



Cleaning Roster for Next Week

Laulu Family



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.

Lenten Program - 2020

Anyone wishing to register their name for a Lenten Program for Easter 2020 (12th April 2020), please contact the Parish Office.



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, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne, Maureen McCallion.

Anniversaries: 16th December - 22nd December Cecilia and Daniel Gorman, Father Ron Illidge, Norman Beardmore, Teodorico Caracal, Gordon Joseph O'Donohue, Felice Pastro, Antonis Sylvina Stevenson, John McGrath, Joseph Vu Van Ngon, Bonifacio Cajes, Leonardo Oblino, Constance Swales, Monica Pili Pelu, Judy Harris, Ralph William Tidey, Arlyn Tirant, Kath Daininth

Recently Deceased

Christmas Cards

We have Majellan Christmas cards for sale at \$10/pack (10 cards/pack).

If you wish to purchase any cards, please contact the Parish Office.

Get in early as we only have a limited number for sale.

Happy International Volunteers Day!!

We wish to express a Happy International Volunteers Day to all of our wonderful volunteers at the Goodna Parish. Thank you for all your incredible efforts, we appreciate everything you do to make our community safe and welcoming for everyone.




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15th December 2019 Third Sunday of Advent



Expectation

John the Baptist went before Jesus, acting as the forerunner, proclaiming the message, 'Repent, *for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand*' Mat 3,1. He called people to repent, and be baptised by him as the sign of reconciling to God. John expected the Messiah would soon come, and when he came, he would come with the mighty power. We heard John's preaching last week that:

' the axe is laid to the roots of the trees ... and His winnowing- fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing floor' Mat 3,11'.

Herod Antipas had John arrested, and imprisoned him, because John condemned the king, who married Herodias, his brother's wife Mat 14,1-12. The other reason involved John's popularity. Herod was gravely concerned, that the crowds would do whatever John asked of them; including the act of rebellion.

John believed when the Messiah came, he would punish severely those who had hardened their hearts, because they refused to repent. In his prison cell John heard, Jesus came not to punish- bring fire and brimstone- but instead he came to forgive, to heal, and to befriend sinners. This man, Jesus, was doing not what John had expected the Messiah would do. It made John wonder whether the man, Jesus, was actually the Messiah he was waiting for, or he had to wait for someone else. To clarify his queries, John sent his disciples to let Jesus know of his concerns. Jesus gave John's disciples an answer, which he was neither confirming nor denying. Jesus' answer was not much about himself, but rather it was more about his mission. He told John's disciples returning to tell John what they had heard and seen:

'the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them' (11:5).

Jesus came to proclaim God's love, mercy and kindness. His mission was not to destroy God's creation, but to renew what God had created, and reclaim eternal life for God's people. Other reasons would contribute to John's concerns. First, John knew his vocation was heralding the Messiah's coming. He probably was afraid about his death less, but showed more concern about the fulfilment of his vocation; what he was called to do, and that bothered him. For many, the unfavourable conditions in prison, and lack of sleep would influence a prisoner's mind; for John, fulfilling his vocation was his first priority. It was more important than his own safety. John hoped, that Jesus' clarification about his mission would give him a sense of satisfaction. When John was certain, that Jesus, indeed, was the Messiah; John knew his mission was in fact accomplished, and he was pleased. After John's disciples had left, Jesus praised John for his love and trust in God. John, who had no military power, held no government office, and yet even the king was afraid of him. His followers were large in number, his popularity was overwhelming. Jesus said, it was nothing in measure to glorification in God's kingdom, and those who welcome Jesus into their heart will receive their rewards.

Vudinh Tuong

Very Much Appreciated

We started Christmas celebration with the turn Christmas Lights display on, and followed by the BBQ to acknowledge the volunteer work of all parishioners. I am grateful for those who were able to make it and those who would love to but due to other commitments. The evening was well attended and it was such a nice occasion to relax, to enjoy the cool breeze and above to cherish the goodness our dear parishioners have contributed to build up the Parish. Thanks the team do doing great work. May the spirit of Christmas journey with you at this Festive Season and throughout the year ahead. Thanks.

Fr. Tuong

St Francis Xavier Christmas Dates

24th Dec St Francis Xavier Christmas Carols & Mass 5.00pm

There will be no 9.00am Mass on Tuesday 24th Dec 19. The Christmas carols and Mass will start at 5.00pm.

25th Dec St Francis Xavier Christmas Day 7.00am & 9.00am

On Wednesday the 25th Dec 19, there will be a 7.00am Mass and a 9.00am Mass.

Dates to Remember

11th Dec Lights of Christmas at St Stephen's Cathedral
This event will from the 11th Dec - 24th Dec and include music, food and children's activities from 6.30pm followed by a 12 minute show running continuously from 7.00pm.

21st Dec St Gerard's Christmas Festival Chermerside West
The festival runs nightly till the 23rd Dec 19. St Gerard's now includes a Carols by Candlelight outdoors on the 21st Dec 19 at 7.00pm. See website for schedule www.olaparishchermerside.org.au. 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermerside West.

28th Mass for the Holy Innocents

The Knights of the Southern Cross invite you to join them in celebrating the Feast of the Holy Innocents. We will commence with the Rosary at 4.15pm followed by Mass at 5pm. After Mass, please stay for a light supper in the pergola.

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be held on 19th January 2020 .

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



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

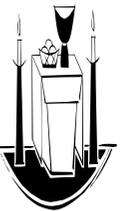
17th Dec -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
18th Dec -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass
19th Dec -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
20th Dec -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass

21st Dec -	Sat -	4.00pm	Reconciliation (till 4.30pm)
		5.00pm	Mass -

Sunday Mass

22nd Dec -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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Fourth Sunday of Advent 22nd December

Is 7:10—14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24