



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	26 <sup>th</sup> September
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sept	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Pius of Pietrelcina	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
24 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	27 <sup>th</sup> September
25 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

**25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A** **20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

**The First and The Last**  
The parable is about God's abundant generosity. Jesus used this parable to highlight the mercy of God, Who is the



'landowner', and all people are God's children. As God's children, we all receive the same God's love. God discriminates against no one because God is love. We humans, discriminate against others, because we are driven by the world's standards.  
The complaint was made, not because of the agreement on one denarius for a day's labour wasn't honoured, but because the expectation from the first group of labourers wasn't met. They raised the issue, because the last group of labourers got the same treatment as they did. They believed the last group of labourers received too much, for they had worked only an hour. For them it was unfair, and unacceptable, in the world's standard. The landowner, the Master, responded, that His generosity wasn't meant to be measured. Fairness, based on the labour market, shouldn't apply to God's generosity. The world's fairness, based on human greediness and vice, wasn't fair at all. The Master worked on a much higher level. It was the practice of heavenly virtues; the virtue of generosity. The Master challenged the workers: *Are you envious because I am generous?* Mat 20, 16. He told one of the complainants that they were in no position to get jealous. They were in no position to take control over who gets what, and how much the Master gave to the other workers. They were in no position to justify frustration with the Master, when He showed generosity, and certainly they were in no position to

control the order of payment for the day work. The parable showed, the first group of workers felt they were more important than the other workers. They should not use the worldly standard of justice to measure the heavenly standard of justice. For the Master, all workers were important, and all deserved to feel their worth. The landowner agreed to pay the first group of workers one denarius for a day's labour. To the second and the third groups of workers, the landowner promised to 'give a fair wage'. We don't know what he meant by that, but they each received one denarius for their work. The last workers were employed without mentioning the amount of the payment. The first group of workers complained, that they worked hard all day, and endured the heat of the day. They failed to know, that they were blessed. They worked hard all day with peace of mind, that at the end of the day, they had a denarius to bring home. The other groups, all had endured the heat of the day as they were on standby, anxiously waiting to be hired. Do not fail to take into account the psychological anguish in waiting, worrying what would they bring home to feed their families. Their hope of being employed for the day dwindled as the day was going, and the prospect of being employed for that day was nil. Just before their hope died, the Master came to their rescue. There was no need of negotiating the payment, just something would be better than nothing. At the time of payment, to their surprise, they received much more than they could have imagined. The joy of receiving the Master's generosity overcame their anguish of waiting. They went home joyfully, chanting the Master's generosity. Their being patient to be employed paid off.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN** **Sunday 19-20<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

This **Weekend**, is 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, caring for elderly priests when they become frail and unwell, helping local families in dire need access a Catholic education and caring for those suffering physically and emotionally in our community. The Archdiocese sincerely thanks all parishioners for your generosity and for making sure our Church is here to help.



**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass – Cathedral of St Stephen** **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

COVID restrictions are preventing the yearly celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass. However, on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for this special moment for couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance at the Cathedral is restricted to 132 people, if you wish to attend please call the Cathedral Office on 0 3324 3030 or register online via the Cathedral website <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-reconciliation-times.html>. For those who cannot attend, the Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website.

**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 near to all who call him.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
 Open our hearts, O Lord,  
 to listen to the words of your Son.  
 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 – 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27<sup>th</sup> September**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ezek 18:25-28
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Phil 2:1-11
Gospel	Mt 21:28-32



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 18<sup>th</sup> October 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 21<sup>st</sup> September – 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Neil Cansdale, Dorothy Phyllis O'Dwyer, Barry Roberts, Margaret Dunbavin.

**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 – 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020**

<b>Flowers</b>	None until Further Notice	<b>Cleaning</b>	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**

The readings from the Word of God are to be LISTENED to REVERENTLY by everyone, for they are an element of the greatest importance in the Liturgy. Although in the readings from Sacred Scripture the Word of God is addressed to all people of whatever era and is understandable to them, a fuller understanding and a greater efficaciousness of the word is nevertheless fostered by a living commentary on the word, that is, by the HOMILY, as part of the liturgical action.

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