabri Presbytery Account
BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001023576

2ND COLLECTION - PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM (cash & eft)

(supports our Parish Church: insurances, employees' salary, repair & maintenance, office and church requisites, utilities, etc)

Account Name: Narrabri Catholic Church
BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001002315

(Ref: Planned Giving Number and your name)

Thank you for your support!

SICK LIST

If you would like to add someone to our sick list please use the request form at the foyer or contact the Parish Office.

VISITATION

If there is a parishioner whom you know would appreciate a visit from a priest please contact the Parish Office.

USE OF PARISH TOILET

A reminder that all children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian when using the toilet or leaving the church for any other reason.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

1st Collection: \$ 409.00	Planned Giving: \$210.00
	Loose: \$139.40

SCHEDULE OF SUPPLY CLERGY

10-11/05	— Communion Service	Deacon Paul Manvell
17/05-01/06	— Daily Masses	Fr Eli Comanda OSJ

LITURGY ROSTER

This Week	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am
Reader	J. Fairless, A. Hardy	H. Kneale, K. Brooks
EMHC	P. Welchman	K. Brooks
Altar Servers	Murphy sister	Volunteers
Music	Harvey Family	John & Peter
Piety	J. Fairless	S Barnws
Offertory	H. Baguley	L. Ratke, G. Romana
Computer	R. McInnes	C. Wilson
Collectors	T. Richardson, Volunteers	M. Rily, Volunteers
Counters	C. Nalder, K. Capp	
Flowers	Judy Rily	

Next Week	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am
Reader	M. O'Connor, A. Welchman	M. Woodham, M. Rottger
EMHC	J. Leculier	B. O'Connor
Altar Servers	A. & C. Ruston	Volunteers
Music	J. Watson	John & Peter
Piety	J. Fairless	B. O'Connor
Offertory	D. Foster, Volunteers	Volunteers
Computer	P. Welchman	C. Wilson
Collectors	T. Richardson, Volunteers	G. Lendon, Volunteers
Counters	D. Hedley, R. Dewar	
Flowers:	J. Rily	

*Serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.
- Psalm 100: (NABRE)*

IN YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

SICK: Amelita Alvarez, Winnie May Villanueva, Rob Southwell, Jane Stevens, Helen Nipperess (Hall), Ann Loder, Margaret O'Malley (Keys)

RECENTLY DECEASED: William John Foster, Adrian Schwager, Joanna Constable, Anthony McDonnell

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Sr Isabel Espiritu, Maureen Ritter

Due to privacy legislation, names of the sick may only be published with permission of the person him/herself or immediate family members.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The most common occasion for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when we cannot fulfill our obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation, whether because of illness, bad weather, or another reason outside of our control. Many also make an Act of Spiritual Communion when they can and do attend Mass but something prevents them from receiving sacramental Communion that day, such as a mortal sin that they have not had the opportunity to confess yet.

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS AVAILABLE

Kindly make our priest aware before Mass that you wishes to receive low-gluten host so that one will be readily available for you during communion.

Rejoice, O Mother Church for
A Shepherd has been
chosen for you!
HABEMUS PAPAM,
LEONE XIV!



NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENT

Thank You, Deacon Paul and Kerry

We extend our heartfelt thanks to Deacon Paul Manvell and his wife Kerry for their generosity and commitment in travelling each weekend over the past three weeks to lead our Sunday Communion Services. Their presence, prayerful service, and warm support have been a true blessing to our parish community. This Sunday marks Deacon Paul and Kerry's final weekend with us, and we are deeply grateful for all they have shared with us. May the Lord continue to bless them in their ministry and journey.

Our Priests, Our Responsibility

According to the 2021 Australian Census, there were 5,075,907 Catholics across the country—representing 19.9% of the total population. In the same year, there were 2,900 priests serving in Australia, including both diocesan and religious order priests. That's roughly 1,751 Catholics for every priest. This number highlights the growing strain on our clergy. In 1971, there were 3,895 priests in Australia. Since then, the number has declined by around 25%, even as the pastoral needs have grown. From 2012 to 2022, 727 overseas-born clergy arrived to support our local Church, thanks to partnerships with international dioceses and religious communities. These missionary priests have been a tremendous blessing, but the need remains great. Let us be mindful of this reality—not to lose hope, but to be moved to support, encourage, and pray for our priests. And most importantly, to pray for more vocations, that God may raise up new shepherds for His flock in our land.

Let's work together to care for those who care for us.

In Australia, there is one priest for every 1751 parishioners. One man...
To carry the weight of thousands of souls. To hear confessions.
To visit the sick. To bury the dead.
To preach, to counsel, to baptise, to anoint...
To bring Christ into the lives of thousands, every single day.

How long can he bear this burden alone?
How does one shepherd tend to 1751 sheep?

And when we see the cracks in the Church...
When we feel the absence, the struggle, the silence—
Do we blame the priests?
Or should we first look at ourselves?

Where are the reinforcements?
Where are the men who could have answered the call, but didn't?
Where are the lay people who were called to support, to pray, to act—
but chose to stand back and critique instead?

The priesthood isn't just a calling. It's a battlefield.
And far too many of our priests are fighting alone.

If you're a single man reading this, ask yourself: Am I being called?
And if not—am I at least doing everything I can to support those who are?

The Church doesn't just need more prayers. It needs more holy priests.
And it needs more lay people willing to rise up and take responsibility.

The question isn't just, "Where are our priests?"
The deeper question is: Where are we?

LITURGY THIS WEEK

Holy Mass & Mass Intentions

MON 12 May St Pancras

08:00 am No Mass

TUE 13 May Our Lady of Fatima

08:00 am No Mass

WED 14 May St Matthias

12:00 pm No Mass

THU 15 May Easter Week 4

08:00 am No Mass

FRI 16 May Easter Week 4

08:00 am No Mass

SAT 17 May Easter Week 4

06:00 pm Holy Mass

SUN 18 May 5th Sunday of Easter

08:00 am Holy Mass

Mass Intentions:

+ - for the repose of the soul (incl. death anniversary)
Private Intention - Mass Offering (not for publication)
PI - for the personal intention of N.
GH - for good health / healing
WA - for wedding anniversary
BB - for birthday blessings

REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 08:00 am
Wednesday 12:00 pm

Saturday 06:00 pm | Sunday 08:00 am
3rd Sunday of the month 10:30 am - Bellata

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday 05:15 pm to 05:45 pm

ANointing MASS

1st Wednesday of the Month after Mass

SICK CALL & VIATICUM

by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

1st Friday of the Month after Mass

HOLY ROSARY

11:30am - every Wednesday

BAPTISM, WEDDING

& FUNERAL

by appointment

Holy Week Special Collections – Thank You!

We extend our heartfelt thanks to all parishioners and friends who generously contributed to the Holy Week Special Collections. Your support helps sustain the mission of the Church and provides assistance to those most in need. May the Lord bless you abundantly for your kindness and continued generosity.

Project Compassion: \$ 947.80
Good Friday (Holy Land): \$275.00
Easter Offering: \$515.00