

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.

29th Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)

16th 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 Ignatius of Antioch
Monday

St Luke, evangelist
Tuesday

St John Paul II, pope
Saturday

Persistence in prayer

The Amalekites were a fierce desert tribe, unhappy about strangers coming into their territory and they became one of Israel's enemies in the early periods of their history. After the lengthy Israelite Exodus from Egypt, and as they prepared to enter the promised land the Amalekites attacked Israel, but Israel repulsed the attack. The battle took place at Rephidim – the last stopping-place of the Israelites on the Exodus from Egypt before they reached Mt Sinai.

As the leader of the people, Moses asks Joshua, who will be his successor, to engage the Amalekites in battle while he went with Aaron, his brother, and Hur, a co-leader of the people, to a hill where they could see the progress of the battle. The prayer of Moses ensures victory, but when he became tired, they gave him a rock to sit on and then held up his arms in prayer until Joshua achieved victory.

It is a memorable story of the power of prayer, although one feels sorry for the Amalekites who were one of the inhabitants of the land the Israelites were to occupy. However, the message of the story is that God looked after the chosen people whom God delivered from exile in Egypt.

Persistence in prayer is also the theme of the gospel with the widow gradually winning over the judge, not by argumentation, but by the consistency of her request for justice against her adversary.

Do these two stories mean that we can get

God to give us what we want if we just persist in making our request?

The answer is no for a God whom we can manipulate is not the God in whom we believe. We pray to God in hope for the outcomes we desire but we cannot presume that God will give us what we want. We pray in hopeful expectation but not with presumption and God gives us what we need even if it is not what we hoped for.

We may not always receive that for which we pray; instead, something entirely different may come our way. Some people deal with this by saying, "I asked something of God, and God's answer was no." Our prayers of petition are an acknowledgment of our dependence on God, and we must never stop turning to God in our need, but we patiently await God's response.

We should also remember that petition is only one

form of prayer. There are prayers of praise, thanksgiving, contrition and worship. These prayers are our response to God, who has spoken to us before we even think to pray. God speaks through creation, and we respond in praise; God speaks through people and events of our lives, and we express our gratitude; when we have been unfaithful to our commitments, God calls us back, and we repent; God's past goodness speaks to us, and we worship the one who cares for us.

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PARISH LIBRARY:

SCHOOLS:

AGED CARE:

Administrator of Ballina Parish: Father Peter Padsungay

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Phone: 6681 1048; Fax: 6686 8774; Email: admin@sfxballina.org.au

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: 30th Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 22nd/23rd October

Readings: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; Psalm 32; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	<i>Julie McKinnon Pauline Fingleton</i>	<i>Richard Goss Margaret Tay</i>	<i>Leanne Robbins Warwick Manning</i>
EMHC	<i>Trish Bazar</i>	<i>Adam Sullivan & Cathy Campbell</i>	<i>Maxine Cole</i>
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	
Readers	<i>Sue Hetherington Emma McFadden</i>	<i>Kevin Lewis</i>	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Tommy Roskell, Jayden Charbel El Jer, Bunty Sainsbury, Margaret Rizzo,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Gino Garzolini, Hector & Betty McNiff jnr, Hector & Margaret McNiff snr,

AND ALSO FOR: *Ted Murphy, James & Mary Rogers, Cath Waddell, C & S Hosie, Mick & Gwynne Waugh, Fay Kerlake, 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: *Leila Atken (Sydney), Virginia Kohlbach and family, Aoife Stephenson 1 yr (Brisbane), Joan Leach, Hugo Bonello (18 mths), David Anderton, Patrick Connelley, Maria Hosking, Kaley Nobbs, Barbara Levett, Fr Louis Molloy sm, Dympna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Auntie Julia Paden, 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*

UP COMING PARISH EVENTS

October 19th	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am and 5.00 to 6.30 pm	'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre
October 22nd/23rd	Saturday Vigils Sunday Masses	Catholic Mission Appeal weekend
October 25th	Tuesday 10.00 am	Cherry Coffee Club Morning Tea
October 31st	Monday 3.00pm	Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting
November 1st	Tuesday 12.30 to 3.30 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Lunch
November 6th	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa'
November 20th	Sunday 9.00 am	Youth Mass (Parish Youth Retreat 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**

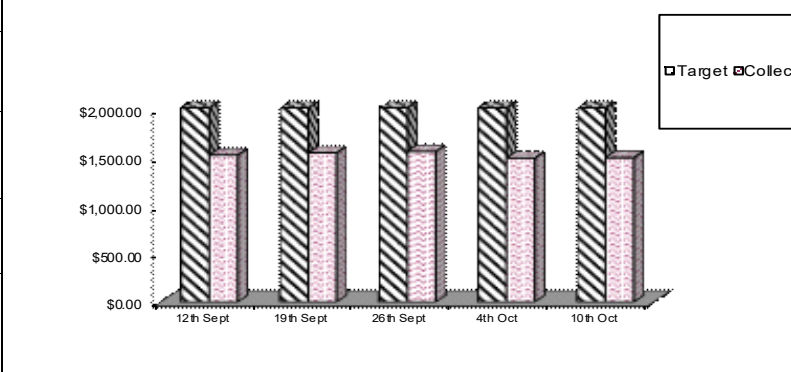
SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH ~ 1st & 2nd COLLECTIONS: Parishioners are able to continue their contribution to our clergy and the parish if they wish by following the following information.

