

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.

**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**

30th October, 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

**Special Mass for Conclusion of
the Month of the Holy Rosary
MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER
12.00 NOON**

**Tuesday to Friday
12.00 noon**

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

Feast Days this week

**All Saints
Tuesday**

**All Souls' Day
Wednesday**

**St Charles Borromeo
Friday**

God's mercy for all creation

Today's readings focus on the theme of "mercy". The author of the Wisdom of Solomon reflects on the expansive nature of God's mercy, which is extended to all creation. The Psalmist sings of the divine being's graciousness and compassion: "slow to anger and abounding in mercy" (Ps 145:8).

Paul strikes an eschatological note in writing to the Thessalonians of the end time when God will "make you worthy of his calling ... [through] the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ" (2 Thes 1:11-12). And, finally, Luke tells the story of the tax collector, Zacchaeus, who finds mercy and forgiveness after encountering Jesus.

Each of these readings explores various aspects of the biblical concept of mercy. In the Wisdom traditions of the Old Testament, mercy manifests in the saving acts of YHWH, beginning with a view of the creation as a revelation of divine love and compassion. The author of the today's first reading tells us that we can take heart from looking at how God lavishes abundance upon the created order. He reassures his readers that YHWH is a "lover of souls" who "loathes nothing" that he has made and will only gently rebuke the sinner to draw them back into relationship with him.

The gospel story provides a narrative account of such a gentle rebuke, as Jesus' calm presence visits the house of Zacchaeus and engenders in the tax collector genuine repentance

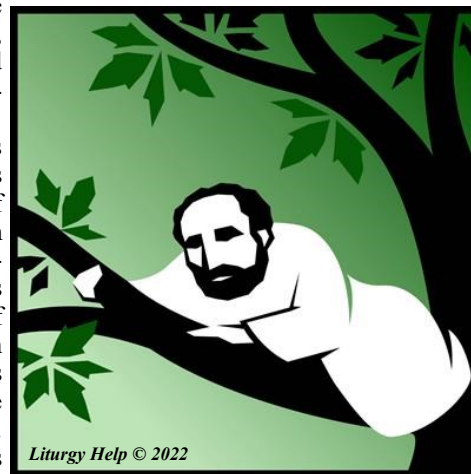
and remorse. The story represents the fulfilment of themes explored first in the Song of Zechariah in Luke's nativity narratives, where the father of John the Baptist sings that the "tender mercy of God will visit us, like daylight breaking from on high" (Lk 1:78).

The biblical concept of mercy is tied to the motif of YHWH's covenant faithfulness. The Psalmist says that God has proven "trustworthy in all his words ... fulfilling the desires of all who revere him". (Ps 145:13, 19) Paul intimates that we have nothing to fear about our future because God has called us into a relationship that will ultimately "bring to fulfilment every good purpose and every effort of faith" (1 Thes 1:11).

However, with God mercy is never simply faithfulness; God's mercy exceeds the covenant obligation. Israel had long since forfeited any claim on YHWH, but still God showed mercy in visiting and redeeming his people (Lk 1:68). God's compassion is made concrete in the healing and forgiveness brought by Jesus.

In the biblical record, God's mercy and compassion precedes repentance. We are not required to repent first before God lavishes love and mercy upon us. Rather, it is the realisation of God's compassionate presence in our lives that calls forth our repentance.

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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: 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time, Year C: 5th/6th November

Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thess 2:16-3:5 ; Luke 20:27-38

	6.00 pm Vigil Ballina	Sunday 9.00 am Ballina	Sunday 11.00 am Ballina
Readers	Yvonne Head Trish Bazar	Nicole Sullivan Margaret Tay	Helen Cooney Leanne Robbins
EMHC	Pauline Fingleton	Adam Sullivan & Cathy Campbell	Maurice Gahan
	Lennox Head 5.00 pm Vigil Mass	Lennox Head Sunday 7.30 am	 
Readers	Amanda Deeps Murray Deeps	Jean Mackay	

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Selma Daniels, Sr Julianne Murphy pbvm (Sr Hilary), Tommy Roskell, Jayden Charbel El Jer, Buntly Sainsbury, Margaret Rizzo,

THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME: Larry Timmins, Bob Pidcock, Jack Flood

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

November 1st	Tuesday 12.30 to 3.30 pm	Crowley Auxiliary Luncheon
November 2nd	Wednesday 10.00 to 11.30 am & 5.00 to 6.30 pm	'A quick Journey through the Bible' Parish Admin Centre
November 6th	Sunday 9.45 am	Parish 'Cuppa'
November 16th and 18th	Wednesday 5.30 to 6.30 pm Friday 10.00 to 11.00 am	"The Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist"
November 20th	Sunday 9.00 am	Youth Mass (Parish Youth Retreat Weekend)
November 20th	Sunday 9.00 am	Commissioning of new SVdP members
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.

