

# St Francis Xavier Catholic Parish of Ballina

Respecting the traditional people of this land, the Bundjalung people



St Francis Xavier Church,  
47 Cherry Street,  
Ballina

welcome

Holy Family Church,  
94 Ballina Street,  
Lennox Head.

22nd Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (C)

28th August, 2022

**SOCIAL JUSTICE  
SUNDAY**

**'WELCOME'**

**Weekend Mass Times  
Ballina**

**St Francis Xavier Church**  
**Saturday Vigil — 6.00 pm**  
**Sunday — 9.00 am**  
**Sunday — 11.00 am**

**Lennox Head  
Holy Family Church**  
**Saturday Vigil—5.00 pm**  
**Sunday—7.30 am**

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
at St Francis Xavier Church  
**Tuesday to Friday**  
**12.00 noon**

**RECONCILIATION**  
9.00 am Saturday ~ Ballina  
St Francis Xavier Church

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**Feast Days this week**

**The Passion of  
St John the Baptist**  
Monday

**Spring Ember Day**  
Friday

**St Gregory the Great**  
Saturday

## Extending our Hospitality

In today's gospel, we see again how deeply Jesus understands our human condition. He had watched how people behave when they attend a dinner gathering and noticed how they presume to seat themselves in positions of honour.

His parable tells of the guest who is invited to a wedding and, having seated himself at the place of honour, is then asked by the host to give up that place and move to a lower position. We can all imagine the acute embarrassment and disgrace we would feel in such a situation. How we dread being embarrassed or disgraced, especially in front of others.

Jesus offers wise advice: choose the lesser place; then you can't be disgraced, and you may even be called higher and have people see you honoured.

But more than simply sensible and helpful advice, Jesus is teaching his disciples about the Kingdom of God and who will be honoured there. There, he tells them, "All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." Beware those who exalt themselves! The places of honour will be given not to the self-righteous but to the truly righteous.

In a second parable, Jesus turns attention to the behaviour of the host, the one who chooses the guests to be invited to the party. Here Jesus focuses on our tendency to invite those who are important to us, be it our friends, neighbours, colleagues, people who will reciprocate and return our hospitality and fa-

vour in some way.

Radically turning this fairly normal way of doing things upside down, Jesus challenges us instead to invite and share our resources and extend our hospitality to the poor, the marginalised, the needy, the very people who won't be able to repay us. If you do this, Jesus teaches, "you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Jesus doesn't berate us for wanting to be repaid. What he wants us to understand is the



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hospitality to which we, his disciples, are called. His parables today point us to the hospitality that is the mark of the Kingdom of God, whose concern and preference is always for the poor, the lonely, the little ones, the marginalised, the lost, the broken-hearted.

Jesus himself is the supreme exemplar of the truly righteous; he who humbled himself even to death on a cross; he whose hospitality knew no bounds. No one was ever turned away. Everyone was welcome in his presence and at his table, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, young and old, male and female.

So, once again, Jesus profoundly challenges us to genuine humility and a generous hospitality in all our dealings with others – individually, as a community, and as a church.

Ann Hunt

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***We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.***

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

**PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:**

**PARISH LIBRARY:**

**SCHOOLS:**

**AGED CARE:**

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

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Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - 53-57 Cherry Street - **Postal Address: PO Box 46 Ballina 2478**

**www.sfxballina.org.au**

Library available to parishioners Mon to Fri 9 am - 4 pm;

