



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday 9 th May	
4 th	May	Mon	9.00am	No Mass	5.00pm	No Vigil Mass
5 th	May	Tues	9.00am	No Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
6 th	May	Wed	9.00am	No Mass	Sunday 10th May	
7 th	May	Thurs	9.00am	No Mass	7.00am	No Mass
8 th	May	Fri	9.00am	No Mass	9.00am	No Mass

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 3rd May 2020



The Gate

Before going to work each day, we go through many doors, such as bedroom door, bathroom door, and so on. The gate of our

house is the last door we go through, at the beginning of the working day; it is also the last door we enter at the end of the working day. The gate is the symbol of the beginning and end, of each of our days. The saying 'God is the alpha and omega', the first and last letter in Greek language, means God is the beginning and ending of each day of our lives. In broader terms, we enter this world by God, and when ending this life, we return to God, the source of life and of our everlasting life. Jesus claims He is both the Good Shepherd and the Gate. Jesus is the Gate through which we enter the world. After our entering the world, Jesus doesn't leave us alone, but he leads and we follow. The gate is the boundary, separating between places of private ownership and public places. Outside the gate belongs to the public; inside the gate is an area of private ownership. Each place has rules of its own. Jesus is the Gate. A front gate is a symbol, resilient and sturdy. It endures heat of the day; it bears the coolness at night; it is anchored to the ground resisting any kind of whirlwind, and finally it is renewed when it is worn out. The front gate protects not just the house, but everything inside the boundary, stopping trespassers, and wild animals from entering the property. At night, for a sheep pen, the gate is the very first barrier to meet an enemy, stopping wolves from attacking the sheep,

and serving as the deterrent preventing a thief from entering. A shepherd and a gate are two different realities. Unlike a hired shepherd, who would put his safety before that of the sheep, or he would stay under the shade to avoid the heat of the day, and cover himself to keep warm at night, The Good Shepherd would stay firm, exposed to danger, and anchored like a gate post, whether the weather is hot or cold. In times of danger; the Good Shepherd would stay to protect the sheep at all cost. He values the welfare of the sheep as his own. Using the darkness to cover their identities, thieves and bandits often come at night to steal and harm the sheep. A gate stays; it never moves, no matter what. In claiming He is the Gate, Jesus claims He is with us at all times; in time of darkness, and hostility, to protect us.

During the day the Good Shepherd lets the sheep go outside to exercise, to find food and to enjoy life. He goes before them to make sure they are safe; he leads them to green young grass patches, near a stream; he looks after them, and carries the injured home. The sheep listen to his voice; he knows them and they know him. At night, he not only provides security for the sheep, but also tends the sick, providing them with peaceful sleep. The sheep enjoy a life of peace and prosperity; they enjoy a life free from domestic violence. They are free from any danger that comes from the outside world. They are under his tender care, living with love and compassion.

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, looks after us at all times, day and night. Let's learn from Jesus to be good shepherds for members of our own families and for members of our faith community.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

RESOURCES TO PRACTICE YOUR FAITH AT HOME

St Stephen's Cathedral

- www.archbne.org/bzw - Online Mass
- <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/> - Webpage
- www.archbne.org/dwlc - Register for regular emails

Catholic Leader

- www.catholicleader.com.au – Newspaper online

Social Media

- www.facebook.com/archbne - Facebook
- @archbne - Instagram

Pope Francis Daily Mass – 3pm

- <https://www.facebook.com/vaticannews/videos/2964182293618950/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/vaticannews/videos/722760748263648/>

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Weekly Envelopes

Thank you to those who have been able to send through your contribution to the Parish. This is very much appreciated considering our current situation.

If anyone is wanting to review other options on how you can send through your contributions through to the Parish, please email the Parish Office.

PARISH DIARY

Volunteers - Please check if you are Registered

As a necessary process to ensure our compliance with the **Archdiocese of Brisbane Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Prevention and Protection Policy**, we are currently reviewing the Parish's Volunteer Register.

We need to make sure all our Volunteers are registered under the St Francis Xavier Parish. Even if you volunteer elsewhere, you will still need to complete a registration for the Parish.

The link for registration is <http://archbne.org/welcome>. Any printed forms must be lodged through the Parish Office. If you are unsure in anyway, please contact the Parish Office to check for you.

COVID 19 Restrictions

To date there have been no changes to the restrictions. These restrictions were put in place for an initial 4 weeks, however, we are still relying on updates from the Archdiocese of Brisbane, the Queensland Government and Health Officials for any changes in the current restrictions.

The restrictions are still as follows:

- All Churches are closed;
- Weddings and Funerals are strictly limited in size;
- All other Sacraments to be placed on hold;
- Any indoor/outdoor event or meeting is cancelled;
- All meetings should be conducted via phone or Skype.

PASTORAL MATTERS



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, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, John Cornwell, Michael Hancock.

Anniversaries 4th May – 10th May

Mary Roddin, Stanislaw Gorbacz, Ngac Van Dinh, Stasis Bernotas, Elaine Mary Wilson, Ellen Meredith, May Vella, Alfonso Deniega, Noel Blom, Ralph Burke, Lillian Quickfall, Emma Crocker, Terrance Gallagher, Bonifacio O Festejo Snr, Nelio Silva Serra, Giuse, Anna, Giuse Dinh Van Ngac.

Reading – 5th Sunday of Easter – 10th May

1 st Reading	Act 6:1-7
2 nd Reading	1 Pet 2:4-9
Gospel	Jn 14:1-12



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

There is no Baptism for May.

Please keep in touch with the Parish Office as the current restrictions may change at any time. Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

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.

Recently Deceased

Billie & Carrie McCarthy, Maureen McCallion, Kuinileti Petelo, Archbishop of Brisbane John Bathersby.



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.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 10TH MAY 2020



Flowers

None until Further Notice



Cleaning

None until Further Notice

Ministers Roster for Next Week – NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Date	Time	Leader/Welcome	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Ciborium	Chalice	Chalice

KNOWLEDGE

The Month of May. Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love **Mary, the Mother of God**, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her, the Church holds up and admires the excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

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