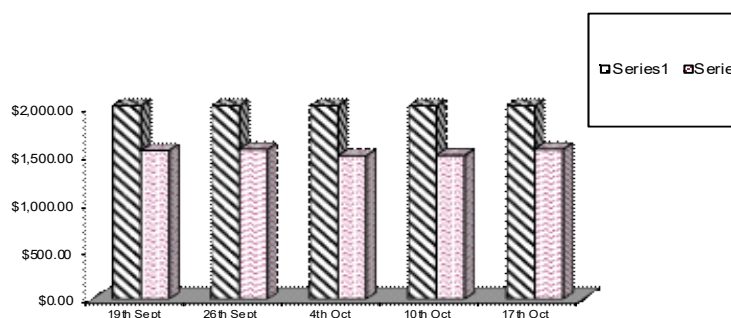
- By completing a form available from the Parish Office to have a credit card deduction each month for your Planned Giving Donation ONLY
- By making an EFTPOS donation — 1st Collection to Ballina Presbyterium BSB: 082 522 A/c 50960 2127 ref: your name
- 2nd Collection to St Francis Xavier Parish BSB 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	Support of our Diocese Priests	\$ 574.30
Second Collection Support of the Parish & Ministries & School Building & Maintenance Fund	Loose Plate	\$ 195.25
	Planned Giving Envelopes Collected	\$1,549.00
Planned Giving Envelopes Weekly Target		\$2,009.00

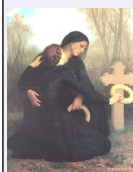


Parish Notices

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



Special Mass For the Conclusion of the Month of the Holy Rosary
MONDAY 31st October ~ 12.00 noon



November Masses: You are invited to use the envelope provided with your Planned Giving envelopes or any other plain envelopes. There are additional November Mass envelopes at the doors of the churches for your use. **Please print names clearly so they can be easily read.**

PARISH 'CUPPA'

in the grounds of St Francis Xavier Church

Next Sunday 6th November

following the 9.00 am Mass.

Everyone is very 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

HOLY FAMILY LENNOX HEAD COMMUNITY MASS AND MEAL



The Lennox Head Holy Family Committee invites you to the third monthly dinner at the Lennox Head Bowling Club after 5:00 p.m.

Mass **this Saturday 29th October.**

A table is booked for you at 6:00 p.m.

The table booking is called *Holy Family*.

"Presence, The Mystery of the Eucharist"

Augustine Institute's video presentation

showing the powerful way God is truly present in the Eucharist.

4 weeks, 4 videos, 1 hour per week

Wednesdays **5.30 pm to 6.30 pm** or

Fridays **10.00 am to 11.00 am**

Begins Wednesday **16th November**

or Fri **18th November**

Phone Parish Office on 6681 1048 to reserve a seat.

All Welcome!



TRIBUNAL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Marriage breakdown is a traumatic experience for all those concerned. The Church reaches out in support of those who are divorced, while upholding the permanence of a true Christian marriage. The Lismore Office of the Tribunal extends an invitation to any divorced person who would like to talk about the annulment process. You can be assured that your privacy will be respected. Should you choose to apply for an annulment, you will be guided and supported through the process. All enquiries: Please phn 6621 7288 or email: tribunal@lismore.catholic.org.au

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.

'Thank you'

'YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES..' Acts 1:8
Bring Hope to Neela and her family:

Thank you so much for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs like the establishment of the Deberety Goat Rearing Centre in Emdibir, Ethiopia.

Your gift is helping the Church and the local community work towards constructing the Centre., supplying feed and veterinary medication, and procuring goats to provide nutritious milk to help address problems like malnutrition in babies, and children. Your gift also supports mission programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work, where you can also sign up for regular newsletter. If you missed your opportunity to learn about this vital mission program, or wish to contribute again, please go to catholicmission.org/ethiopia or scan the QR code.



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



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

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



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: Wisdom 11:22-12:2;*A reading from the book of Wisdom*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.

Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.

Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.

And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, how be conserved if not called forth by you?

You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all.

Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm:

(R): I will praise your name forever, my king and my God.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 2 Thess 1:11-2;*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Lk 19:1-10***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

FOR THIS WEEK'S MIDDAY MASSES—PLEASE PRAY TOGETHER**ALL SAINTS ~ TUESDAY**

Entrance Antiphon: Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.

Communion Antiphon: Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

ALL SOULS' DAY ~ WEDNESDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Just as Jesus died and has risen again, so through Jesus God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep; and as in Adam all die, so also in Christ will all be brought to life.

Communion Antiphon: I am the Resurrection and the Life, says the Lord. Whoever believes in me, even though he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever.

THURSDAY

Entrance Antiphon: Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

Communion Antiphon: You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

FRIDAY ~ FEAST OF ST CHARLES BORROMEIO

Entrance Antiphon: I will look after my sheep, says the Lord, and I will appoint a shepherd to pasture them, and I, the Lord, will be their God.

Communion Antiphon: It was not you who chose me, says the Lord, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.



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