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

Crowley Care Services: 1300 139 099 - 154 Cherry St, Ballina

Independent Living Village, Residential Aged Care, Home Care Services

**ROSTER: 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 3rd/4th September**

**Readings: Wisdom 9:13-18; Philemon 9-10,12-17; Luke 14:25-33**

	<b>6.00 pm Vigil Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am Ballina</b>	<b>Sunday 11.00 am Ballina</b>
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Sophie Sullivan Jeanette Wilkins</i>	<i>Gary Reen Mark Biddle</i>	<i>Jim O'Kane Maxine Cole</i>
<b>EMHC</b>	<i>Matt Ritchie</i>	<i>Annette Reen &amp; Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maurice Gahan</i>
	<b>Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass</b>	<b>Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am</b>	
<b>Readers</b>	<i>Emma McFadden Wally Carter</i>	<i>Kevin Lewis</i>	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Pauline Jelich (*Sydney*), Maureen Donovan, Marie Karam (*Casino*), Owen Sharman, Joy Baccay, Bev Foley, Isley Smith, Jack Chapman, Len Rix, Karen Aitken, Shaun McCosker,

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:**

**AND ALSO FOR:** *Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerslake, Carolina Bordin, Armando Bordin, Rina, Charlie & James Volpatti, Thama Walker, Kathleen Kelly, Bill & Jean Shay, Cecilia & Bill Condon Snr, Stan & Mary McKeough, Members of the SVdP Conference & Auxiliary & for all faithful departed.*

**AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL:** Tommy Roskell, Mary Howard, Louise King, Greg Campbell, Layla Small, Maree Doolan, John Moreland, John and Conchita Schroder, Gregory Thomas, Jocelyn O'Brien, Carmel Hackett, *unwell residents in Crowley Village, St Andrew's Nursing Home, RSL Life Care, Bupa Aged Care.* (Names of those who are ill will be removed after six weeks. Please advise the parish office if you wish names to remain or be removed if good health as been restored.)

**UP COMING PARISH EVENTS**

<b>August 30th</b>	<b>Tuesday 5.00 pm</b>	<b>1st Reconciliation</b>
<b>September 4th</b>	<b>Saturday/Sunday</b>	<b>Sick and Retired Priests Appeal</b>
<b>September 4th</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish Cuppa Fathers' Day</b>
<b>September 18th</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am &amp; 11.00 am</b>	<b>1st Holy Communion</b>
<b>December 17th</b>	<b>Saturday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Advent Reflection Day</b>



**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Friday mornings from 11.00 am to 11.45 am  
SFX Church Ballina, before the 12 noon Mass.  
(except when there is a funeral at that time.)

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> collection). Our sincere gratitude to all who give to the Parish and clergy. **Father Peter and Father Anselm**

**SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ 1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS:** Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

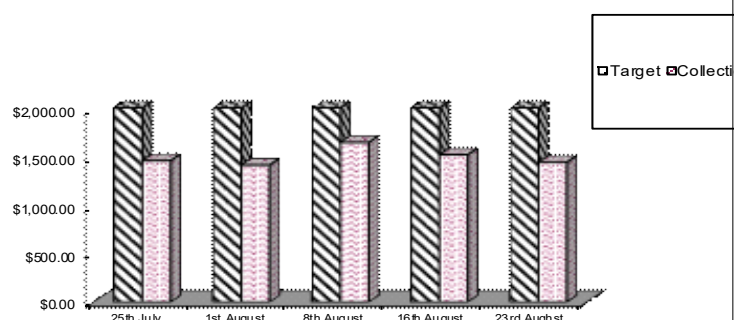
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 **ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 082 522 A/c 50960 3218
- Please ensure you use your **Planed Giving number as reference**, place your envelopes in the collection boxes provided in the church or bring them to the Parish Office at your convenience.

**DIF PAYS 1.05% PER ANNUM**

**BALLINA AGENTS:** Michael Shay, **L J Hooker** 87-89 River St Ballina 6686 2711 - Crowley Admin Office Cherry St Ballina 1300 139 099 or online [www.dif.org.au](http://www.dif.org.au)

**THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS**

<b>First Collection</b>	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 571.35
<b>Second Collection</b> <i>Support of the Parish &amp; Ministries &amp; School Building &amp; Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 299.35
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,438.25
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



# Parish Notices

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

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Our parish children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Tuesday 30th August.



**First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on Sunday 18th September in St Francis Xavier Church. Children completing their First Holy Communion will be eligible to enrol as Altar Servers for the parish.

*Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.*

**FATHERS' DAY COLLECTION** will be held **next weekend 3rd/4th September** to assist the Bishop in caring for our retired priests of the Diocese. Envelopes will be available in both churches.

**PARISH 'CUPPA'**  
in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church  
**Next Sunday 4th September (Fathers' Day)**  
following the 9.00 am Mass.  
*Everyone is very welcome.*



## PLEASE COMPLETE: PARISH VITALITY SURVEY

The Lismore Diocese Parish Vitality Survey is a short pulse survey that provides you with an opportunity to have your say about your church, what we do well, where we can do better and how we can sustain, support and strengthen our parish communities as we look ahead to the next five years. The survey is **anonymous online**, takes about 10 minutes to complete and is open from **now until 30th August**. We are interested in hearing from anyone in the diocese who identifies as Catholic. Some of the questions, however, focus on those who attend Mass and are already active in their parish.

There is also a place for you to write a message to Bishop Greg to let him know of our challenges and your ideas regarding the opportunities in your parish and the diocese.

Please find the link to the survey here [Click here to access the Parish Vitality Survey](https://www.lismorediocese.org/) or <https://www.lismorediocese.org/>

**Hard copies of this survey are at the back of both Churches. If you require assistance in completing the survey please call by the Parish Office. Completed hard copies to Parish Office by this Tuesday.**



## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY TODAY 28th AUGUST, 2022

### RESPECT: CONFRONTING VIOLENCE AND ABUSE

This year's Social Justice Statement, Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.' We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

**2022 -23 Social Justice Statements are available from the back of our two Church**

Access the Statement <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 6201 9845.

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## The Catholic Diocese of Lismore Safeguarding Office



If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Diocese of Lismore, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss options you have available to you.

To contact the Safeguarding Office, please phone (02) 6621 9444 or email: [safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au](mailto:safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au)

## THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH

**BAPTISMS:** Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

**CONFIRMATION:** TBA

**RECONCILIATION:** 30th August, 2022

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** 18th September, 2022

**WEDDINGS:** In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office if anointing is required.

**FUNERALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

**HOSPITAL:** If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

**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

**Marian Cenacle:** Monday 11.00 am Anawim Room enquiries to Narelle King via the Parish Admin Centre

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** 11.00 am Friday

**Sisterhood:** Mondays 10.30 am Parish Administration Building Contact Leanne Robbins via Admin Office.

**Prayer of the Church and Rosary:** Saturday 9.00 am SFX Church

**Parish Youth Group:** 7.00 pm Saturday evening following the 6.00 pm Vigil Mass Upper Room Parish Admin Centre. Contact Bianca McInnes 6681 1048

**Ballina CCR :** Monday 2.15 to 4.00 pm in the Anawim Room, contact Maxine Cole on 0429 669 029

**Rosary at Holy Family Church Lennox Head:** 8.00 am Wednesday mornings with Chaplet of Divine Mercy and 7.00 am Sunday mornings before 7.30 am Mass.

*Welcome to our prayer gatherings.*



**First Reading: Sirach 3:17-20,28-29**

*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream. The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R): God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **(R.)**
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **(R.)**
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24**

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme

Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Lk 14:1,7-14**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



**FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER  
TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY**

**Entrance Antiphon :** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.  
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,  
full of mercy to all who call to you.

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

**A Part-time position (15hpw/2dpw) for a Diocesan Director for the Catholic Mission** based within the Diocese of



Lismore NSW has become available. The position will involve the delivery of a community education and mission engagement programs; forming active partnerships with parishes, community groups, minority and cultural groups and the national schools network; and facilitating a sustainable program of fundraising. If you would like additional information, please access the following link: Applications

for the role of **Diocesan Director** for the **Diocese of Lismore** are being accepted now. Position becomes available from 28th November 2022.

See <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/jobs-at-catholic-mission> for the Advertisement and the Position Description.

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