

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.

**28th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

9th 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 Day this week

St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Saturday

A spiritual jingle

Have you ever memorised a song, a hymn, a saying, or motto? Advertising companies are paid huge dollars for jingles that stick in the minds of potential customers.

Associating the jingle with images on television linked to pleasant feelings allows the advertiser to join their product — say an energy drink — with memories of something you value. They thereby elicit a desire for their product. Not at all subtle but it often works.

St Paul wants to do something similar. He said, "This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself."

This is much like a wisdom saying — an apothegm or aphorism. Philosophers, ancient (Heraclitus) and modern (Nietzsche) are famous for writing like this.

Great sages, mystics, and spiritual teachers of Eastern religions did and do very much the same. In this aphoristic style they want to pack as much content into as few words as possible in a way that is easy to memorise, like a jingle, and yet must be mulled over again and again. The more the saying is contemplated, the deeper the receiver realises it to be. The deeper the receiver enters the ideas of the saying, the more they are transformed by it.

It should be easy for us to trust that St Paul

is offering us something worth meditating on. *This saying is trustworthy*, he says: what I am about to tell you is worth trusting, worth shaping your life by. And we would be right to think that what follows has something to do with our relation to Jesus Christ. The saying is composed of four conditional (if/then) statements. (1) *if we have died with him we shall also live with him*; (2) *if we persevere we shall also reign with him*; (3) *but if we deny him he will deny us*; (4) *if we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself*.

The first statement seems to recall the mystery of baptism where we undergo sacramental death and resurrection that joins us to Christ's own. The second statement encapsulates the core meaning of salvation in the Christian sense: to *live* for Christ in this world leads to a *share* in his reign or rule — a *partnership* with him — in his eternal kingdom that will bring to *fullness*

in us God's original purpose in creating humanity. The third and fourth statements pair a *warning*, deeply consistent with the rest of the New Testament, with a *promise* that recognises our weakness and his merciful fidelity.

Memorise it. Ponder it. Learn to make your decisions by it. See what happens! St Paul gives us a well-rounded doorway into the mystery of our faith with this aphorism.

W Chris Hackett

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PARISH ADMINISTRATION CENTRE:

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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: 29th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 15th/16th October
Readings: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3:14—4:2; Luke 18:1-8

| | 6.00 pm Vigil Ballina | Sunday 9.00 am Ballina | Sunday 11.00 am Ballina |
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| Readers | Parish Youth Parish Youth | Mark Biddle Gary Reen | Maxine Cole Maurice Gahan |
| EMHC | Parish Youth | Adam Sullivan & Cathy Campbell | Leanne Robbins |
| | Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass | Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am |   |
| Readers | Paul Milgate Mick Vella | Marie Sullivan | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Jayden Charbel El Jer, Bunty Sainsbury, Margaret Rizzo, Queen Elizabeth II,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Jack Flood, Patricia Holwell,

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, 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

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

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| October 10th | Monday 1.00 pm | 40 years' Parish CCR |
| October 12th | Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am and 5.00 to 6.30 pm | 'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre |
| 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 + XCC |
| October 22nd/23rd | Saturday Vigils Sunday Masses | Catholic Mission Appeal weekend |
| November 1st | Tuesday 12.30 pm to 3.30 pm | Crowley Auxiliary Luncheon |
| 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**

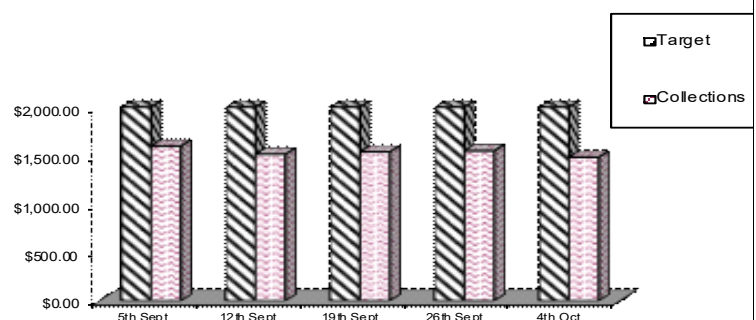
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ 1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS: Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

- 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.

