



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	4 th September	
31st	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass-	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
1st	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.00pm	Rosary		
2nd	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	5th September
3rd	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St. Gregory the Great	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

29th August 2021



Dirtiness

There are two kinds of dirtiness: external and internal dirtiness. The external dirtiness relates to physical hygiene, while the internal one causes harm to the spiritual life. Internal defilement barricades one's relationships with others, and makes oneself unholy before the Divine. External dirtiness is easy to detect because it is noticeable on a person. Internal dirtiness is much harder to recognize, because it is hidden, buried deep in one's heart. A person may seem well presented in appearance, friendly and talkative, but the intention of the heart is uncertain.

The conversation about the defilement began, when the Pharisees, and Sadducees criticized some of Jesus' disciples, who didn't observe the rules, that before consuming any food one must have their hands washed. Jesus took the opportunity to tell the Pharisees, that keeping the spiritual cleanliness was the most important. Impurity of hands would not lead to permanent death, but the impurity of a heart had no eternal life. External cleanliness helped to avoid contracting diseases; internal cleanliness helped to avoid sinning.

After returning from the exile, the Israelites became a new nation, occupied the new land. After years of slavery in Egypt (430 years Ex. 12,40) they seemed to have difficulty in adopting to a new way of life. It was hard to conduct themselves in the free world. The Law reminded the people:

- a/ new Feast Days established to commemorate God's saving actions
- b/ the Law aimed to bring people closer to God,
- c/ the Law gave instructions to be kind to the orphans, widows and the elderly people.

In responding to a new situation, more rules were given. The new ones were on top of the old ones. Keeping all these laws was a heavy burden for the people. Furthermore, the new laws deviated from the previous ones, and some of them were divorced from the original ones. Jesus wasn't rejecting the traditions, but He accused the Pharisees and Sadducees for failing to keep God's command and offering God only lip-service (Mk 7:6)

The cleanliness of a heart defined the true personality of a person, while the external cleanliness was a societal expectation. For Jesus, lip- service had no depth, the heart was important. What pleased God was not external observation, but the internal cleanliness of a heart. Human regulations were good, only in so far as they reflected the spirit of God's love. When they came to pure human regulations they became heavy burdens for others.

The heart is the place where all our intentions, both good and evil, arise. A heart's desire can either bring a person closer to God, or drive that person to go further away from God. A pure heart brings a person to God, while a corrupt heart pursues one's own way.

Spiritual richness makes a person happy. That person desires no more glory from the outside world, because his/her heart is full of God's love. A person only desires self- praise, and world glory because the heart is empty. His/her spiritual life is poor. People who are spirituality rich care for their spiritual body. People who are spirituality poor neglect their spiritual life. In this sense the rich become richer, and the poor become poorer in spirituality.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Columbarium

The Parish is in the process of receiving quotes to build a Columbarium in the very near future, hopefully in the next few months. Instead of the burial, the Columbarium is a convenient and holy place to keep ashes of the deceased on the Church grounds for relatives and friends to pay their respects and to pray for when they go to Church.

It is proposed to be built in adjacent to the existing flower gardens, outside the sacristy. Ashes will be placed either in the columns itself or in the ground, underneath of the Jesus' status, Divine Mercy. We estimate each niche will cost approx. \$2,500 each. The bronze plaque, 20cm square, names and dates casted will be another extra \$250.00. The setup will look similar to the picture.

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

Responsorial Psalm

The Just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we may be as the first fruits of his creation.

Alleluia!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

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, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan.

Reading – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 5th September

1st Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7

2nd Reading

James 2:1-5

Gospel

Mk 7:31-37



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 19th September 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

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

Reborn in Eternal Life 30th August – 5th September

Stefan Janczuk, Gus de Glas, Valdas Grigutis, Janina Mvkolaitiene, John (Jack) Neden, Jim O'Hagan, Mary Preddey, Finbar Cogan, Francesco Piotto, William Milner, Taua'e Puia'I Vaimoana Esera, Lanh Thi Nguyen, Joan Wilma Wilson, Ernest Woodburn.

Recently Deceased

Fr Dan Carroll, Raymundo Campomayor, Elizabeth Vo Nghia, Ursula Franciska Rennett, Peter Ho Luu.



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 FOR NEXT WEEK – 5TH SEPTEMBER 2021



Flowers

Samoan Community



Cleaning

To Be Advised

WEEKLY INFORMATION



September 2021 Baptism

Welcoming children to the preparation of the Sacrament of Baptismal.

Positions Vacant

Maroochydore – Sacramental Coordinator – 8hrs/week

Maroochydore – Youth Ministry Coordinator – 8hrs/week

Applications Close 30th August 2021

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

WEEKLY INFORMATION

2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Enrolment

The enrolment your Grade Four children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held in September, and the Classes will begin in October.

The dates have now been finalised for the First Holy Communion. If you wish to enrol, please contact the Parish Office to get an Enrolment Form or go to our website for further details.

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Kids who care

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