



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> July St James Apostles	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Jul	Tues	9.00am	Mass St Mary Magdalene	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Jul	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jul	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> July
24 <sup>th</sup>	Jul	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

<b>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	<b>Year A</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> July 2020</b>
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### Wheat and Darnel

A farmer sowed good wheat on his farm. The servants noticed there was darnel growing alongside the wheat. They asked the Master where the darnel came from. The Master explained, that it was the work of His enemy. The servants asked for permission to uproot the darnel, but the Master told them to wait, because uprooting the darnel now would hurt the wheat. At the harvest time, the darnel would be burnt, and the wheat stored. (13:28-30). Jesus' disciples asked him to explain the meaning of the parable. He told them *"The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one, the enemy who sowed them, the devil, the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels"* (13:37-39).

The difference between darnel and wheat was noticed, not when the plants were young, but at the full- grown time. It is extremely hard to judge a person's heart by observing his or her appearance. Every society has both good, and not so good people. Every congregation has both saint and sinner worshipping at the same Church. In our frustration, we sometimes wonder: *Why God, in His omnipotence, allows criminals to keep harming others'*. God knows the movements of each individual's heart. If God had destroyed those who sinned against God; then the entire world would be a barren place. The reality is, that no one is criminal through and through, and no virtuous is free from sins. The difference is that known criminals were caught; while others were not yet (wait till the harvest time). Some acts of sin are visible, and

obvious; others are hidden deep in a person's heart. The common trend is, that sinners feel at home with vices, and are slow to repent; while the virtuous try hard in fighting against temptations, and are quick to repent. Imperfect is what we all are. Christ's disciples try to improve their lives by means of eliminating vices, and enriching their lives with Christian virtues. Uprooting a vice requires great courage, and it hurts, because like the roots of wheat and darnel are mixed; the root of sin and virtues are intertwined in our heart. To avoid being burnt in fire, it is wise to uproot bad habits right now. Waiting till the end time is too late.

The conclusion of the parable reveals, that evil doers are destroyed, and the virtuous are rewarded. God's angels, not human beings, carry out the work. Wheat and darnel were sown in the same field. The wheat was sown in day light, and the darnel was sown at night, in the dark. They grew alongside each other. Jesus' parable makes clear that uprooting the grown darnel damages the wheat. One needs to be clear about the differences between uprooting the darnel, and removing vices out of a person's heart. Uprooting the darnel means to remove, to kill the whole plant together, leave nothing behind. Eliminating vices means to clean, to purify a person's heart. It doesn't kill a person, only vices. The heart is not weakened, but strengthened. The wise choice is 'burning' right now whatever causes us to sin. It is easier, and less painful to uproot them while they are young. It is painful, but we save our soul. Waiting till the harvest time for God's angels to act, we will lose everything, both body and soul.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### New Fans

The 8 existing fans currently in our Church have served their lives. They are noisy when turned on to the lightest speed and yet prove to be ineffective.

We are in the process of improving the air-circulation for the entire Church by way of proposing a minor change in the Church settings.

We propose that the 3 existing lights in the middle of the Church be replaced with 3 bigger fans, and the 8 existing fans be replaced with LED lights to improve the lighting.

Currently, we are waiting for the Heritage Council. Once we have their approval, the installation date will be announced. The new fans certainly will help us to feel more comfortable when we gather to pray, especially in summer. I am sure they will help us prayer better, thus improving our spiritual journey. I hope that you would accept the change. It may look different in the Church but we put the spiritual value above all else. Thank you for your understanding.

### Position Vacant – Parish Administration Assistant – Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of Parish Administration Assistant for 20 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website:

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

**PARISH DIARY**

**COVID 19 Protocols**

- Weekday & Weekend Masses up to 100 people;
- Funerals may be conducted with a maximum capacity of up to 100 people;
- Weddings may be conducted with a maximum capacity of up to 100 people;
- Baptisms have a maximum capacity of up to 100 people;
- Confirmations from 2020 will need to be postponed until 2021;
- First Communion – we will be in touch in early October 2020;
- Indoor/outdoor events are still on hold.

**Healing Mass**

There is no Healing Mass for the first Friday in August 2020.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;  
 You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.  
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

**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.

**Reading – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time –26<sup>th</sup> July**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1 Kg 3:5, 7-12
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel	Mt 13:44-52



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020. 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.

**Return to the Fr. 20<sup>th</sup> July – 26<sup>th</sup> July**

Barry McGrath, Marjorie Larter, James O'Neill, Philomena Bolton, Francis Keppel (Frank), Pamela Bryant, Yvonne Smith, Gary James Clark, Petronele Bernotas, Arsenio Amo Snr, Patrick Joseph Galligan, Christa Henty, Geoffrey Wise.

**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**

Anita Donovan.



**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 – 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020**

<b>Flowers</b>	None until Further Notice	<b>Cleaning</b>	Laulu Family
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**Ministers Roster for Next Week – NONE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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

**KNOWLEDGE**

**Eucharistic Prayer II** has its own Preface but may be used with other Prefaces, especially those that summarise the mystery of salvation.

**Eucharistic Prayer IV** has an unchangeable Preface. It may be used when a Mass has no Preface of its own, for example, on weekdays in Lent and Easter and on Sundays in Ordinary Time.

**Eucharistic Prayer for Reconciliation I-II** may be used when there is a theme of reconciliation. They may be used with other Prefaces which refer to conversion and penance, such as the Prefaces of Lent.

**Eucharistic Prayer for Various Needs and Occasions I-IV** has its own Prefaces and is intended for us in Masses for Various Needs and Occasions.

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