- **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.**

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

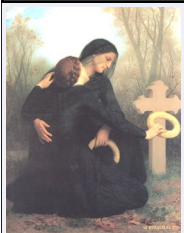
THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

First Collection	<i>Support of our Diocese Priests</i>	\$ 736.90
Second Collection <i>Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund</i>	Loose Plate	\$ 285.90
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,486.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



Parish Notices

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



NOVEMBER MASSES: It is traditional to pray during November for our loved ones and for all who have died. You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes. There will be additional November Mass envelopes at the back of the churches for your use.

Please **print** names clearly so they can be easily read. Two lists of the names will be printed. One copy will be displayed in our churches and the other on the altar. All Masses in November will be offered for all those on the list.

2022 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY

Thank you to those who joined the Rosary Crusade yesterday to pray for God's blessings on our families, Parish and our Australian nation.

There is community prayer at Holy Family Church each week with Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet on Wednesdays, monthly devotion to Our Lady of Fatima 1st Saturday of each month at 8.00 am and each Sunday before 7.30 am Mass the Rosary is recited.

We are all encouraged to pray the Rosary in our families, reflecting on at least one decade daily. *'The family that prays together—stays together.'* Father Patrick Peyton



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 This Tuesday 25th October.

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



YOUTH RETREAT WEEKEND

St Francis Xavier Parish is hosting a youth retreat for high school aged students. During the retreat, students will have the opportunity to hear from engaging speakers, participate in worship and encounter Jesus through the Holy

Sacraments. This retreat will focus on fellowship with other students while being led by parish young adult leaders. It will be held on the 19th and 20th of November.

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

UPDATE TO PLACES OF WORSHIP

Easing of restrictions within our Churches from November

- Collections by way of passing the plate may recommence. Plates to be sanitise before and after use.
- Communal sign of Peace may be exchanged physically. It is up to the individual. Bowing and waving are also commonly being used.
- Administering the Eucharist on the tongue may recommence. As far as possible those who receive on the tongue should come after those who receive on the hand. This is for the safety of the person distributing Holy Communion and those later in the queue.
- Offertory procession to recommence. If you would like to be involved in this, please advise the Parish Office and a roster (if needed) will be prepared for our weekend Masses.

'YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES..' Acts 1:8

CATHOLIC MISSION NEXT WEEKEND 22nd/23rd OCTOBER

Bring Hope to Neela and her family:

Many families in Emdibir are subsistence farmers, and distressingly, many are unable to put enough food on the table each day.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Church and community of Emdibir, Ethiopia, where your gift can help build a life-changing program from the ground up to help address this urgent need.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.



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



This 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.

PREGNANCY HELP : You can make a difference. A Pro Life Pregnancy Help organisation, **Pregnancy Help Sydney**, is looking for volunteers to take their free training course, which you can do from your own home and attend 2 in service weekends in Sydney in 2023.

PHS is a free 24/7 telephone support service for pregnant women. For more information and expressions of interest by 1st November please call Karin on 0403 305 431 or email support@pregnancyhelpsydney.com

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT: For ages 18—35 years.

Saturday 5th November 9.30 am to 3.30 pm at Invercauld House, 163 Invercauld Road, Goonellabah. NSW. Registration Cost \$25.00.

Speaker: Bishop Greg Homeming, OCD

For further information contact: 0405 327153

Email: youth@stearthages.org.au

'Follow the Voice Within'

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: Exodus 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**

2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**

3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Lk 18:1-8

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' The Gospel of the Lord.



FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER

TUESDAY, ~ FEAST OF ST LUKE

Entrance Antiphon: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings glad tidings of peace, bearing good news, announcing salvation!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord sent out disciples to proclaim throughout the towns: The kingdom of God is at hand for you.

WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY & FRIDAY

Entrance Antiphon: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



'CHERRY COFFEE CLUB'

Ladies of our parish you are invited to gather for morning tea. **10.00 am Tuesday 25th October at Cherry Street Bowling Club.**

No booking required. All welcome!

PARISH 'CUPPA'

in the grounds of **St Francis Xavier Church** Sunday 6th November following the 9.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very welcome.



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