

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.

**25th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

18th September, 2022

'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
12.00 noon**

**Tuesday, Thursday &
Friday this week**

**LITURGY WITH
HOLY COMMUNION
WEDNESDAY**

RECONCILIATION

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

Feast Days this week

**Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn
& Companions
Tuesday**

**St Matthew
Wednesday**

**St Pius of Pietrelcina
Friday**

No place for greed in God's world

Human nature doesn't seem to change very much. Writing some 750 years before the coming of Christ, the prophet Amos is complaining about the rich and powerful exploiting the poor and oppressed.

In Amos' time, Israel had become quite a wealthy nation but, as in much of the world today, corruption and greed meant resources were not equally shared among the ordinary people.

As we know, the Church itself is not immune from corruption. As disciples of Jesus, we are called upon to challenge all non-Gospel values whether in the Church or society at large. Going back to Pope Leo XIII (*Rerum Novarum* 1891), the Church expounds fundamental principles of social justice including dignified working conditions, just wages, the right of workers' associations (trade unions) and private property, and defence of the poor.

While rejecting communism outright, the document is also critical of unbridled capitalism. Every human society needs to be founded on the dignity of the human person, the common good, and principles of justice and subsidiarity.

Pope Francis speaks more directly about the need for the Church itself to be an agent of social transformation by being "a church that is poor and for the poor". In a manner reminiscent of Jesus in today's gospel, Francis tells us "the judgment of the needy, the outcast and the poor prefigures the judgment of God." He also connects the Church's call to poverty with Francis of Assisi "the man of peace who loves and protects creation".

Pope Francis speaks of the inseparable bond between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society, and interior peace. Furthermore, he directly links human greed with the breakdown of human community, increase in world tensions, and destruction of the environment.

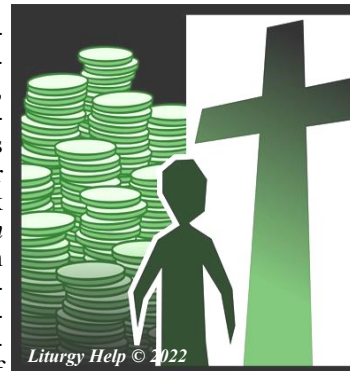
Calling for a "global ecological conversion," Pope Francis states that "everything is connected" including the worth of a poor person, the stranger, the refugee, and the cry of nature. He adds that "communion with nature is impossible without tenderness, compassion and concern for our fellow human beings".

In other words, we are called to a spiritual awakening to the reality that human life is grounded in three intertwined relationships: with

God, with our neighbour and with the earth itself. While Pope Francis is bold enough to address his writings to "every living person on this planet," he is also calling on the Church to become a more genuine and authentic community of Jesus' disciples.

Or, in Jesus' words, let us become more "trustworthy" in the manner we use our resources – money, talents and time – for building up the kingdom of God on earth, rather than building up kingdoms of power and wealth for ourselves. In the words of another parable, let us become "trustworthy servants" who use our gifts in the service of others and as active stewards of God's creation.

Gerard Hall SM
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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: 26th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 24th/25th September
Readings: Amos 6:1,4-7; Psalm 145; 1Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Yvonne Head Jeanette Wilkins	Wendy Hughes Gary Reen	Warwick Manning Jim O'Kane
EMHC	Phil Chapman	Margaret Tay & Cathy Campbell	Maxine Cole
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Sue Hetherington Tye Hetherington	Kevin Lewis	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Deborah Tan, Pauline Jelich,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: John Nilon,
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, Auntie 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.

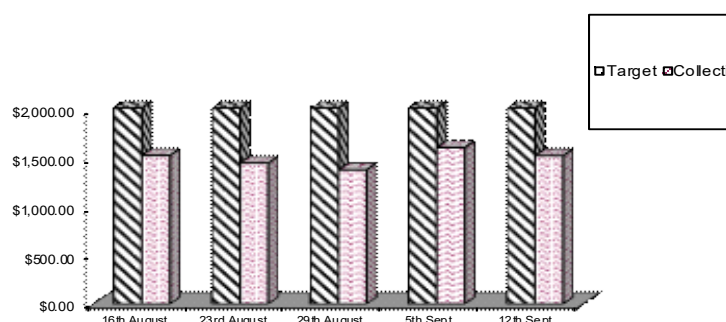
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 **ref: your name**
- 2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish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

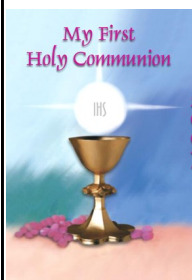
First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 735.45
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 342.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,513.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices

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

'Congratulations'



to all the children from
St Francis Xavier Parish who
receive their
First Holy Communion
this Sunday.

**LITURGY WITH HOLY COMMUNION THIS
WEDNESDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 12.00 NOON**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY
NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING FOR
HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
THIS THURSDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER
12.00 NOON MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
Parish Admin Office will be closed.**

**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!

Adult Faith Formation

The Diocese has just completed a 'closed' course for fifteen participants, Images of Jesus, through the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF). This was a wonderful opportunity for people from the parishes of Our Lady of the Rosary (Alstonville), St Agnes (Port Macquarie) and Macleay Valley (Kempsey) to interact with and learn from each other.

Registrations for Cycle 7 Courses with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) are now open.

Close on 19th October (Courses begin 24th October.)

See Course offerings for Cycle 7.

The schedule for 2023 is out now. Courses are five weeks in duration and cost \$US50. The Diocese has had over 60 people access various courses over the last two years.

Learn more about the VLCFF at <https://vlcff.udayton.edu/about/> or by clicking the link. If anyone is interested in pursuing any of the listed courses, don't hesitate to contact Tony Worner at LCFF.LismoreDiocese@stagnesparish.org.au.

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



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!

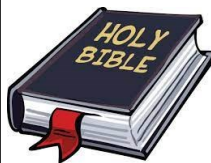
JOIN THE GREAT ADVENTURE

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

This course begins this **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!



SISTERS OF MERCY FEAST DAY

this Saturday 24th September

Srs Larelle & Grace Laverty

We hope you both have a Happy Feast Day.

Love and prayers from the parish.

PARISH 'CUPPA'

**in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church
Sunday 2nd October following the
9.00 am Mass.**

Everyone is very 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.

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 6621 9444 or email: safeguarding@lismore.catholic.org.au

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: Amos 8:4-7;*A reading from the prophet Amos*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R): Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! **(R.)**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dunghill he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and

will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 16:10-13 (shorter version)***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?'

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER**

FEAST OF SAINTS ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, PAUL CHŌNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS ~ TUESDAY

Entrance Antiphon: The blood of the holy Martyrs was poured out for Christ upon the earth; therefore they have gained everlasting rewards.

Communion Antiphon: Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father, says the Lord.

FEAST OF ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE ~ WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, says the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: I did not come to call the just, but sinners, says the Lord.

THURSDAY ~ 22ND SEPTEMBER

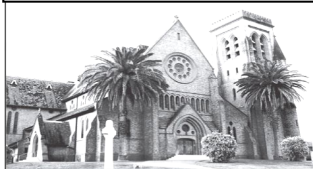
Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

FEAST OF SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST ~ FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; your holy ones shall ring out their joy

Communion Antiphon: Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when he comes. Amen, I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all his property



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