



# 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

### 1<sup>ST</sup> COLLECTION (cash or eft)

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

Account Name: Narrabri Presbytery Account

BSB: 082-105 Acc. No: 001023576

### 2<sup>ND</sup> 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:	\$473.70	Planned Giving:	\$230.00
		Loose:	\$115.60

## SCHEDULE OF SUPPLY CLERGY

26-27/04	— Communion Service	Deacon Paul Manvell
03-04/05	— Communion Service	Deacon Paul Manvell
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	K. Fenton, J. Fairless	J. Rily, G. Lendon
EMHC	J. McNamara	K. Brooks
Altar Servers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Music	J. Watson	John & Peter
Piety	J. Fairless	D. Smith
Offertory	H. Baguley, Volunteers	Volunteers
Computer	R. McInnes	C. Wilson
Collectors	T. Richardson, Volunteers	L. Ratke, Volunteers
Counters	J. Longworth, K. Pantan	
Flowers	Judy Rily	

Next Week	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 8am
Reader	J. Fairless, A. Hardy	K. Brooks, H. Kneale
EMHC	P. Welchman	G. Lendon
Altar Servers	M. Murphy, M. Foster	Volunteers
Music	Harvey Family	John & Peter
Piety	J. Fairless	S. Barnes
Offertory	D. Foster, Volunteers	L. Ratke, G. Romana
Computer	R. McInnes	C. Wilson
Collectors	T. Richardson, Volunteers	M. Rily, Volunteers
Counters	C. Nalder, K. Capp	
Flowers	Judy 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 (Bill), Adrian Schwager, Joanna Constable, Anthony McDonnell

## DEATH ANNIVERSARY: 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.

## NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENT

### Livestreaming | Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Peter Murphy

The Episcopal Ordination of Bishop-Elect Peter Murphy will take place on Thursday, 8 May, and will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person. Our Parish School has kindly offered to host a viewing in one of the classrooms. You are warmly invited to join us for this special occasion. Doors open at 6:15pm for a 6:30pm start. To help us with seating and hospitality, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the church foyer if you plan to attend. All are welcome.

### Prayers for Our Bishop-Elect

This Thursday, 8 May, Bishop-Elect Peter Murphy will be ordained to the episcopacy. As he prepares to take on this sacred responsibility, let us unite in prayer for him. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen him, and may he be a faithful shepherd after the heart of Christ, the Good Shepherd. We give thanks to God for the gift of his vocation and pray that his ministry will be a source of blessing for our diocese and the wider Church.

“Shepherd the flock of God entrusted to you...” (1 Peter 5:2)  
Bishop-Elect Peter, we are praying for you!

### Vocations Sunday – A Call to Prayer

In 1964, Pope Paul VI established the World Day of Prayer for Vocations to be celebrated each year on Good Shepherd Sunday—now the Fourth Sunday of Easter. For this reason, this special day is also known as Vocations Sunday. It is a day for all of us to reflect on the call to priesthood, religious life, and service in the Church—and to pray that more men and women will generously respond to God's invitation. Let us especially remember in our prayers our seminarians: Brothers Allem, Linh, and Isaac— May the Lord strengthen them in their formation and grant them joyful perseverance in their vocation. Lord of the harvest, send labourers into Your vineyard.

### Week of Prayer for Holy Priests

As the Church prepares to celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday next weekend—the World Day of Prayer for Vocations—we invite all parishioners to spend this week in prayer for our priests.

Let us give thanks for the gift of the priesthood and pray especially for holy, faithful, and compassionate priests who serve with the heart of Christ the Good Shepherd. May our prayers also inspire new vocations in our parish and across the diocese.

This week, let us pray with gratitude, with hope, and with love for those who shepherd us.

### A Priest is always wrong because . . .

If he begins his Mass on time, his watch is advanced;

If he begins a minute later, he keeps people waiting

If he preaches too long, he makes people get bored;

If his homily is too short, he is unprepared.

If he owns a car, he is luxurious;

If he does not own one, he does not go with the times.

If he goes out to visit families, he is always out:

If he does not, he has no time for them.

If he asks for donations, he is a moneymaker;

If he does not do it, he is too proud and lazy.

If he takes time in the confessional, he is too slow;

If he makes it too fast, he has no time for his penitents.

If he renovates the church, he throws away money;

If he does not do it, he allows everything to rot away.

If he is with the youth, he forgets the old.

If he is seen with women, he is a playboy;

If he goes with men, he is not normal;

If he is young, he has no experience;

If he is old, he should retire.

As long as he lives, there are always people who are better than him;

BUT IF THE PRIEST DIES....

THERE IS NOBODY TO TAKE HIS PLACE!

“Do not touch my anointed ones or harm my prophets.” – Psalm105:15

## LITURGY THIS WEEK

### Holy Mass & Mass Intentions

#### MON 05 May Easter Week 3

08:00 am No Mass

#### TUE 06 May Easter Week 3

08:00 am No Mass

#### WED 07 May Easter Week 3

12:00 pm No Mass

#### THU 08 May Easter Week 3

08:00 am No Mass

#### FRI 09 May Easter Week 3

08:00 am No Mass

#### SAT 10 May St John of Avila

06:00 pm Communion Service

#### SUN 11 May 4th Sunday of Easter

08:00 am Communion Service

### 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

## Marriage Tribunal of the Catholic Church

Within the Catholic Church there exists a series of tribunals. Among the activities of the different tribunals is the work of assisting those who have experienced a marriage breakdown. Marriage breakdown is a distressing experience for all concerned. Many separated and divorced people wonder about their status within the Church. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Armidale Office of the Interdiocesan Tribunal of Sydney extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. For further information please contact the Armidale office at [tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:tribunal@armidale.catholic.org.au) or phone 6771 8705.