



Cleaning & Flower Rosters for Next Week
Flowers 23.02.2020 **Cleaning**
 Tien & Nhu Cynthia Castillo



Ministers Roster for Next Week

Date	Time	Leader/Welcome	1 st Reader	2 nd Reader
22 February	5:00pm	Veronica Lawson	Tony McHardy	Ron Phipps-Ellis
23 February	7:00am	Bruce Larter	Kel Ryan	Cameron Auld
	9:00am	Paul Lauvao	Karoline Fonoti	Noela Leituala

Date	Time	Ciborium	Chalice	Chalice
22 February	5:00pm	Marie Hodges	Brian Freeman	Amanda McHardy
23 February	7:00am	Joan Sitcheff	Veronica Tierney	Shona Nolan
	9:00am	Elaine Waters	Rita Kennedy	Donna So'oalo

Learning about Faith

Is it either you or your relatives and friends who would like to learn about the Catholic faith? Please call the Parish Office on 07 3818 0111 and we will let you know when the class will start. The program is known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). Thank you

Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Amanda Harding, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne, Maureen McCallion, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, John Cornwell, Michael Hancock.

Anniversaries 17th February - 23rd February

Richard Wasowicz, Maria Jedroszkowiah, Kevin James, Moya Halls, Michael Radcliffe, Maria Lupeamanu, Arland Grashius, Moya McCallum.



Recently Deceased

Theresa Sears, Taulapapa, Elsie Alindogan, Margaret Holmes, Elizabeth Allison, Annie Breen, Billie & Carrie McCarthy, Therese Vu Thi Tot, Dominic Hoan.

Verbum Domini (2010) 52

In considering the Church as *'the home of the word'*, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.

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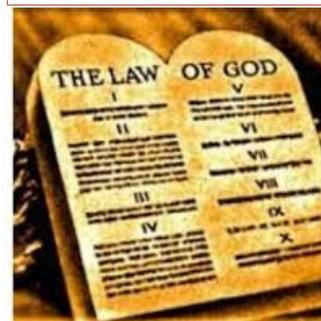
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16th February 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Perfect Law

Some believe natural law is designed by God to govern the natural world. The divine law is not just simply a way to govern our way of life, but its primary purpose is to show our love, and worship of God. There is another set of laws to govern a society, and that is manmade laws. The differences between the divine

law and manmade law are not of their purposes, but rather, their natures. Both sets of laws serve to protect human life in their own way.

First, the divine law is born out of God's love; while manmade law is born out of fear. When God creates a person, God inscribes into that person's heart the divine law that enables the person to love God, to enjoy God's creation, and to love others. Manmade laws are given in response to the needs of a society at a given time. Without such laws, governments are frightened that bad things can be out of control, and that creates chaos for the society. Manmade laws are born out of human knowledge, and wisdom, which in themselves are limited, and sometimes are biased in favour towards popular cultures. When a popular culture dies, that law becomes history.

Second, the divine law has universal implications and is timeless; while manmade laws are local, limited, and differ from place to place.

Third, God blesses those who are faithful, enabling them to keep the divine laws. God's grace assists a person to be faithful to God's laws; manmade laws give no

assistance in helping people to keep the laws. The strength of the laws relies on discipline and punishment for those who break the laws.

Law makers before Jesus failed to interpret the divine law correctly. Unfortunately, instead of making the law relevant, and easy for the public, to ease the burden of life, and to promote life; they made the law a heavy burden for the poor, and widows. Jesus came to fulfil the law, not to abandon it as people criticised him. Jesus fulfilled the law by he himself observing the law. He showed his authority in interpreting the law. He fulfilled the promises, fulfilling the prophecies by early prophets, and by his submission in doing God's will. The accomplishment of the law happens at the moment of his death, when he displayed his love on the cross. His death and resurrection established the new covenantal relationship between God and the human race. For Jesus, the divine law goes beyond the letter of the law. It is not based on the exterior appearance, but rather it is extended beyond the letter, and at the human heart's level. It is the interior attitudes of a person towards the law that counts. For Jesus, reconciliation brings peace and harmony for a community, and that is the way of God. It is not punishment and disciplines as manmade law proposed. Peace, harmony, and the sense of liberation, and achievement gained from reconciliation are qualities of God's kingdom that a penitent will enjoy now and in the future. The sense of achievement is most important in reconciling to others. It is a personal victory, because pride and arrogance dominate that person no more, but the person is guided by the spirit of humility, meekness, and self-control. Seen in that way, the divine law helps a person to prepare for living in peace and harmony right now here on earth, and for enlightenment about God's kingdom, where human desires and suffering cease to exist.

Vudinh Tuong

Bishop Ken's Visit

Bishop Ken will be visiting the St Francis Xavier Parish from Friday 21st February 2020 - Sunday 23rd February 2020.

He will celebrate the 9.00am Friday Mass and weekend Masses, Saturday 5.00pm, Sunday 7.00am followed by morning tea at the Pergola and then the 9.00am Mass.

Vinnies Bushfire Appeal

St Vincent de Paul would like to thank our parishioners for their generosity towards the Bushfire Appeal back on the 1st/2nd February 2020.

Your efforts raised \$1,147.80.

The funds raised will greatly help all those affected by the recent fires.



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be held on 15th March 2020.

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

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.

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.



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.

Weekday Mass

17th Feb -	Mon -	9.00am	No Mass
18th Feb -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
19th Feb -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass
20th Feb -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
21st Feb -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass

22nd Feb -	Sat -	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Reconciliation till 4.30pm
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Sunday Mass

23rd Feb -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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7th Sunday in Ordinary Time 23rd February

Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

The Piety Shop is now located at 35 Lavendar Street, Inala - near Blue Fin Fishing Club.

