

# St Francis Xavier

## Catholic Parish of Ballina

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**St Francis Xavier Church,**  
47 Cherry Street,  
Ballina

welcome

**Holy Family Church,**  
94 Ballina Street,  
Lennox Head.

**30th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time (C)**

**23rd October, 2022**

### MISSION SUNDAY

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

**Wednesday to Friday**

**12.00 noon**

**Liturgy of the Word with  
Holy Communion this Tuesday  
12.00 noon**

### RECONCILIATION

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

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**Feast Day this week**

**Sts Simon & Jude, Apostles  
Friday**

## Pride and prejudice

Today's reading from Luke's gospel continues Jesus' teaching on prayer. It relates one of Jesus' best-known parables, the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector. As with all of Jesus' parables, it turns our expectations upside down!

Luke begins by noting that "Jesus spoke this parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else."

Jesus speaks first of the Pharisee as a good and upright man, not greedy, dishonest, or adulterous, who in his fasting and alms-giving does even more than the religious laws required. He is indeed a model of obedience to the Law. By no means does Jesus condemn him.

The tax collector, on the other hand, is by no means a virtuous man. He is despised as a collaborator with the occupying Roman oppressors and for his often fraudulent and extortionist practices in the process of his tax collecting. He was the lowest of the low in society, reviled by all. But Jesus turns our expectations upside down, teaching us that it was not "the good man" whose prayer is pleasing to God! It was the tax collector, not the Pharisee, who "went home justified," whose prayer found favour with God. Why? The Pharisee, for all his moral superiority, was a sinner, but he didn't recognise it.

His sinfulness is his lack of humility, his pride, and, moreover, his lack of compassion and his condescending and prejudicial atti-

tude towards others.

Jesus also notes that, in his prayer, the Pharisee is speaking "to himself," not to God. The Pharisee was virtuous in his attention to the many requirements of the law; but not in his attitude to others or to God. The tax collector, by contrast, does not even dare to raise his eyes to heaven when he prays. Without a trace of self-righteousness or self-justification, he humbly prays to God, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." It is his humble and heartfelt prayer that finds God's favour.

Jesus concludes the parable with the teaching: "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted." Jesus himself, Lord and God, is the supreme exemplar, humbling himself even to death of a cross.

For every person the parable urges us – as individuals and as a community and society – to humility, humility in our relationship with God and in our relationships with each other. It calls us to an ever-deeper integrity in our lives: to be ever mindful of our own sinfulness, our faults and failings, and wary of a tendency to be judgemental and lacking in compassion in our attitudes towards others. And it calls each one of us, no matter our station in life, to authenticity in our prayer, the humble acknowledgement of our reality as sinners, utterly reliant on God's merciful and forgiving love.

Anne Hunt

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**SCHOOLS:**

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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: 31st Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 29th/30th October

**Readings: Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 144; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2 ; Luke 19:1-10**

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
<b>Readers</b>	Bryan Marriott Jeanette Wilkins	Annette Reen Gary Reen	Jim O'Kane Warwick Manning
<b>EMHC</b>	Matt Ritchie	Denise Miller & Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
<b>Readers</b>	Wally Carter Paul Milgate	Damien Kennedy	

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

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

**THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:** Betty McNiff, Glorie Kelly, Bernard Evans, Michael Harris, Fay Kerslake,

**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:** 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, Dymrna Sheehy, Samantha Anderson, Aunt 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

<b>October 25th</b>	<b>Tuesday 10.00 am</b>	<b>Cherry Coffee Club Morning Tea</b>
<b>October 26th</b>	<b>Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am and 5.00 to 6.30 pm</b>	<b>'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre</b>
<b>October 24th</b>	<b>Monday 3.00pm</b>	<b>Crowley Care Auxiliary Meeting</b>
<b>November 1st</b>	<b>Tuesday 12.30 to 3.30 pm</b>	<b>Crowley Auxiliary Lunch</b>
<b>November 6th</b>	<b>Sunday 9.45 am</b>	<b>Parish 'Cuppa'</b>
<b>November 20th</b>	<b>Sunday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Youth Mass (Parish Youth Retreat Weekend)</b>
<b>December 17th</b>	<b>Saturday 9.00 am</b>	<b>Parish Advent Reflection Day</b>

**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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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.

