

ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Week	day				Saturday	31st July – St Ignatius	
27 th	July	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
28 th	July	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)	
			6.00pm	Rosary	Sunday	1 st August	
29 th	July	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Martha	7.00am	Mass	
30 th	July	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass	
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy	

Year B

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th July 2021

Abundant Love Jesus' apostles returned from the mission; they were happy but dead tired and hungry. They had personal experience of being hungry, and believed the crowd could feel the tingling in

their stomach after they had been listening to Jesus for hours. They puzzled over the question of how could they feed the crowd before dark. Andrew noticed a small boy who had five barley loaves and two fish, but that would be nothing for the crowd. This awareness implied that the crowd carried no food with them. Pondering over the problem, they found no possible solution, except asking Jesus to send the crowd away to get food. Jesus replied they themselves could feed the crowd. Their sympathy for the crowd became their problem. The hurdle was beyond their capacity to solve. First, they had no resources to provide bread for the crowd. Second, even if the common fund was available, a small country village would not be able to provide food to feed the multitude. Andrew boldly told Jesus, a boy had five barley loaves and two fish, and that was all he could find.

The barley loaves and fish are noteworthy in the miracle of the loaves. First, some commentators remarked, that barley loaf was regarded as food fit for animals more than for people. Daily food quality consumption reveals our standard of living. The poor quality food, 'barley', implied that it was not the powerful, but the underprivileged; not the learned, but the simple of heart, who came to listen to Jesus. They had poor quality food for their physical bodies, but had rich, best quality food for their spiritual needs, the word of God. The powerful may have rich food quality for their physical Second, it was not the rich, the wealthy, but the poor who shared what they had. Third, the barley came not from the powerful but from a voiceless, powerless, small boy, who shared all he had. Fourth, ultimately whatever they had was God- given to them for them to be steward of what was given, and God was free to take. The loaves and fish belonged to the boy, and now were in God's hands. Fifth, what little the boy had was not merely enough to feed the crowd. It was then, and is so very often, we underestimate God's power. We now know that God alone can satisfy our human needs. The multitude ate and were filled, and the scraps left over filled twelve baskets. Some elements of the miracle of the loaves were identified at the Institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper, which Jesus established before His Passion. There was the bread and the breaking of the bread. There was the thanksgiving Jesus gave to the Father, then the distribution of the bread to the apostles. There was sharing of the same bread, everyone was having the same, equal in God's love. There was preservation of the bread leftovers. The multitude ate and were filled but had no idea of the miracle that had taken place. We, being human, could have never understood the mystery of the Eucharist, how the ordinary bread and wine, after the consecration, would become Jesus' real Body and Blood. The priests made no miracle, but simply allowed themselves be instruments in God's hands.

body, but poor food quality or even no food for their souls.

The miracle reveals God's power, His abundant love and mercy. It opens our eyes to marvel, that what little we offer in love, even small and insignificant in value, might have great effects. Jesus expects us to share what little we have. We receive freely from God and from Jesus learn to give freely.

> Fr Vudinh Tuong Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION							
Reflection Evening at St Mary's Ipswich	QR Code – Mass						
Peter Kearney Concert-Reflection Evening – Signs of Hope, People of Faith - Friday 6 August 2021 at 7:00pm to 8:30pm	Manual Check-Ins We are currently working on a making a slight adjustment to any handwritten Check-Ins for Mass.						
Entry is free – Donations welcome - Booking is required <u>https://www.trybooking.com/BSODN</u> Golden Jubliee at St Stephen's Catherdal	Unfortunately, it looks like everyone will have to sign in via the QR Check-in App.						
Charis Connect Golden Jubilee Celebration – Saturday 7 August 2021. Praise and Worship will commence at 11:00am, followed by Mass at 11:30am. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the main celebrant. Bookings are essential. www.trybookings.com/events/landing	While we work out how this final step will work for you, we have printed up some slips of paper for anyone needing to manually Check-in. Please feel free to take some home, so you can pre-fill them out. The Mass Marshalls will inform you of the new process in the next couple of weeks.						

	NFORMATION			
New Team Member My name is Micheline El Alam. I am the new Parish Secretary. I will be sharing the Job of Parish secretary with Michelle. I will be at the Parish Office on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8:30am to 2:45pm. I have a 7 year old daughter, and we are regular attendees of Sacred Heart Parish Booval and St Mary's Ipswich. I am looking forward to meeting the parishioners and working together for the best of the St Francis Xavier Parish.	Responsorial Psalm The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs. Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!			
PASTOR	AL MATTERS			
Prayer for the Sick		Ordinary Time –1 st August		
Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj	1 st Reading	Ex 16:2-4, 12-15		
Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and	2 nd Reading	Eph 4:17, 20-24		
Reagan Whiteman, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil	Gospel	Jn 6:24-35		
O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, Angus Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira	Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna			
Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert,	The next Baptism will be 15 th August 2021			
Tony Ryan.	Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the			
Reborn in Eternal Life 26 th July – 1 st August	current restrictions may change at any time.			
Patrick Joseph Galligan, Christa Henty, Geoffrey Wise, Theo	Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the			
Broekman, Ken Mahoney, Bernard Bradley, Angela Ryan,	9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more			
Mary Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Van Bael, Robert	information.			
Jeffery, Helena Sadkowski, Frederick Smith, John McNulty.	Home Visit Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home			
	visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.			
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Recently Deceased Jim Hilton, Marcu Tamas, Jean Silvester. Peter Giap Cao, Gor	don Hodges			
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4.6 M	WEEK – 1 st August 2021			
Flowers Samoan Community	31 Cleaning	To Be Advised		
WEEKLY II	NFORMATION			
July 2021 Baptism's	Position Vacant			
Welcoming children to the	Desuel Device Desuel De	rich are lealing for a Derich		
preparation of the Sacrament	Booval Parish – Booval Parish are looking for a Parish			
of Baptismal.	Secretary for 20 hours per we	Secretary for 20 hours per week (Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri).		
	For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of			
Naoise McGrath	Brisbane website – <u>https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-</u> internal-career-opportunities/333164/parish-secretary-booval.			
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	KNOWLEDGE			
"Dear distinguished scientists, your meeting is a great gift oh				
between faith and scienceNo scientific knowledge should		÷		
resource for building peace! The Masterinstils in everyone	-	-		
truth. The changing age needs new disciples of knowledge, a	and you, dear scientists, are the	teachers of a new generation of		
peacemakers.				

I assure you, I am close to you and the whole Church is close to you, with prayer and encouragement."

