

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.

**27th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

2nd October, 2022

**OCTOBER MONTH OF
THE HOLY ROSARY
'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 Francis of Assisi
Tuesday

**Our Lady of
the Rosary**
Friday



Faith is not measured by size

If you happen to take a road trip in the United States, you may see an advertisement for a local tourist attraction that is said to be the 'World's Largest', for example, the world's largest Thermometer or the world's largest Mailbox.

The world seems to have on an ongoing fascination with size; the bigger, the better.

When the Titanic was launched, she was the largest ship afloat. Today, the largest cruise ship, the Wonder of the Seas, is five times the size of the Titanic,

catering for almost 7,000 guests in 2,867 staterooms. Dubai famously boasts the world's tallest building, the Burj Khalifa, which has 163 floors. Though not the tallest or largest in the world, Australia can lay claim to the largest stadium, the largest mall and the tallest building in the southern hemisphere. Taller and larger, for

some, seems to be the hallmark for excellence and achievement.

However, size is not everything, as in today's gospel passage when the apostles ask for their faith to 'increase'. Jesus replied: *"Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, 'be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."*

Given that the mustard seed was one of the smallest seeds known to farmers at that time,

this would have been a confronting answer for the apostles to hear. Was Jesus telling them that their faith can't even be compared to the smallness of a mustard seed?

Perhaps by taking Jesus literally and comparing their faith to the very small size of a mustard seed the apostles are missing Jesus' meaning. Faith is not measured so much by physical size, be it large or small, but more by the quality of the relationship in which it is expressed ... the relationship the apostles had

with Jesus and with God, and the quality of the relationships they had with others.

So, just as it was for the apostles, as disciples and followers of Jesus it is the same for us today. We too are asked not to measure our faith by size but by the quality of our relationship with Jesus and God and the people with whom we meet, converse and interact each day.

Do we have faith in God to be with us, to walk with us especially through the tough and difficult times in our lives, and to trust that God will never abandon us? Yes, we do. As Christians our trust in God is built around our faith. It is a faith we should strive to live each day with our family, friends and the people around us.

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SCHOOLS:

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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: 28th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 8th/9th October
Readings: 2 Kings 5:14-17; Psalm 97; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Pauline Fingleton Yvonne Head</i>	<i>Nicole Sullivan Richard Goss</i>	<i>Warwick Manning Jim O'Kane</i>
EMHC	<i>Peter Fear</i>	<i>Margaret Tay & Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins</i>
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	<i>Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps</i>	<i>Jean Mackay</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Margaret Rizzo, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,
THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: William Karl Curtain, Lyndall Pavey, Kitty Gorton, Betty McNiff

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: Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson (*Brisbane 1 yr*), Joan Leach, Hugo Bonello (*18 mths*), David Anderton, 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

October 2nd	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish Cuppa
October 5th	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am and 5.00 to 6.30 pm	'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre
October 10th	Monday 1.00 pm	40 years' Parish CCR
October 15th	Saturday 11.00 am to 12.00 noon	Public Square Rosary Lennox Head Church grounds
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.

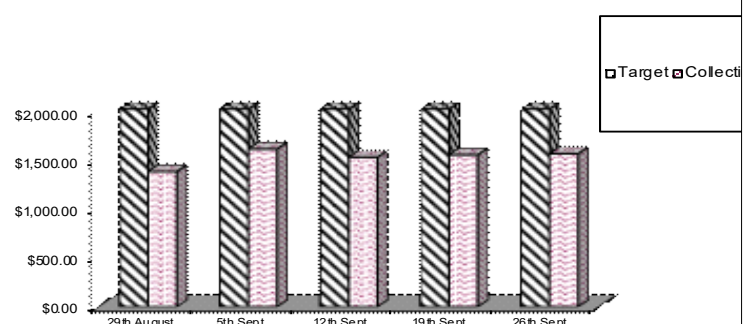
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your **Planned Giving Donation ONLY**
- By making an EFTPOS donation — **1st Collection** to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 **ref: your name**
- **2nd Collection** to St Francis Xavier 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	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 698.25
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 276.25
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,549.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices

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

HOLY WATER DISPENSERS FOR BOTH CHURCHES:

Please use the dispensers at the entrances to our Churches. A fine mist will be dispensed once you have placed your hand underneath the sensor.

