



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> September
8 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Tues	9.00am	Mass- The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mary	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
10 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> September
11 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
				Mass	9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A** **6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**


**Happiness**  
**Mat 18,15-20**  
 Good feelings or bad feelings reveal the moods of our inner life. When we are in a good mood, we are happy. We enjoy life and make others around us happy. When we are in a bad mood, we feel life is miserable. We feel sad, and people around us are likely affected. Things that we have heard or seen from the outside world affect our inner life. To change the ill feelings, we need to remove or get the bad things under control. Forgiveness plays a vital role in turning negative feelings to positive feelings. When we forgive someone who caused us pain and hurt; it doesn't mean the pain and hurt has gone. It means we don't want to live with negative feelings any longer. We don't want to stew, and keep alive the feelings of hurt, anger and resentment. The more we keep them alive, the more they intensify, and the more harm they cause, especially to us. Our body reacts to bad feelings by activating toxic chemicals that harm our wellbeing. Forgiveness is the way out. It has the power to heal, to put the hurt and pain in a powerless mood. A person will not live happily until s/he eliminates the harmful substances. Forgiveness is the best antidote to ill feelings. Negative feelings kill peace. Positive feelings create peace and joy. Forgiveness begins from within. One needs to heal his/her inner life first before s/he is able to forgive a person who harmed him/her. People who are able to forgive are happy people. Forgiveness is the sign of inner strength. It has the power to heal the hurt, and then empowers one to forgive the offender. Humility helps us to see our own vulnerability, and then recognizing our weakness



as well as the weakness of others leads us to forgive. Forgiveness is God's way. It is God, Who first reconciled us to Himself, and then taught us to reconcile with one another as soon as the hurt starts. Jesus taught his apostles, and us, about the power of forgiveness, when He taught the prayer known as 'The Lord Prayer', '...Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us...'. Mat 6,10ff. Refusing to forgive is the worst kind of temptation, because it makes our present life miserable, and destroys eternal life. Forgiveness is so important that it is celebrated as a Sacrament of the Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the bridge connecting us with one another and with God. It brings peace, joy and healing. It eases life's heavy burden. It liberates a person, free from the vile ills of arrogance. It removes the bondage of sin that leads to destruction. Forgiveness means we welcome God into our lives, to be at home with God. Refusing to forgive, means to remain resentful, and hang on to bad feelings. The Bible text says, if a person reconciles that person remains a member of the faith community. It also says, the voice of the faith community has more weight than the voice of an individual. When one of its members refuses to comply with the voice of the faith community, then the membership of that person is in question. The connection between the faith community and its members coexists. Refusing to listen to the voice of the community blocks that connection. Reconciliation removes that blockage. Forgiveness is the sign of trust. The offender may experience the power of being forgiven of his/her wrong doing and come to appreciate the goodness of life. We give thanks to God for the Sacrament of Healing.


**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
**Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**



## Happy Father's Day

**6<sup>th</sup> September 2020**



Loving God, we ask for your blessings on our fathers, that they may find wisdom and humility in the face of the task of parenting.

Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.

Grant that we, their children, may love them

always and thank them for the many sacrifices, big and small, that fathers make for their children and families.

We ask this through Jesus your Son, our Lord.

**Holy Land Collection – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

This year's Good Friday Collection is this Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020, as rescheduled by Pope Francis, to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** (14<sup>th</sup> September).

This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. Your generosity is always appreciated.

## 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 that today you would listen to his voice!  
Harden not your hearts.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
and the Goods News of reconciliation he has entrusted

to

us.

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 – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 13<sup>th</sup> September

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Rom 14:7-9

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35



### 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.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 7<sup>th</sup> September – 13<sup>th</sup> September

Leila Patterson, Margaretta Stewart, Patricia O'Neill, Lloyd Charles, Lelio Benedict, Betty Douglas, Helen Doyle, Mary Keppel, Josephine Liddy, Jennifer Hasted.

### 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

Dale Chambers, Paelmira da Costa, Malcolm Stevenson, Kevin Norman, Taua'e Puia'i Vaimoana Esera.



**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 – 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 PRIEST is the only Minister of the Eucharist. Lay people who assist with the distribution of holy communion are therefore always called MINISTERS OF COMMUNION (never Eucharistic Ministers).

Priests and deacons are 'Ordinary' ministers of holy communion. Lay ministers who assist with communion are therefore called 'Extra-ordinary'.

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Current Office Hours: Tues – Fri 9am to 3pm



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