



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	22 nd August
18 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
19 th	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
20 th	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass- St Bernard	Sunday 23rd August	
21 st	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Pius X, Pope	7.00am	Mass
22 nd Aug Sat The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **16th August 2020**



Maternal Love

Parents know how distraught they can become caring for their sick child. They worry day and night, and suffer, as much if not more than their child. They would not hesitate to do all they could to ease the pain of their sick child. The Canaanite woman probably would feel the same.

She spent all her savings for treatments and yet her daughter's sickness was not much better. Jesus was her last hope. He satisfied her request and strengthened her faith. The woman went after Him shouting, *'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil'* v.22. Jesus ignored her request but refused to send her away. Her persistence disturbed Jesus' apostles, and they asked Him to give her what she asked for because they were annoyed by her shouting. Jesus told that, *'I was sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.'* v.24'. From His ignoring her request to recognizing her presence, she gained a huge step. It gave her hope. In a bold move, she knelt down at His feet, *'Lord, help me'* v.25. Let us look at the movements of her faith. She first greeted Jesus as, *'Son of David'*. She then recognized Jesus as her Lord, who had the power to defeat the devil. Her actions- *kneeling and begging for pity-* revealed her deep faith in Jesus. She knelt at His feet, and changed the tone of her language from *'Sir, have pity on me'* v.22 ' into *'Lord, help me'* v.26'. She now recognized Jesus as her 'Lord'. From ignoring her, Jesus then recognized her

through His apostles' appeal on her behalf. Jesus then talked to her: *'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house dogs'* v.26. She replied that she was not an outsider of the household, but the insider who would accept a very humble status. She hoped to get what others would refuse to take- *having the scraps that fall from the master's table-* v.27. She believed that a house dog could eat the food reserved for a dog, and more importantly a house dog deserved love from his master. Her faith in Jesus was advancing from hope, to asking for pity and help, and finally to love. Her humble remark made Jesus praise her and grant her request. She regained her full status in God's house. Accepting a role of an animal of a household may be the cultural way of expressing true sorrow for one own sins. In the parable of 'The Prodigal Son' Lk 15, the son longed to eat food from the pigs, but yet he couldn't have any. He returned to his father, saying, *'He deserved to be his son no more but would love to be accepted as a paid servant'*v.19. Expressing herself as a pet of the household, the woman accepted her past sins and would accept whatever the Master offered. Jesus was much more generous than the woman would hope for- *restating her status as a daughter of God.* Accepting Jesus as our Lord, we gain the status of God's children, becoming sons and daughters of God.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

CRI Network – RI Returning to Classes

RI classes have returned to the classroom this term. Unfortunately, there are several instructors who have stepped down, so if anyone is interested in teaching there are some vacancies available.

CRI Network are also holding weekly zoom prayer meetings every Thursday from 11.00am – 11.40am.

For more information, please call Suzie Overell on 07 3201 0046 or email her on coordinator@cri-network.org.au

PARISH DIARY

Mass Precautions during COVID

As part of the COVID Protocols, the Mass format for all Churches have had to be amended (since March 2020):

- No wine for Communion – just prayer;
- Communion is given to the hand – currently given to the tongue is not permitted;
- Extraordinary Ministers – must wash hands before and after Mass with soap and water;
- The use of signing Peace – shaking hands, kissing and hugging is not permitted;
- Fr Tuong is also not permitted to shaking hands after Mass.

Healing Mass

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

Responsorial Psalm

O God, let all the nations praise you

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom, and healed all who were sick

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

Reading – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 23rd August

1st Reading

Is 22:19-23

2nd Reading

Rom 11:33-36

Gospel

Mt 16: 13-20



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20th 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.

Reborn in Eternal Life

23rd August

James Roddin, Valentine Martin Moroney, Barbara Davidson, Sr Mary Theodore Lee, Anthony Paul Folkes, John McGrath, Ralph Norman Hall, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Francis Xavier, Peter.

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, Peter Sen, Caer Emma Howes, Michael Han, Tony Campbell, Dale Chambers, Paelmira da Costa, Malcolm Stevenson, Kevin Norman.



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 –23RD AUGUST 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

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