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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> April
13 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
14 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.30pm	Rosary		
15 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

**Second Sunday of Easter** **Year B** **11<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**The First Day**

The phrase *'the first day of the week'* has several applications. The first day of the week means it is a new beginning, a starting point of something.

First, it was the very first time, the first day of the week, the Risen Lord appeared to His apostles, who were in hiding behind the closed doors. Jesus was buried behind the 'door' of the tomb, and that door was wide open; it was rolled to one side. Jesus met His apostles to open His apostles' eyes, to open their minds to recall what Jesus had prophesized about this amazing encounter Mk 14,28. We say when one door closes; other door opens. By human freewill, sin crept in our lives, and that opened the door of hell. The resurrection of Christ opened the door of God's kingdom for all Jesus' followers. In the creation account, God separated light from darkness Gn.1:1. In the resurrection account, Christ's light shone through darkness on the first day of the week. Christ offered the new light, and restored God's peace. Twice Christ greeted His apostles: *'Peace be with you'* v.20.

Second, after the Last Supper, Jesus' apostles lived in fear. Meeting the Risen Lord, their hearts filled with joy. The Risen Christ restored their shattered lives, brightened their future, reinstated their hope. They began to live new life in Christ.

Third, on the first day of the week, Christ showed the apostles His wounds. Just after three days, the wounds on His hands and His side had not been healed. These unhealed wounds confirmed, the Christ they met, now was the same Christ as before the crucifixion. It also meant Christ had a special love

for His apostles and showed great concern for their well-being.

Fourth, the first day of the week was also the first day Christ's apostles received the new mission: *'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you'*. v.21. Christ gave the apostles the same mission He had received from the Father. From then on they spread the Good News to all corners of the earth.

Fifth, the first day of the week marked the day the apostles received Christ's Spirit, when He breathed on them, saying: *'Receive the Holy Spirit'*. v.22. What Jesus promised them was fulfilled. The Spirit of the Risen Lord would accompany the apostles throughout their lives in the mission fields.

Sixth, the first day of the week marked the beginning of the apostles' new life. They were in hiding, running away. They were like the lost sheep; scattered. The Risen Christ looked for them, gathered them back. The apostles were given the power to proclaim the message of forgiveness, that Christ has gained for those who repent, starting with the thief on the cross.

Seventh, the other apostles had seen the Risen Christ on the first day of the week, but on that day Thomas was missing. This was the very first time for Thomas to see the Risen Christ, and he made a public confession: *'My Lord, and my God'*. This echoed what the centurion confessed under the foot of the cross *'Truly, this man was the Son of God'* Lk 23,48. Again, this confession reconfirmed the crucified Christ and the Risen Christ as One and the same Person.

We pray to have some share of the joy Jesus' apostles had when they first met the Risen Lord.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEELY INFORMATION**



*Pope Francis's Homily on  
Divine Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016  
St Peter Square*

In God's mercy, all of our infirmities find healing. His mercy, in fact, does not keep a distance: it seeks to encounter all forms of poverty and to free this world of so many types of slavery. Mercy desires to reach the wounds of all, to heal them. Being *apostles of mercy* means touching and soothing the wounds that today afflict the bodies and souls of many of our brothers and sisters. Curing these wounds, we profess Jesus, we make him present and alive; we allow others, who touch his mercy with their own hands, to recognise him as "Lord and God" (Jn 20:28), as did the Apostle Thomas. This is the mission that he entrusts to us.

## 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 May 2021.

### Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;  
happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

## 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.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 12<sup>th</sup> April – 18<sup>th</sup> April

Mary Sherman (Smith), Bronislawa (Bronia) Kucmin, John Hansen, Donald Breen, John McElroy Snr, Peter Bryant, Samuel John Zaklan, Sr Jeanniela Spina, Grace Catherine Sandford, Frank Vella, Isadora An Kiau, Hugh (Pat) McCall.

### Reading – Third Sunday of Easter – 18<sup>th</sup> April

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Jn 2:1-5

Gospel

Lk 24:35-48



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (none in April)  
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

Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.

### Recently Deceased

**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.

## WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE



This day has been designed as a formation opportunity for those who are currently involved in RCIA teams, and for those who are interested in becoming involved in the RCIA.

Fr Tom Elich and Sr Ursula O'Rourke sgs will share their wisdom and experience, breaking open the Catechumenate journey.

### Details

**Time:** 1.00pm to 4.00pm

**Date:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Location:** Xavier Centre, Holy Spirit Seminary, 487 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo

**Cost:** Free

**RSVP:** 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Register at:** <https://app.tickets.org.au/eb/RCIAday>

### Position Vacant – Parish Secretary

Applications are open for the above position at the Acacia Ridge Parish. The position is a casual role with the possibility of it becoming full time and will begin ASAP.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers. Applications close the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

## KNOWLEDGE

The Sacraments are a privileged way in which nature is taken up by God to become a means of mediating supernatural life. Through our worship of God, we are invited to embrace the world on a different plane. Water, oil, fire and colours are taken up in all their symbolic power and incorporated in our act of praise.

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Current Office Hours: Tues – Fri 9am to 3pm

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