

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.

**24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

11th September, 2022

**SAFEGUARDING
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**

Feast Days this week

St John Chrysostom

Tuesday

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Wednesday

Our Lady of Sorrows

Thursday

Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

Friday

Seeing ourselves as rescued sheep

The central claim of our faith is summarised by St Paul in today's readings. "This saying is trustworthy and deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners."

The main promise of the Christian faith is that Jesus has fixed the problem of the human condition by defeating death and freeing us from the power of sin. Because of Christ's triumph over sin and death, any human being, at any moment, can turn from their sins that threaten to eternally separate them from God and be reconciled.

Today's Mass readings give three examples of a theme we see time and time again in the Scriptures; God's people commit horrible sins and, instead of receiving what they deserve, God forgives and restores them.

The Israelites in the first reading set up and worship

a golden calf. Idolatry is fiercely condemned by God in the Old Testament because it cuts people off from their loving creator and elevates something else without the goodness and holiness of the one true God in his place. No other being, person or thing but God alone can be entrusted with the human heart's need to worship.

In the responsorial Psalm, we hear the lament of David who is guilty of an affair and conspiring to have a man killed to cover up his infidelity. Although he was God's chosen leader of Israel, his self-indulgence leads to the destruction of a family and is a betrayal of his unique relationship with the God who

gave him everything.

In the second reading, Paul tells his testimony of how he was a violent persecutor of Christians. His rage, judgment and violent hatred for God's people made him an enemy of the God he claimed to serve.

While the actions of the Israelites, David and Paul are particularly damaging, there is something of their actions in every human sin, no matter how small. Every sin is part idolatry,

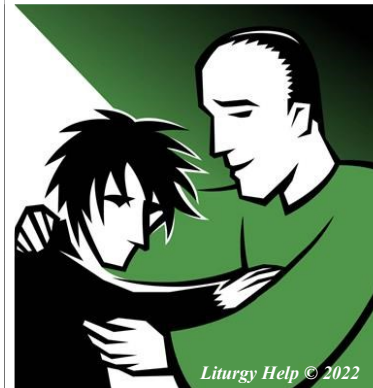
because it places our will and our love for ourselves or for things above God and his commandments. Every sin is also part adultery, as we betray the special, loving relationship that God has created us for to love something else. Every sin is also part violence, as it ruptures the God's plan for the world and creates enmity between people.

And God's response to the destruction of sin is pro-

claimed in today's gospel. "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it?"

On each of these occasions in today's readings, God looked upon his people's repentant hearts, wiped away their guilt and brought them back to him. Our faith is not just about being a good person, because none of us are truly good. It is instead about seeing ourselves as rescued sheep.

Joseph Doyle
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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: 25th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 17th/18th September

Readings: Amos 8:4-7; Psalm 112; 1Timothy 2:1-8; Luke 16:1-13

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Bryan Marriott Pauline Fingleton	Holy Family School Holy Family School	Maxine Cole Maurice Gahan
EMHC	Trish Bazar	Holy Family School	Leanne Robbins
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Paul Milgate Mick Vella	Jean Mackay	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
Deborah Tan (*England*), Pauline Jelich (*Sydney*), Maureen Donovan,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Peter Albertini, Bernard Evans, Elsie McMartin, Bryan Donovan, Ab & Clare Mitchell

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: Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Fr Louis Molloy sm, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, *Aunty* Julia Paden, 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

September 18th	Sunday 9.00 am & 11.00 am	1st Holy Communion
September 21st	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am and 5.00 to 6.30 pm	'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre
September 26th	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Aux Meeting
September 27th	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry Coffee Club' Morning Tea'
October 2nd	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
December 17th	Saturday 9.00 am	Parish Advent Reflection Day

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 (1st 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.

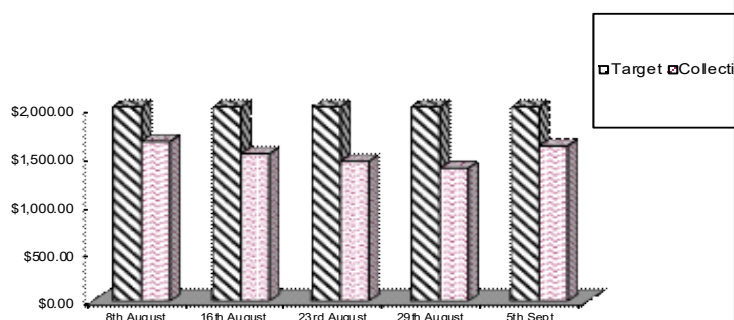
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 **ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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.

