




**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	16 th May
11 th	May	Mon	9.00am	No Mass	5.00pm	No Vigil Mass
12 th	May	Tues	9.00am	No Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
13 th	May	Wed	9.00am	No Mass	Sunday 17th May	
14 th	May	Thurs	9.00am	No Mass	7.00am	No Mass
15 th	May	Fri	9.00am	No Mass St Matthias	9.00am	No Mass

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 10th May 2020



Trouble Free
 Anything we can touch and feel and taste, we say exists. The abstract world requires the work of a mind to determine whether a thing exists or not. Both the empirical and logical approaches are unreliable when dealing with the question of faith in Jesus. The former deals with things perceived through our senses. The latter deals with images from a conversation helping the mind to decode the message. Faith in Jesus needs a different approach. It is the language of the heart. It is not voice, nor form, nor thought that leads a person to come to love God, but a loving heart. It plays a crucial role in a relationship. We love the empirical world; simply because we are part of that world. From it, we enjoy life, relax and feel at home. The spiritual world requires us to see with the eyes of faith. Our mind tries hard to understand Jesus' teachings, and often enough we come up with unsatisfying answers, because faith is invisible and mysterious. Jesus' apostles struggled hard to understand his teaching; their struggle is ours also. Like them, we would like to see God to satisfy our minds for clarity. Thomas asked Jesus to show him the way to the Father, and Philip asked to see the Father. Fortunately, we gain more insight from their asking.
 First, Jesus assured the apostles that they will see God when the time comes, but not yet. *'To have seen me is to have seen the Father ... I am in the Father and the Father is in me'* (14,9).

God, the Father, is invisible to our eyes. Jesus is both God and man. Human beings are capable of seeing the man Jesus, the humanity of Jesus, but we are incapable of seeing Jesus as God, the divinity of Jesus. We are not made for it. The time will come for us to see God face to face. The apostles needed to have faith in Jesus, and to be free from doubt. In their time lived in the world, and were subject to the world, but when the time came, they no longer lived in the world, but in God's house. The saying *'there are many rooms in my Father's house'* 14,2 indicates, that believers will live in God's house and they will meet the Father. Jesus gave them another assurance by promising that *'I am now going to prepare a place for you... I shall take you with me, so that where I am you may be too'*. (14.3) Jesus calls them to trust him, and not be afraid, because his going away is good for them; He is not abandoning them, but going to prepare a place for them, and he will return to take them with him.
 Second, Jesus' answer to Thomas helps us to understand, that God's way is beyond human comprehension. We are able to follow the way of world alone, but we are incapable of walking to God's house alone. We need Jesus to show us the way, to be our companion on the journey. *'I shall return to take you with me'*. Believers are unable to go on our way to the Father alone. We need Jesus to lead, to guide. Jesus alone is all we need. With him on our side we need no one else. We will see God face to face when the time comes and that is the assurance of faith. Believe and be trouble free.
**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
Liturgy Brisbane
<https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/> – Readings and Prayers

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

Changes around the Church
 We thought we would share some of the changes that has recently happened around the Church.



A new speaker installed in the front half of the Church.



A new path and part of the new school building.



Newly laid turf where the demountables use to be. Nice green grass 😊



New gardens in front of the garden between the Church and the School.

PARISH DIARY

Volunteers – Whether your Renewing or Registering

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 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 11th May – 17th May

Steven Wood, William Arthur Meredith, John Peter Kalksma, Tim Shrume, Frankie La Rocca, Alfonsas Navickas, Edward Paul Galligan, David Newman, Annie Atwood, Allen Anthony Maybanks, Alan James Wilshire, Souphalack Manavanh, Wladyslaw Witowski (Bobi).

Reading – 6th Sunday of Easter – 17th May

1 st Reading	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
2 nd Reading	1 Pet 3:15-18
Gospel	Jn 14:15-21



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

Gladys Beaver



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 – 17TH MAY 2020

Flowers	None until Further Notice	Cleaning	None until Further Notice
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Ministers Roster for Next Week – NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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

KNOWLEDGE

The Eucharist joins heaven and earth; it embraces and penetrates all creation. The world which came forth from God's hands returns to him in blessed and undivided adoration: in the bread of the Eucharist, "creation is projected towards divinization, towards the holy wedding feast, towards unification with the Creator himself". Thus, the Eucharist is also a source of light and motivation for our concerns for the environment, directing us to be stewards of all creation. *Laudato Si* (2015) 236 ORDO 2020

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