

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.**

**26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

25th 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

Tuesday to Friday

12.00 noon

RECONCILIATION

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

Feast Days this week

St Vincent de Paul

Tuesday

**Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
archangels**

Thursday

St Jerome

Friday

St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Saturday

Knowing the nobody as somebody

It's easy enough to be invisible in our society, just be poor. We often don't see the outsiders, who become the nobodies, and then, quite literally, we remove them from our sight – to cheap motels, to grotty boarding houses, to the edges of our cities, to Christmas Island, while not forgetting those who lie at our gates in what we call the 'Third World': out of sight so they might all be kept out of mind. We see them differently in this week's gospel where the nobody is revealed as a somebody.

Lazarus lies at the rich man's gate, hoping for a few crumbs from his table, but the rich man doesn't see him. His lifestyle doesn't allow for Lazarus, though we often see him on our streets, occasionally thinking if I give him something he'll probably spend it on alcohol or drugs. We're more familiar with the rich man because he resembles us, even if we think who me, rich? No way. At least he doesn't call the police to come and move Lazarus on, which is a reminder that he's not simply self-serving and Lazarus isn't necessarily virtuous, but that's not the point of the parable: it's that the rich man simply doesn't acknowledge his existence.

Then Lazarus dies and is taken up to heaven, finding a home in Abraham's bosom and, soon after, the rich man dies and finds himself in Hades. The nobody is seen as a somebody and vice versa. In torment the rich man asks Abraham to send Lazarus, whom he now

acknowledges by name, with a little water to cool him, and when Abraham replies it's impossible, the rich man says, then send him to warn his five brothers, but Abraham says, let them listen to Moses and the prophets and if they won't, then someone rising from the dead isn't going to convince them.

They certainly won't listen to the prophet Amos, an outsider himself, who denounces the self-absorbed well-to-do, who are so caught up in their lifestyles that they're blinded to the needs of the poor. Nor will they sing the psalm of God's love for all those cast out, those whom scripture says we must care for.

This applies as much to the Pharisees to whom the parable is addressed, as it does to us, because we're prone to the same satisfactions, the same reluctance to change our lives.

At a weekly café run by a nearby parish, lunch is provided for anyone who comes, and so they all sit down together to eat, visitors and helpers, for a moment recognising there's no more them and us, there's

simply us: it's a moment of grace. And when we're able to be with the poor, the outsiders, the nobodies, and know them as somebodies, we'll begin to know Jesus Christ as Paul speaks of him at the end of the second reading, making real on earth God's unending love.

Damian Coleridge
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We are a community who welcomes everyone without exception.

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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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

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ROSTER: 27th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 1st/2nd October

Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; Psalm 94; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Trish Bazar Jeanette Wilkins	Mark Biddle Annette Reen	Leanne Robbins Maxine Cole
EMHC	Yvonne Head	Gary Reen & Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Emma McFadden Wally Carter	Damien Kennedy	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Rizzo, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Deborah Tan,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Judy Hoolihan, Elva Kidd, Patricia Holwell, 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: Joan Leach, Hugo Bonello (18 mths), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Fr Louis Molloy sm, Dymrna 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

September 26th	Monday 3.00 pm	Crowley Care Aux Meeting
September 27th	Tuesday 10.00 am	'Cherry Coffee Club' Morning Tea
September 28th	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am and 5.00 to 6.30 pm	'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre
October 2nd	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
October 15th	Saturday 6.00 pm	Parish Youth Mass
October 22nd/23rd	Saturday Vigils Sunday Masses	Catholic Mission Appeal weekend
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.

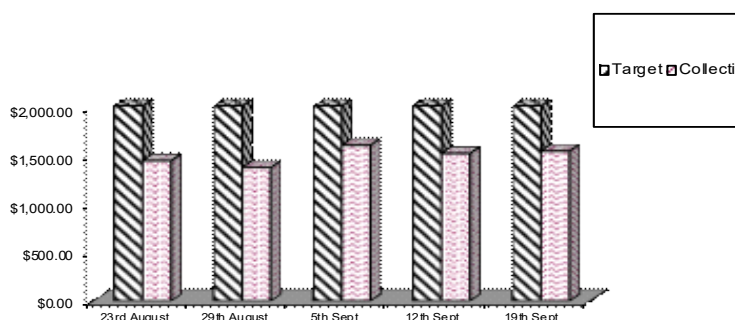
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name
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-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

First Collection	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 637.25
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 277.55
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,537.10
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices

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



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins **NEXT** **Sunday 2nd October**. Don't forget to turn your clocks **forward** one hour.

'WELCOME'

TO OUR PARISH FATHER JIM GRIFFIN
Father Jim will assist Father Peter with our weekend Masses as Father Anselm takes annual leave.

We wish Father Anselm a happy and restful holiday and look forward to his safe return to us.

PARISH 'CUPPA'

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

Everyone is very welcome.



HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY MASS AND MEAL



'A little gem by the sea'

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

this 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.



'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!



Holy Family Lennox Head Committee

The Committee will meet this Friday 30th September at 9.30 a.m. in the Sacred Heart Room, behind the Holy Family Church, with coffee afterwards. Input from parishioners welcomed.

Feast of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

On **Saturday 1st October**, the Feast of St Thérèse, there will be a special Mass at the Carmelite Monastery at 10.00 am. Blessed roses will be distributed at the conclusion of Mass and morning Tea will follow. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please note there will be **no** 8.00am Mass on this day at the Monastery.



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



CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY

The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **This 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 weeks, 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.

This course has begun but it is not too late to join this Adventure. Please contact the Parish Office 6681 1048 or email admin@sfxballina.org.au to register your interest.



Next sessions This Wednesday 28th September. Two sessions are available : **10.00 am to 11.30 am;** or **5.00 pm to 6.30 pm** at the Parish Administration Centre.



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THE BEATITUDES

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| 1. Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are the gentle
For they shall possess the land. | 2. Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice sake. |
| 3. Blessed are they that mourn
for they shall be comforted,
blessed are the clean of heart
for they shall see God. | 4. Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,
and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake. |
| 5. Blessed are the merciful
for mercy they will find,
blessed are the peace-makers
for they shall be called God's children. | |

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: Is in recess for the school holidays. For further inquiries 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 6:1, 4-7;*A reading from the prophet Amos*

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R): Praise the Lord my soul.**1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)****Second Reading: 1Timothy 6:11-16***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible

light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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.

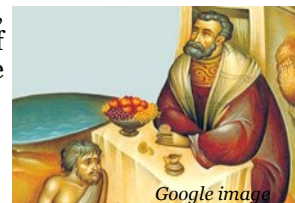
Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 16:19-31***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.



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FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER**FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL ~ TUESDAY****Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.**WEDNESDAY ~ 28TH SEPTEMBER****Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.**FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS ~ THURSDAY****Entrance Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, all you his angels, mighty in power, fulfilling his word, and heeding his voice.**Communion Antiphon:** I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart; in the presence of the Angels I will praise you.**FEAST OF SAINT JEROME, PRIEST ~ FRIDAY****Entrance Antiphon:** Blessed indeed is he who ponders the law of the Lord day and night: he will yield his fruit in due season.**Communion Antiphon:** Lord God, your words were found and I consumed them; your word became the joy and the happiness of my heart.**Invest** with peace of mind

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