



### Cleaning Roster for Next Week

Madaline Brugger



### Flower Roster for Next Week

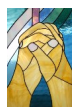
Samoan Community

### 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: 26th Aug - 1st September

James Stirling, Bill Catlow, Stefan Janczuk, Gus De Glas, Valdas Grigutis, Janina Mvkolaitiene, John (Jack) Neden.

### Recently Deceased

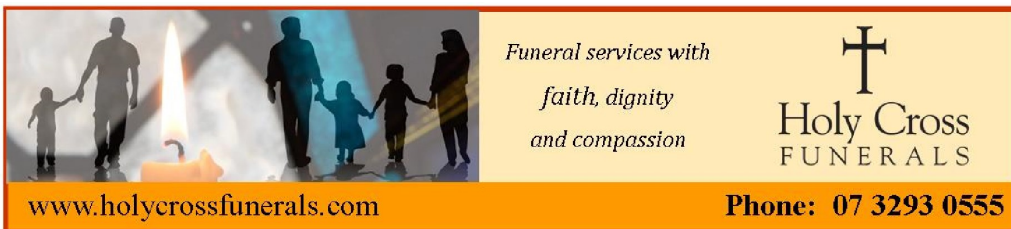
Matta Nguyen Thi Tuoi.

### 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.

### Ember Days

Ember days mark the beginning of each of the four (4) seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.



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**25th August 2019**

**21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**



### Narrow Gate

Parents make many choices for their children. They choose the school, where to live, what to wear and what to eat, and the games the children play. But when it comes to their faith some parents say: 'We won't decide but let the children choose when they are old enough to choose for themselves'. There are good and bad choices to make and sometimes it must be done.

After a war ended, many parents, without consultation of their family members, made choices that affected the whole family. Many of them later regret the wrong choice they made and the price was deadly. Choices we make do affect our own life, and the lives of others. It takes years to recognize the wrong choice we make, and by then it's far too late to make any correction. From the memoirs of many people, who once chose to support ideology, they now put their thoughts into books, and as I read them I can feel the agony, the pain and the sorrowful feelings they put into their words. It costs them their lives, their family, friends and the whole country. They dedicated themselves to ideology, and near the end of their lives they realized, that they had wasted their entire life serving a wrong cause.

There is a story of two parishes next door to each other. One chose the narrow and rough road; the other chose the high way, joining the State run Church. The State run Church received full support from the government. The parish priest was free to travel, and free to organize public events without restriction; while the other

parish received severe punishment with restriction and discrimination. The first few years, the State run parish flourished and attracted large numbers, but later on went onto dwindle and empty. When the parish priest died the local bishop had no faculty to appoint a new parish priest. The congregation shrank and then fell to nothing. The Church was empty for some time before the State turned it into food ban storage, and the Church hall became an entertainment centre. The name of the parish was removed, and replaced with the food ban storage sign.

The parish that chose the narrow, and rough road was under government surveillance, subjected to being attacked, and the parish priest was under house arrest. Each year the community needed written permission to celebrate Easter and Christmas. The parish pastoral council members, and the priest lived in fear of persecution, and would be sent to a labour camp any time. Everyone lived in fear and had no future. However, after the storm, the parish bounced back with more people coming to worship, and the congregation grew and flourished. When the parish priest died the local bishop quickly appointed another priest to do mass supply, waiting for the government approved of the appointment of the new parish priest. The parish is strong and full of life. In following Jesus, you need to be a loser before becoming a winner.

Jesus tells us to choose the narrow door, because it leads to life and eternal life; the high way, the wide road leads to doom, disaster, catastrophe and ruin. We sing the hymn *'if God is for us who can be against because the spirit of God set us free'*. The loser is the one who believes, that God will not reject them even when their lives come to an end. It is not God who rejects them, but they themselves have already rejected God in the first place. Nothing worthwhile is easy. Everything of value has its price. The narrow gate associates to the saying no pain, no gain.

Vudinh Tuong

**Supply Priest**

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

**New Parishioners**

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

**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass.



**Dates to Remember**

St Francis Xavier Primary School Fete                      Sun 25th Aug 10.30am - 3.30pm  
 Our Lady's Birthday    Sat 7th September 2019  
 Celebrate at Marian Valley. Bus pick up at Goodna (Church) at  
 8.20am. Fare \$20  
 Booking Contact: Anne 07 3282 0321/Pat 07 3281 6650

**Multicultural Mass Celebration**

It is a great thank you for those who took part in the multicultural celebration - both before, during and after. It was a great celebration and it made us proud about our parish community. Thanks the Organizing Committee. The variety of foods signifies the aroma and specialty of each nation who have special talents of blending these ingredients to bring joy to our taste. The costume outfits also tell us the art of mixing colours, not just pleasing our eyes, but it also reveals how much you would like to celebrate. Thanks to the Faith Community. The Holy Communion children looked holy, prayerfully and joyfully showed that their spirit has moved their lives towards God. Thanks the Sacramental Team. The music and other liturgical pieces help us to raise our voice to praise God. Thanks the Liturgical Team. Thank you all and God bless. 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**

27th Aug -	Tues -	9.00am	Communion Service
28th Aug -	Wed -	9.00am	Communion Service
29th Aug -	Thurs -	9.00am	Communion Service
30th Aug -	Fri -	9.00am	Communion Service

**Saturday Reconciliation**

31st Aug -	Sat -	4.00pm - 4.30pm
		- 5.00pm Mass

**Sunday Mass**

1st Sep -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am Mass
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**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st September**

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24; Lk 14:1, 7-14

