

### Cleaning Roster for Next Week

Maria Fidow



### Flower Roster for Next Week

Tien & Nhu

### Registering as a Volunteer

All Mass volunteers will need to be registered with the Archdiocese of Brisbane as a Volunteer prior to any volunteering duties can be carried out. The registration process can extend to either a Blue Card application and/or Police Check. To get more information and details about the new online registration process, please come up to the Parish Office if you are interested in helping out.

### Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Blake Dufty, Amanda Harding, Fr Tuong.

### Anniversaries: 19th Aug - 25th Aug



Valentine Martin Moroney, Barbara Davidson, Sr Mary Theodore Lee, Anthony Paul Folkes, John McGrath, Ralph Norman Hall, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Patricia Fitzgerald, Brian Joseph Eustace.

### Recently Deceased

Matta Nguyen Thi Tuoi.

### 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.

### Eucharistic Fast - CCL 918-919

Those who receive holy communion are to abstain for one hour beforehand from all food and drink with the exception of water and medicine. This does not apply to the elderly, the sick and those who care for them, or to priests celebrating a second or third Mass on a given day. It is most strongly recommended that the faithful receive holy communion in the course of a Eucharistic celebration.

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**18th August 2019**

**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

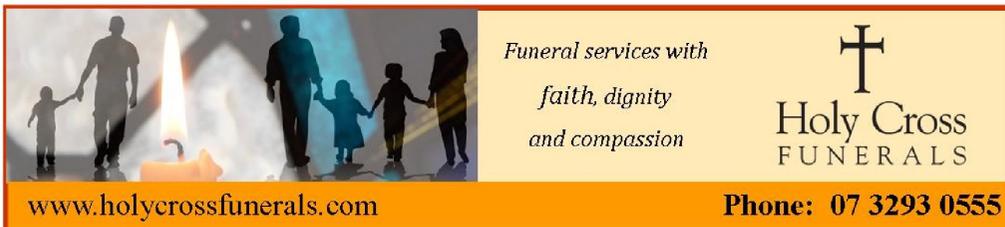


### Building Bridges

The natural world has rivers and mountains, forests and deserts, and oceans that divide the earth surface into different regions with different rainfall, and climate zones. At the national level there are roads, alleys and freeways that separate suburbs from suburbs. At a personal level we have different opinions, and that makes each of us a unique person with the freedom of speech and belief. Separation and division in this sense is a good thing, because there is a good cause hidden behind separation.

Regions or suburbs that are divided by rivers or freeways are not obstacles, but they have a purpose, and that is to serve the public interests. They serve them equally from both sides of a river, or of a freeway. To overcome the separation, the traditional method was using a ferry to cross a river, and steam boats to cross an ocean. Later on modern technology has aeroplanes to reach other continents. The ferry method had some limitation, because each ferry can carry a certain number of cars or passengers, and it is time consuming for each trip. Modern technology helps to build bridges that connect both sides of a river or freeway. Bridges are faster and the transportation flows twenty four hours daily without any hassle.

It is very often when we need to deal with different cultures, we employ the traditional 'ferry method'. We do that because we are cautious, and want to make sure, that what we do or say will not hurt a person of a different culture. The 'ferry method' is safe, but it is slow and time consuming. To make connections with



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culture to culture, we need to follow the modern technology, that is, to build bridges. Building bridges is the way the Gospel promoted, *'Go, therefore, makes disciples of all the nations, baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit'* Mt 28,19. For some to become Jesus' disciples this would cause family disputes or a division in a household. When a member of a household has different beliefs from his/her parents, then division is unavoidable. Separation between day time and night time is a good thing, but for some, darkness is a fearful sign. When dealing with separation in faith in an open manner, prayer is the key factor. Negotiation in a prayerful spirit would help to close the gap of division. It is the 'building bridges' method.

When building bridges between cultures, there is nothing better than using the power of prayers. Sunrays are very thin. We don't see them, but they are much more powerful than we can imagine. Sunrays are able to melt icy water in Antarctica. Sunrays are able to warm the thick concrete walls of a skyscraper. Sunrays are able to make tough outdoor paints fade. The power of prayers could have even stronger effects. The power of prayers builds spiritual bridges. It is able to bend a strong will. It is able to warm a cold heart. It is able to penetrate light on a tough mind. It is able to narrow the gap of division. It is able to reconcile us to each other. It is able purify old cultures and make a new culture based on God's love, mercy and forgiveness. It is the meaning of the baptism of fire that burns one's mind and heart in times of dispute about Christianity.

After the fire, real peace will come, and flourish when we follow cultures of life based on Christ's teaching.

Vudinh Tuong

### New Parishioners

New Parishioner Forms are available on our website. If you have any queries, please give the Parish Office a call.

### Fr Tuong's Annual Leave

Fr Tuong will begin his annual leave on Monday 19th August 2019 and will return on Friday 20th September 2019 ready for Saturday Mass at 5.00pm.

Please welcome Fr Pan Jordan, who will be covering the weekend Masses while Fr Tuong is away.

### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Except in August because of Multicultural Mass and First Holy Communion.



### Dates to Remember

Multicultural Mass      18th Aug      10.00am      In the School Hall

### St Francis Xavier Primary School Fete - Sunday 25th August 2019 10.30am-3.30pm

Please join the St Francis Xavier Primary School on their journey Around the World Fete. There will be plenty of rides, games, market and food stalls, and Milton Dick's Amazing Race + lots more. You can purchase pre-sale Ride Bands via the Qkr! App (once App is downloaded, open App, click on SFX and then P&F Events).

The P&F are still requiring Volunteers if anyone is wishing to help. They also need someone with a trailer who can collect the equipment from the Ipswich Hospital Foundation on Friday 23rd August and then return again on the Monday 26th August. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to help out on 07 3818 0111.

### Demountables

Three classrooms will be placed in front of the Church, next to the school Administration Building. This may cause some inconvenience for some but they are not there forever. They will be removed after the completion of the building of the new Classrooms. Thank you for your understanding.

Fr Tuong



### 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.

### Mass Times next Week

20th Aug -	Tues -	9.00am	Communion Service
21st Aug -	Wed -	9.00am	Communion Service
22nd Aug -	Thurs -	9.00am	Communion Service
23rd Aug -	Fri -	9.00am	Communion Service

### Saturday Reconciliation

24th Aug -	Sat -	4.00pm - 4.30pm	
		5.00pm	Mass

### Sunday Mass

25th Aug -	Sun -	7.00am	Mass
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### 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th August

Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

