



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	29 th August	
25 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
26 th	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)	
27 th	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass- St Monica	Sunday 30th August		
28 th	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Augustine	7.00am	Mass	
29 th	Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist				9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass	

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **23rd August 2020**



Eternal Key

Locks play a security role in both public and private premises. The lock has evolved from visible to invisible. Today some locks are known as keyless. A password, or personal voice, or finger prints replace a key. A password is an individual self-made key formed by making the combination of letters and numbers. This self-made password can be changed at will. Jesus gave Peter the key to secure the heavenly treasures. The secret of the keyless lock is the password itself; the secret of the eternal key is not on the password, but is deeply buried in the hearts of Jesus' disciples. It is the love that one has for Jesus. People often identified Jesus in one of His roles. Peter alone was able to identify the whole person of Jesus when he responded, *'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'*, Mat 16,17. Jesus rewarded Peter with a new name. A name which Jesus built His Church on. This new name revealed Peter's heart, his love 'Rock Solid' for Jesus. Jesus gave him the eternal key to lead God's Church on earth. Peter identified Jesus as *'Son of the living God'* and Jesus identified Peter as *'The Rock'* of God's Church. *'The Rock'* was so firm and solid that even the power of the underworld struggled hard to overcome it in vain. Peter's confession of Jesus as, *'Son of the living God'* is God's self-revelation to Peter. Those who make that confession share God's blessings, and become Jesus' disciples. They embrace a new life in Christ. It means a new identity - son or daughter of God. It means a new mission - being an instrument of God's love for others. It means a new future - to live with and for Jesus.

People who study about God, but do not love God, are philosophers of religion. Loving God is the key to changing one's life based on the foundation of Jesus' teachings, His death and His resurrection. An eternal key is given to that person and s/he becomes Jesus' disciple. Jesus saves us not because we deserve to be saved, but it is our sincere response to His love, that makes us become God's children. Jesus is the Head of the Church; the Pope and his successors are the custodians of God's Church. Bound by God's love he strives to be most faithful to God, and to serve God's people with a sincere heart. After the Ascension, the Church is guided by the invisible, Third Person of the One Godhead, the Holy Spirit. Communal consensus in reading the signs of the times with constant prayers and discernment helps the Church to move forward. Some are unhappy about it, and have left the Church. Others are unhappy about the government structures of the Church, and again others are demanding drastic change. The Church has constantly experienced both external and internal forces. Chaos after chaos, and yet the Church stands firm as Jesus had predicted. The Church stands firm because it has its foundation not on human wisdom, but on God's love. The universal Church depends on the guidance of the Holy Spirit on her journey. Signs of the times are visible and close to everyone. Everyone shows concern about signs of the times, and yet decoding the hidden heavenly message is a real challenge. Signs of the times are the parables for the modern world. Whatever the communal consensus agreed upon in prayers and discernment, is considered the Spirit working through them. We pray for the custodian of the eternal key.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Liturgy Brisbane – Education Officer Position

A full time/part time (by negotiation) position for an Education Officer is available for commencing in 2020 with Liturgy Brisbane. If you wish to find out more please go through to the position description link on <https://catholic.sharefile.com/share/view/s90122f1cb614b639> or contact James Herd at herdj@bne.catholic.net.au.

Applications Close: 4th September 2020

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

Lord, your love is eternal:
do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
The gates of hell will not hold out against it.
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, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, John Cornwell, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Agnes Fryars, Justine Brandt and baby McHardy.

Reading – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th August

1 st Reading	Jer 20:7-9
2 nd Reading	Rom 12:1-2
Gospel	Mt 16: 21-27



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 24th August – 30th August

Patricia Fitzgerald, Brian Joseph Eustace, James Stirling, Bill Catlow, Stefan Janczuk.

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 –30TH AUGUST 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/Welcome	1st Reader	2nd Reader	Ciborium	Chalice	Chalice

KNOWLEDGE

EMBER DAYS mark the beginning of each of the four (4) seasons. In Australia, the Church observes the first Fridays of Autumn and Spring (March and September) as special days of prayer and penance, focussing on the environment, the seasons and God's providence.

The Devine Mercy Chapter at Goodna is in its tenth year of promoting the Devine Mercy of the Heart of Jesus. Congratulations.

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