



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

| OUR PARISH MASSES |      |       |        |                                    |                            |                                  |
|-------------------|------|-------|--------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Weekday           |      |       |        | Saturday                           | 11 <sup>th</sup> September |                                  |
| 7th               | Sept | Tues  | 9.00am | Mass-                              | 4.30pm                     | Reconciliation (till)            |
| 8th               | Sept | Wed   | 9.00am | Mass- The Nativity of Blessed Mary | 5.00pm                     | Vigil Mass                       |
|                   |      |       |        | 6.00pm                             |                            |                                  |
|                   |      |       |        | 6.00pm                             |                            |                                  |
| 9th               | Sept | Thurs | 9.00am | Mass                               | <b>Sunday</b>              | <b>12<sup>th</sup> September</b> |
| 10th              | Sept | Fri   | 9.00am | Mass                               | 7.00am                     | Mass                             |
|                   |      |       |        |                                    | 9.00am                     | Mass                             |
|                   |      |       |        |                                    | 5.00pm                     | Divine Mercy                     |

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year B

5<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### A New Horizon

The parable opened a new horizon for the deaf man. It was all about people's kindness, the kindness of those who brought the man to Jesus for healing.

By healing the man, Jesus made God's bountiful love and mercy known amongst the pagan.

Jesus came to Sidon, one of the ten cities or towns, known as the Decapolis. Jesus entered this pagan territory. He showed that God's mercy was unlimited. It was available for everyone who was thirsting for God. The town people brought Jesus a deaf and mute man. His deafness cut him off from the world. Jesus brought him back to his community. This man probably had been deaf, and mute from birth. He could neither speak, nor hear. This implied, the man himself had no idea who Jesus was, and knew not that Jesus was actually in town. It was not his parents, or relatives, but people who brought the man to Jesus. We don't know who these people were, his friends or just villagers, who showed pity toward the man. We are certain, these people knew about Jesus, or at least had heard about Jesus' super power. They brought the man to Jesus, hoping Jesus could cure him. Jesus showed His love for the man, and satisfied the peoples' expectation. Jesus gave the man power to hear, and power to speak. We notice that without other peoples' kindness, the kindness of those who brought the man to Jesus, the deaf and mute man remained to suffer his impediment for life. The manner in which Jesus cured the deaf man is worth of reflection, because Jesus had the power to give a command to heal, but this time Jesus had done differently, He employed both word and action. The text gave no explanation why Jesus took the man away from the crowd.

Most pagans believed in superstition and magicians. Having

the man away from the crowd would have some control of the pagans' beliefs. It certainly would help the deaf man to focus on Jesus alone, and it would strengthen the faith of those who already had faith in Jesus. Because of the man's condition, Jesus communicated to him by using sign language. Jesus touched the man's ears with his fingers. He then touched the man's tongue with spittle. Jesus looked up to heaven to indicate the power to heal came from above. Jesus then said to the man, 'Be Opened', and the man was able to hear and to speak clearly. These details showed, that the man had not just a hearing problem, but he was totally deaf. After being healed, the man could speak clearly, showing, that before he wasn't able to utter a word. Jesus gave him more than the people would have expected of Him. The man spoke clearly. No speech therapy was needed. He spoke for the very first time in his life, and spoke clearly.

Jesus touched the man's heart by touching his ears and his tongue. Jesus had no fear of contracting the man's illness, and also the man's physical dirtiness. His touch cleaned the man's heart. The crowd could not see the inner healing. They praised Jesus for the physical healing of the man, while Jesus' disciples and the man himself praised Jesus for the inner healing, his spirituality deaf and spirituality speechless. His spiritual deafness was overcome to hear God's word; his spiritual muteness was loosened to praise God. The man was healed of both physical, and spiritual ligaments. He now had a clean heart, a heart of giving thanks to God for saving him from his physical misery, and from eternal damnation. The healing made the crowd believe, that Jesus had the power to make the deaf hear and the dumb speak, the power their magicians did not have.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
Parish Priest

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Parish Secretary Job Advertisement

The Parish has opened applications for a Secretary to work at the Goodna Parish. We are looking for a person with excellent administration and time management skills required for a part time position of 24 hours a week, Tuesday to Friday 8.30am to 3pm.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.



### 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

### *Happy Father's Day*

**5<sup>th</sup> September**

Loving God, we ask for your blessings on our fathers, that they may find wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their children, may love them always and thank them for the many sacrifices, big and small, that fathers make for their children and families.

We ask this through Jesus your Son, our Lord.



#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Praise the Lord, my Soul!

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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.

#### **Reborn in Eternal Life 6<sup>th</sup> September – 12<sup>th</sup> September**

Lynne Condon, Leila Patterson, Margaretta Stewart, Patricia O'Neill, Lloyd Charles, Lelio Benedict, Betty Douglas, Helen Doyle.

#### Reading – 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12th September

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 50:5-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

James 2:14-18

Gospel

Mk 8:27-35



#### **Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 17<sup>th</sup> October 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.

#### **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 – 12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021



**Flowers**

Noela Leituala



**Cleaning**

Laulu Family

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### *Cleaning Roster*

Our sincerest apologies for taking so long, we are now able to begin the Cleaning Roster for the Church again.

If you're listed for cleaning and are unable to make it that week, please let the Parish Office or Fr Tuong know, so they can make other arrangements.

We will now put our focus onto getting the Ministers Roster up to date.

### *Positions Vacant*

**Booval** – Parish Secretary – 20hrs/week

Applications Close 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2021

**Sunnybank** – Pastoral Associate – 28hrs/week

Applications Close 30<sup>th</sup> September 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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Parish Secretary: Michelle Castell (Tues - Fri)  
Current Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9am to 3pm

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and compassion

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