



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	19 th September
14 th	Sept	Mon	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
15 th	Sept	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Our Lady of Sorrows	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
16 th	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Sts Cornelius	Sunday 20 th September	
17 th	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
18 th	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass
Mass Monday 14 th – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross					12.00pm	Mass

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **13th September 2020**

King of Mercy
 This parable uses the image of an earthly king, who cancelled the huge debt owed by his servant, to talk about the unlimited generosity of the heavenly king. The debt was much larger than the king's servant could ever repay, not even the interest only, to say nothing about the capital loan. When the deadline came, the servant begged the king to give him more time. Knowing that he could never pay it, the king showed pity on him by cancelling the whole sum. This act of mercy was beyond the servant's expectation. On the way home, he happened to meet one of his fellows, who had borrowed from him a much smaller sum, and was unable to repay the debt on his deadline. The fellow begged to have more time. Instead of showing mercy, the servant put him in jail, till he paid the last penny. The king heard of the story. He got angry and said to his servant, *'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?'* v.33. The king then reversed his previous decision and put him in jail.
 Our Lord, Jesus Christ, the heavenly king, is King of Mercy, because His way is mercy. He is the image of God's mercy. Jesus taught His apostles, that there was no need to count the number of times mercy was shown. Jesus told Peter, forgiveness wasn't based on the number of times of forgiving, but it was to happen each time the offender repented, and asked for forgiveness. Each time s/he came to say 'I am sorry', then forgiveness is to be granted. Jesus told His apostles, that His mercy had no end. It would never stop; there was no limit.



Peter thought that forgiving seven times was generous. Jesus told him, not seven, He said, but multiplication of seventy times seven was needed. The result of this multiplication would take the entire human race to practice forgiveness in full. We don't need to keep track of forgiveness. The king reversed his pardon by putting his servant in jail, because the servant had received the king's pity, but showed no pity on his fellow man. God's mercy works in a reciprocal way. We receive, and in turn, must give. Personal practicing of forgiveness is not an option; it must be a way of life. God's way of life is mercy, and we, His disciples, must do the same. Our way of life must be the way of mercy, showing mercy to a person every time s/he comes and asks for pardon. Forgiveness is God's free gift. It is a reflection of God's love, active in our lives. To cancel our debt, our sins, Jesus took it on, himself. To give us life, Jesus died for us. When we are unable to forgive, it means, we fail to see others as members of God's family. We fail to see, that person as our brother or sister in Christ. We receive God's forgiveness daily; we need to forgive others always, because it shows that we are God's children. We must practice forgiveness as freely as we have been forgiven. We don't deserve God's forgiveness. We don't understand God's forgiveness, but we experience that God's love is more powerful than our sin. We also experience, that God's mercy has the power to heal the broken hearted, to make whole a shattered life, and to restore a broken relationship. We thank God for the gift of mercy and show our appreciation of this grace by 'passing it on'.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land



This Sunday, the **13th September 2020**, is the Good Friday collection for the Holy Land. Your donation supports the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing financial assistance to schools, medical centres, parishes, orphanages, welfare projects and poor Christians and it helps to preserve the sacred shrines associated with the life of Jesus.
 Mr Mario Debattista (ofm), Commissary for the Holy Land, sincerely thanks our Parishioners for their generosity.

2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN

Sunday 19-20th September 2020

Next weekend, our Church is delighted to be supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign. It is the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese come together to help vital works of our church and local community. Funds raised will support ministries that directly impact this parish. The Campaign supports training future priests, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community.



PARISH DIARY

Booking Details during COVID

The details that you have been asked to disclose on the Booking Sheets is rather important.

The collection of accurate information is a great benefit to all our Parishioners, as the accuracy of this data will allow Health Authorities to contact you in the quickest way possible, if there happens to be a positive test in amongst our congregation.

Could everyone attending Mass please disclose their:

- Full name;
- Full Address; and
- Contact Number on all Booking Sheets.

Healing Mass

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

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
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 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 20th September

1 st Reading	Is 55: 6-9
2 nd Reading	Phil 1: 20-24, 27
Gospel	Mt 20: 1-16



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.

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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 14th September - 20th September

Noel Gorman & Aat de Roos, Michael McMahon, John O'Connor, Bernard Carr, Maria Purcell, Frances Elmore, Roderick William Burns, Joseph Vu.

Recently Deceased

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 – 20TH SEPTEMBER 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

Special Intentions at Sunday Mass

The Sunday liturgy cannot be divorced from daily life and the realities of our world. *The joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the people of our time, especially of those who are poor or afflicted, are the joys and hopes, the grief and anguish of the followers of Christ as well.*

Vatican II GS 1

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

Gospel Matthew 18:21-35

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