



**Cleaning & Flower Rosters for Next Week**  
**Flowers**                      **01.03.2020**                      **Cleaning**  
 Samoan Community                      William Family



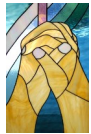
**Ministers Roster for Next Week**

Date	Time	Leader/Welcome	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader
29 February	5:00pm	Suzanne Fitzgerald	Daveena Borowski	Marie Hodges
1 March 2020	7:00am	Michael Miles	Cathy Glavicic	Rob Bryant
	9:00am	Filo Laulu	Kisa Senio	L. Fruean

Date	Time	Ciborium	Chalice	Chalice
29 February	5:00pm	Brian Freeman	Veronika Fenech	Christine Freeman
1 March 2020	7:00am	Eddie Radke	Kel Ryan	Anna McGuire
	9:00am	Teresa Chong-Nee	Julie Aiavao	Poleki Leituala

**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 24th February - 1st March**

Roslyne Watson, Mavis Goonatilalee, John Habraken, Mary Waterson, Jim Lennon, Norman Canada, Rimantas Grigutis, Sr Eileen O'Sullivan RSM, David Leslie.

**Recently Deceased**

Annie Breen, Billie & Carrie McCarthy, Therese Vu Thi Tot, Dominic Hoan.

**The Season of Lent - RP 13**

The Season of Lent is the most appropriate time for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news.* It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have an opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

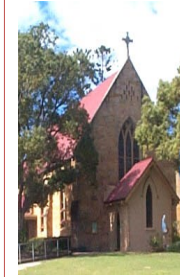
The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated before rather than during the Easter Triduum.

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**23rd February 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**Retaliation**

Some people we love dearly; others we love less; others again we don't love at all or just ignore them. We think they are unworthy of our love. Human interactions often don't run smoothly and conflicts happen. When they happen we demand fairness and justice. We believe that punishment for a crime committed is fair and just. To avoid personal retaliation taken into one's own hands, the state enacts laws to ensure, that the penalty is not arbitrary, making the punishment more severe than the crime warrants. Otherwise, personal retaliation in times of anger is often out of control.

Jesus gives his disciples a dignified approach in dealing with our enemies (if we happen to have any). He teaches us: first, to love them and second, to pray for them. Our prayers for them demonstrate our love is extended for those who hate or persecute us. This teaching goes beyond common human knowledge. Jesus calls us to love everyone, because everyone is worthy of his love. He died for everyone. His love is inclusive, unlike ours, which is exclusive.

First Jesus asked his disciples to overcome evil with good. Wickedness can't combat wickedness but love does. Love has the power to change another person's heart. The argument that superiority in weaponry is an effective method to control conflicts in the world is human logic. Yes, conflicts may subside. They are suppressed for the time being, but they are not solved. When conflicts are put into a sleeping mode, they will not die, but may rise again when the conditions are in their favour. Jesus is saying to us, love that comes from one's heart will solve all conflicts. The dictum *'an eye for an eye or a tooth for a tooth'* is not the way of God; but rather forgiveness for an eye, and reconciliation for a tooth, is the sure way of everlasting peace and true joy. Forgiveness and reconciliation is hard, when

the hurt is still raw and the pain is fresh, but we believe, God would never command us to do the impossible, and we don't do it alone without God's blessing.

Second, when a victim is abused by people who are in the position of power, gentleness and calmness on the part of the victim ease the tension. The enemies may walk away, and think about our calm behaviour. They may feel ashamed of their actions and may change. In order to love those who harm and shame us, we need the power of prayers. We don't know how our prayers would affect our enemies, but Jesus told us to pray for them (5:44). We believe, Jesus has his own way to change people's hearts. For us, our prayers help us to ease the anxiety in our hearts, and that opens the way for reconciliation and forgiveness. Forgiving others who wrong us is a condition of receiving God's forgiveness as the Lord's prayer stated. Loving, praying for, and forgiving one's enemy makes God's love true and real for others. God loves everyone, and we should learn from God to do the same. By loving our enemies, we let the world know that our reasoning is God's way. God calls us to be different. For example, we respond to anger, not with retaliation, but in reconciliation; we don't respond to hatred with violence, but with love and prayers. Those who are in power, feel that this new teaching does not make sense to them; especially those with the power to provide employment for the victims. God's kingdom is for everyone. God's love is displayed on the cross; God's power is demonstrated at the empty tomb.

Vudinh Tuong

### Welcome - Bishop Ken

Please all welcome Bishop Ken to St Francis Xavier Parish. He will arrive early Friday the 21st, to celebrate 9.00am Mass with us, and will be here till Sunday 23rd February.

### Lenten Penance

The Church's Canon law reaffirms our obligation to do penance on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

This year Ash Wednesday is on the 26th February and Good Friday is on the 10th April. They are the days of penance. It means to spend more time with the Lord in prayer, to take control of our days by sharing our own needs for other people whose needs are much more urgent.

Abstinence from meat for those who are 14 years of age and over.

Fasting for those who are 18 years of age up to 60. Exceptions are made for the sick, elderly, pregnant and manual labourers.

All other Fridays in Lent is optional. However, fasting is encouraged because it is good for you both physically and spiritually.

### Liturgy Committee

The Parish is wanting to start a Liturgy Committee. If anyone is interested, can you please give the Parish Office a call.

### Lenten Study Group - 2020

For anyone wishing to join the Lenten Study Group, please contact the Parish Office. The study group dates are as follow:

Tuesday	25th February 2020	9.30am (after Mass in the Church)
Wednesday	26th February 2020	7.00pm (Collingwood Park - call the Parish Office for the address)
Thursday	27th February 2020	6.30pm (Presbytery)

### 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.

### RCIA - Learning about Faith

So far we have seven (7) people listed for the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. The program will begin in March 2020. If there is anyone else wanting to learn about the Catholic faith, please call the Parish Office 07 3818 0111.

### 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

24th Feb -	Mon -	9.00am	No Mass
25th Feb -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
26th Feb -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass Ash Wednesday (Fast & abstinence)
		6.00pm	Mass Ash Wednesday (Evening Mass)
27th Feb -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
28th Feb -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

### Saturday Mass

29th Feb -	Sat -	5.00pm	Vigil Mass Reconciliation till 4.30pm
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### Sunday Mass

1st Mar -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
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### 1st Sunday of Lent 1st March

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11

