



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	6 th March	
2 nd	Mar	Tues	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
3 rd	Mar	Wed	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)	
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday 7th March		
4 th	Mar	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass	
5 th	Mar	Fri	9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass	
17 th March		9.00am Weekday Mass		28 th March	Palm Sunday	
		7.00pm Mass of Reconciliation		29 th March	Holy Week	

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year B

28th February 2021



Glory

The account of the Transfiguration reveals the incomprehensible kind of glory God had shown to Jesus' apostles. The presence of the two historical figures in dazzling light, Moses and Elijah, confirmed that when our earthly life is ended; there is another life, a life of God's glory, waiting for those who are faithful to God. Both Moses and Elijah were men of faith; the former was a symbol of the Law and the latter was a prophet. For Jesus' apostles, the two men had left this earth a thousand years earlier, and yet their presence confirms the afterlife is an everlasting life. Jesus' Apostles had never seen the patriarch, and yet it was no trouble to recognize them. They instantly recognized Moses and Elijah. This may be the answer for the query *'How do I recognize my loved ones in heaven?'* The correct answer lies with the apostles.

Like moon gets lights from sun, God shows this glory through God's creations. We, human beings, have no trouble enjoying God's glory in His creations. They actually were created for us to enjoy. We enjoy a beautiful sunrise or sunset; we admire the glory of mountain range and ocean reef; we marvel at the beauty of flowers. There are other kinds of glory, the ones created by the world, such as fame and power. God's glory is incorruptible; glory in His creations is utilizable, and the glory created by the world is the worst one. It is highly corruptible; it is the cause of all evils, such as, greed and pride, because Satan uses them to tempt us. Satan made claim to world's glory. Satan once told Jesus that he owned it. *'I will give you. all this power and the kingdoms of the world, for it has been*

committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose' Lk 4,6 The apostles faced down when they saw Jesus' brightness. Human beings are not made to view the Divine directly. Jesus' disciples are hoping to see God's glory and power at His second coming. The apostles heard God's voice, and the voices of the Patriarch. Peter's petition to Jesus about putting up Tents on the mountain was interrupted by God's voice. God told them to listen to Jesus' voice. *This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to Him'. v. 8.* Jesus told them to come down, and keep quiet about what they had seen and heard, until, *'After the Son of Man has risen from the dead' v.9.*

Jesus' Apostles preferred to stay up on the mountain, because they failed to understand, that seeing God's glory implied a mission to follow. In the case of Moses, he saw God's glory up on the mountain. He returned to God's people, and led them to enter the Promised Land. Jesus saw God's glory up in the mountain. He returned to God's people to lead them to the 'Everlasting Promised Land' which is God's kingdom. We sometimes choose to follow not God's ways, but our own or the worldly ways. Our loving God would never abandon us, but patiently waits for us to return, to listen to Jesus' voice and to reconcile. The glimpse of God's glory is the assurance that God is always with us. Through Jesus, God continues to guide us, journey with us, share our daily cross. We follow Jesus in trust and hope. His promise to send the Holy Spirit to guide us confirms we will never be alone in our pilgrimage. Lent is the time for us to keep God's glory shining. By praying, fasting and acts of charity, others may know that we are Jesus' disciples.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Thank you to the people who have contacted the Parish to show us your interest in volunteering in these groups.

We are still looking for a few more volunteers to help fill out with some of the following groups:

- Sacristan
- Chairperson for the Parish Pastoral Council
- RCIA team
- Sacramental Program
- Sunday School
- Musicians
- Liturgy Committee
- Finance Council
- Welcoming Committee

If you feel this might be something you would enjoy or know of anyone who might be a great candidate, please contact the Parish Office.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Mass Precautions during COVID

As part of the COVID Protocols, the Mass format for all Churches have had to be amended (since March 2020):

- No wine for Communion – just prayer;
- Communion is given to the hand – currently given to the tongue is not permitted;
- Extraordinary Ministers – must wash hands before and after Mass with soap and water;
- The use of signing Peace – shaking hands, kissing and hugging is not permitted;

Fr Tuong is also not permitted to shaking hands after Mass

Healing Mass

There is no Healing Mass for the first Friday in March 2021.

Responsorial Psalm

I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring.

Reading – 3rd Sunday of Lent – 7th March

1 st Reading	Ex 20:1-17
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 1:22-25
Gospel	Jn 2:13-25



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 21st March 2021.
Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time.
Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Home Visit

Anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest, please contact the parish office and a visit can be arranged.

Reborn in Eternal Life 1st March – 7th March

Theresa Mary Moore, Martha, Hendrik & Christian Habraken, John (Jan) Habraken, Sr Eileen O'Sullivan RSM, David Leslie, Graham Harper, Fr Brian Horton, James Sullivan, Maria Elisapeta Lupeamanu, James Andrew Brydges, Joy Auld, Wolstan Blundell.

Recently Deceased

Pauli Atipopo Wong Kee, Namulauulu Su Atonio Papalii.

Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

ROSTERS

There will be no Rosters until further notice for:

- Cleaning
- Flowers
- Ministers



Booking of Mass Attendance

We would like to thank everyone with the increase in emails and calls requesting the Booking of your Mass Attendance. I am sure that there are still quite a few people that the Parish Office cannot reach to pass on some of this information. It would be greatly appreciated if you could pass around to everyone that you may know who comes to St Francis Xavier Parish, that booking their spot at Mass is still a must, and if they could contact the Parish Office before 12pm each Friday.

KNOWLEDGE

Spiritual Enrichment

In the liturgy and liturgical catechesis of **LENT** the reminder of *baptism* already received or the preparation for its reception, as well as the theme of *repentance*, renew the entire community along with those being prepared to celebrate the paschal mystery, in which each of the elect will share through the sacraments of initiation. For both the elect and the local community, therefore, the Lenten season is a time for spiritual recollection in preparation for the celebration of the paschal mystery.

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