DIF PAYS 1.75% PER ANNUM effective from 1ST OCTOBER, 2022
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

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| First Collection | Support of our Diocese Priests | \$ 609.80 |
| Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund | Loose Plate | \$ 272.05 |
| | Planned Giving Envelopes Collected | \$1,481.85 |
| Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target | | \$2,009.00 |



Parish Notices

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

EXAM TIME ~ Prayers and best wishes to all
Year 12 students sitting for their HSC
exams, beginning Wednesday this week.



SINCERE SYMPATHY

Our parish extends sincere sympathy to the family
of **Bunty Sainsbury** who has sadly passed away.
Requiem Mass has taken place.

Feast Day of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Saturday 18th October
Mass at 10.00 am at the Carmelite Monastery in
Goonellabah.
Everyone is welcome to attend.
(No 8.00 am Mass on this day)

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

This Saturday 15th October 11.00 am to 12.00 noon
We will pray for God's merciful blessings upon Australia,
our families and our Parish through the powerful interces-
sion of Our Lady of Fatima. Joyful Mysteries will be prayed.
Morning tea will follow the Rosary Crusade. (Shared 'treat'
plate appreciated). Bring your Rosaries and a fold-up chair
if needed, umbrella for sun or rain.

Enquiries to Parish Office 6681 1048 or Marie 6687 6910
All families and children welcome.



CROWLEY AUXILIARY
MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
Join the Auxiliary for their annual Melbourne
Cup luncheon
Tuesday 1st November 2022
Crowley Activity Centre
12.30 pm to 3.30 pm \$50.00 per person
BYO drinks



Tickets include a glass of sparkling wine on
arrival and Lucky Door Prize.
Please book and pay at Crowley Reception by
Tuesday 25th October.

Please Note: This event will proceed subject to COVID
status at the time.



PALMS AUSTRALIA ~ EMBRACE THE CALL
TO GLOBAL MISSION: American Samoa, Cam-
bodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines,
Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand,

Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian
Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish commu-
nities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad
and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be
well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have
engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.
Enquire online <https://palms.org.au> or Phn 0422 742 567



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.



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 **THIS**
Monday 10th October. Finger food lunch will be provid-
ed from 1.00 pm and all parishioners are invited to join in this
wonderful celebration in the Anawim Room, Parish Admin-
istration Centre. For further information contact please Max-
ine Cole phn 0429 669 029 or 6681 1048.

PARISH YOUTH MASS—SATURDAY 15TH OCTOBER 6.00 PM VIGIL MASS



Everyone Welcome to
Xavier Catholic College 2023 Year 12 Student
Leaders will be presented and
commissioned at this Mass.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

You are invited to join in this unique form of prayer. 9.30 am
Saturdays in the Anawim Room Parish Administration Centre,
entry via Swift Street.

*Christian meditation is a very simple and ancient tradition of
prayer. You will be most welcomed into this group.*

'YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES..' Acts 1:8 CATHOLIC MISSION WEEKEND

22nd/23rd OCTOBER

Bring Hope to Neela and her family:

Malnutrition is a challenge many families face in
Ethiopia, especially those with babies and young
children. In two week's time, you will learn about
Neela* and her son Ajani*, and how families like
theirs can be supported through a new Church-run
community program. This is an opportunity to
partner with a life-giving mission program—your
prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this
program can even begin.

** Names altered to protect identity.*



Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia



Marriage Enrichment Weekend

*Join us to learn together to live your best
life in love!*

Join us on 28-30th October 2022

At Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW
a stunning & tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney.

Book online at www.wwme.org.au

or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419**
or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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 Lis-
more, we ask you to contact us. We will listen to you respect-
fully, 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

Parish Youth Group: 7.00pm Saturday evening 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: 2 Kings 5:14-17;*A reading from the second book of Kings*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(R.)**
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot

chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord.

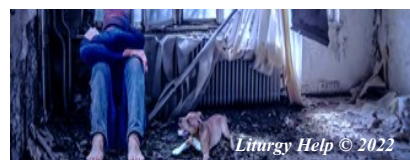
Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 17:11-19***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Communion Antiphon: The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



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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