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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

THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 605.80
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 181.00
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,597.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices

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



BAPTISM: Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Kaylum James Gorman and Tanika Jane Wager** children of Alan and Kim.



Happy 90th Birthday

MARY O'BRIEN

and 'Thank you' for your continued support of our Parish.

Love and prayers from your parish community.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated next Sunday 18th September in St Francis Xavier Church.

Candidates from Holy Family School will receive their first Holy Communion at the 9.00 am Mass; candidates from St Francis Xavier School will receive their first Holy Communion at the 11.00 am Mass.

Parishioners are invited to the St Francis Xavier School Hall following the 11.00 am Mass for a BBQ lunch with the children from St Francis Xavier School.

Please keep these children and their families in your prayers.

BLESSING PRAYER FOR CANDIDATES
Lord Jesus Christ, bless the children coming forward to receive Holy Communion for the first time.

May this day be the step toward a life-long love of the Eucharist.

Give them a hunger for this sacred food so that they turn to you for comfort, guidance, and wisdom as they grow into full discipleship.

Thank you for their innocence and goodness. May their hands, extend in anticipation of your body and blood, inspire all of us to cherish this sacred Sacrament.

Amen.

Safe and Supported

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022



SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2022 11th SEPTEMBER

The Parish of St Francis Xavier Ballina and the

Diocese of Lismore are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Quote Remembering 9/11: "I may never know the answers to the questions that plagued me after 9/11. But I know if we lean on God and each other we will be guided to a better, brighter future." *Michael Hingson, 9/11 survivor*



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **Monday 26th September 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.

You will be most Welcome!

JOIN THE GREAT ADVENTURE

You are invited to join a Bible study group for an 8 week, once a week, course called **THE GREAT ADVENTURE**. The key to understanding the Bible is finding the story that ties it all together. This course uncovers the amazing story that is woven through scripture.

By joining this course you will:

- Learn the story of Scripture from beginning to end including the key people, places and events, as told in the 14 narrative books
- Learn the 12 time periods in Salvation History using easy to remember colour codes for each period
- Discover the covenants God made with His people leading to the establishment of the Catholic church
- Discover where the biblical events are placed in world history

The course begins on **Wednesday 21st September**.

Two sessions will be available : **10.00 am to 11.30 am**; or **5.00 pm to 6.30 pm** at the Parish Administration Centre.



All welcome!

HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY MASS AND MEAL

The Lennox Head Holy Family Committee invites you to the second monthly dinner at the Lennox Head Bowling Club after 5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday 24th September.

A table is booked for you at 6:00 p.m.

The table booking is called *Holy Family*.

No need to book in, just come and relax with the people you see every week but never have the opportunity to chat to.



'A little gem by the sea'



'CHERRY COFFEE CLUB'

Ladies of our parish you are invited to gather for morning tea. **10.00 am Tuesday 27th September at Cherry Street Bowling Club.**

No booking required. All welcome!



CLAIM THE DATE: Friday 21st October

Holy Family Catholic School Mini Fete 12.15 pm to 2.45 pm

Support Catholic Missions.

Parishioners are warmly welcome to join in this special celebration.

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: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14;*A reading from the book of Exodus*

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R): I will rise and go to my father.**

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**

2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**

3. O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in

ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 15:1-10 (shorter version)***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER**FEAST OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM ~ TUESDAY**

Entrance Antiphon: Those who are wise will shine brightly like the splendour of the firmament and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars for ever.

Communion Antiphon: We proclaim Christ crucified; Christ, the power of God and the wisdom of God.

THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS ~ WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered.

Communion Antiphon: When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS ~ THURSDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Simeon said to Mary: Behold, this child is destined for the ruin and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign of contradiction; and your own soul a sword will pierce.

Communion Antiphon: Rejoice when you share in the sufferings of Christ, that you may also rejoice exultantly when his glory is revealed.

FEAST OF SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN ~ FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon: The souls of the Saints are rejoicing in heaven, the Saints who followed the footsteps of Christ, and since for love of him they shed their blood, they now exult with Christ for ever.

Communion Antiphon: It is you who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer a kingdom on you, says the Lord, that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom.



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