'CONGRATULATIONS AND MANY BLESSINGS'



Vanessa Perrin & Stephen Condon
on their Marriage at
Holy Family Church Lennox Head,
this weekend.

Love and prayers to you both from all the Parish.

PARISH 'CUPPA' in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church This Sunday 2nd October following the 9.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very welcome.



SINCERE SYMPATHY: Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family of **Margaret Rizzo** who has sadly passed away. Requiem Mass will be held this **Friday 7th October** in St Francis Xavier Church, Ballina at **12.00 noon**.

This will be the **only Mass for Friday**.

ADORATION: There will be **no** Adoration this Friday due to the Requiem Mass.

2022 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY Holy Family Church Grounds Come and join together

Saturday 15th October 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Again the Nation Wide Rosary Chain will be taking place across Australia and other countries on Saturday 15th October—the Saturday nearest to the day Our Lady of Fatima worked the great 'Miracle of the Sun' before astonished eyes of 70,000 people in Portugal.

The Australian Rosary Crusade will ask for God's merciful blessings upon Australia through the powerful intercession of Our Lady of Fatima.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. To honour our Blessed Mother and draw closer to her son Jesus, we are invited to pray at least one decade of the Rosary every day. Our Lady's request at Fatima was to pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world.

Pope Francis prayer request for May 2016 was *'that families, communities and groups may pray the Holy Rosary for evangelisation and peace'*.

WHEN AND WHERE: SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER

11.00 AM ~ CAR PARK GROUNDS OF HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH, LENNOX HEAD.

All families and children welcome.

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

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

BALLINA CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL CELEBRATING 40 YEARS



Our local CCR prayer group will celebrate their 40 years of active prayer life in our parish on **Monday 10th October**.

Lunch will be provided from 1.00 pm and all parishioners are invited to join in this wonderful celebration in the Anawim Room, Parish Administration Centre.

For further information contact please **Maxine Cole** phn 0429 669 029 or 6681 1048.

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**.

Next sessions **This Wednesday 5th October**.

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

All welcome!



'YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES..'

Acts 1:8

CATHOLIC MISSION WEEKEND 22nd/23rd OCTOBER

Bring Hope to Neela and her family:

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with the Church in Ethiopia as it builds a new and exciting and exciting community project to help address malnutrition in rural communities like Emdibir.

This work simply will not be possible without your support—we hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need.



Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia

GENTLE AS SILENCE

1. Oh, the love of my Lord
is the essence,
Of all that I love here on
Earth.
All the beauty I see,
He has given to me.
And His giving is as gentle
as silence.

2. Every day, every hour,
every moment,
Have been blessed
by the
Strength of His love.
At the turn of each tide,
He is there at my side,
And His touch is as
Gentle as silence.

3. There've been times
when I've turned from His presence,
and I've walked other paths, other ways.
But I've called on His name,
In the dark of my shame,
And his mercy was as gentle as silence.

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: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4;*A reading from the prophet Habakkuk*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:**(R): If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.
Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

The word of the Lord stands for ever;
it is the word given to you, the Good News.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 17:5-10***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.
'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Liturgy Help*

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

Entrance Antiphon: Francis, the man of God, left his home behind, abandoned his inheritance and became poor and penniless, but the Lord raised him up.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



POSITION VACANT: We are seeking applications for a role within the Diocese, a Catholic Chaplain who will be supporting the Mid north Coast Correctional Centre in Kempsey, NSW. The Chaplain position is 70 hours a fortnight, however part-time will also be considered. The suitably qualified Chaplain will provide high quality transformational pastoral care and spiritual support to inmates, their families/carers, and staff.

Access EthicalJobs.com.au - Employer Portal to obtain more information and to apply online for the role or alternatively email your resume to jobs@lismore.catholic.org.au or call the People and Capability Advisor on 02 6621 9444. The closing date for this role is 23rd October 2022.



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