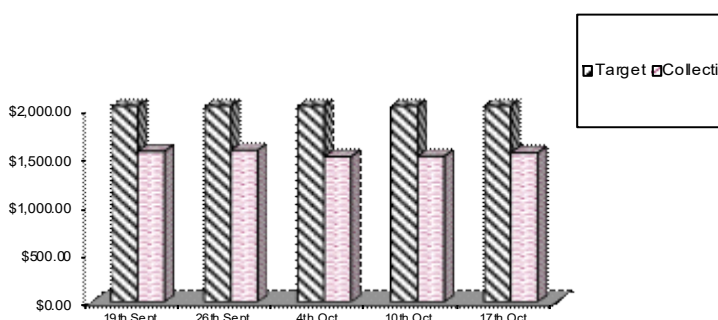
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name
- 2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB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

## THIS WEEK'S COLLECTIONS

<b>First Collection</b>	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 637.80
<b>Second Collection</b> Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 272.80
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,520.80
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00



# Parish Notices

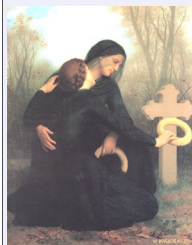
Low Gluten Hosts are available from the Priest at all weekend Masses.

## THIS TUESDAY 25TH OCTOBER

**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion will replace our normal weekday Mass.**



**BAPTISM:** Our parish family welcomes into the faith and life of the Catholic Church this week: **Clover Greenhalgh and Ivy Boizard** children of Darcy and Maddison.



**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.

## CROWLEY CARE AUXILIARY



The next Crowley Auxiliary meeting will be **this Monday 24th October at 3.00 pm**, The Education Centre, Crowley Care, 154 Cherry Street, Ballina. Final preparation for the Melbourne Cup Luncheon. **You will be most welcome!**



## 'CHERRY COFFEE CLUB'

**Ladies** of our parish you are invited to gather for morning tea.

**10.00 am This Tuesday 25th October at Cherry Street Bowling Club. No booking required. All welcome!**

## 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@stcarthages.org.au](mailto:youth@stcarthages.org.au)



## 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 Tuesday 25th October.

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

**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 sanitised 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.

## MISSION SUNDAY

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

**Bring Hope to Neela and her family:**

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats mild for families in need, like Neela's\* so that baby Ajani\* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at [catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia), or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. \*Names altered to protect identity



Freecall: 1800 257 296  
[catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia](http://catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia)

## Offertory Hymn: A QUIET HEART by Paul Gurr

Seek the Lord where he may be found.

Within a quiet heart, his dwelling place.

Offer him in quiet prayer your ev'ryday life as gift.  
Share all your burdens that he may lighten the load.

Trust him to be there, to walk beside you each step.  
Know that he loves you and quietly waits for you there.  
Seek the Lord where he may be found.

He's there for you and me.

Just let him hear your call—within a quiet heart.

## YOUTH RETREAT WEEKEND

**19th—20th November.**

**At Xavier Catholic College, Skennars Head. Presenters for this Retreat will be from our local Youth Group leaders.**

**For further information please email Bianca McInnes [bianca@sfxballina.org.au](mailto:bianca@sfxballina.org.au)**



**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: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18;**  
*A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man, he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives he is inconsolable nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf.

The Word of the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm:**

**(R): The Lord hears the cry of the poor.**

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked  
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.  
The just call and the Lord hears  
and rescues them in all their distress. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;  
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.  
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.  
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the

righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Lk 18:9-14**

*A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, "Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.

**Communion Antiphon:** We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.

**FRIDAY ~ FEAST OF STS SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES**

**Entrance Antiphon:** These are the holy men whom the Lord chose in his own perfect love; to them he gave eternal glory.

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my Father will love him, and we will come to him, and make our home with him.

**THE SACRAMENTS IN OUR PARISH**

**BAPTISMS:** Will be held on Saturday's at 11.00 am in St Francis Xavier Church. A week's notice prior to the preferred Baptism is essential for preparation and notification to the Priest.

**WEDDINGS:** In either church. Arrange an appointment with a Priest. Please allow at least 6 months for compulsory preparation.

**ANOIDING OF THE SICK:** Please contact the Parish Office if anointing is required.

**FUNERALS:** In either church. Requiem Mass or Funeral Prayers. Church booking arrangements with Funeral Director of choice, Liturgy arrangements with our priests.

**HOSPITAL:** If you have a loved one in hospital and require a priest, please contact the parish office 6681 1048.

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