



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	10 th October
6 th	Oct	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
7 th	Oct	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
8 th	Oct	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	11 th October
9 th	Oct	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
Michelle will be on annual leave on Tuesday the 6 th October 2020, but back in the office on Wednesday 7 th .					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **4th October 2020**



Vineyard

It is rather hard to tell the true character of a person from a mere appearance observation. Through business exchange, hidden vices will surface, and we come to understand the inner life of a person. All three vineyard parables, happened in different contexts, and yet they all have something in common. They reveal vices of different kinds, namely: jealousy, deceit and covetousness. In the first parable of the vineyard Mt 20,1-16, the first group of workers got jealous against the last group of workers, who worked for less than an hour, and yet they received the same payment as the first ones, who worked all day long. In the second one Mt 21,28-32, the son who responded 'yes' to his father didn't follow through. This week the tenants used the violent approach to take over the ownership of the vineyard Mt 21,33-43. According to the prophet Isaiah *'The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel and the people of Judah' Is 5,7*. God alone is the owner of the vineyard, and the heir, God's only Son; is Jesus. Everything went smoothly and the vineyard's production was fine. The problem was not with the grapes. The richness of the crop motivated the people, the tenants, to take over ownership of the land. According to the lease, we presume, the landowner had the full right to expect some return, each year, from his crops. Those tenants were not only failing to fulfil their obligation paying to the landlord what was due to him, but they wanted to take over the ownership of the land by killing the owner's heir. Up to this point, the Chief Priests and the Elders believed they were the Temple leaders, not the tenants. When Jesus asked the question,

'What will he do to those tenants?'. They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants v.41. This response makes us believe, the Temple leaders and Elders somehow unknowingly, condemned not anyone else, but themselves. Their self-centred pride caused them to misunderstand their own identity and purpose. Their own identity was that of the tenants; their offices were Temple leaders. Office bearer and personal identity are different things. The office a person bears changes from time to time, but not personal identity. The Chief Priest and Elders' purpose was to serve God's people. Instead of serving God they rejected God's Son, Jesus. Instead of serving God's people they made people's lives heavy burdens with strict rules and regulations. God demanded good fruits of holiness from His vineyard, not for God himself, but for God's people. They not only failed the duty of care, to deliver good fruit for God's people, they also failed to welcome what Jesus had to offer. The parable hinted there would be some form of punishment: *'the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit' v.43.* Human wickedness, no matter how clever it is, would be unable to thwart God's plan of salvation. Not honouring their promise, the tenants wanted to stop others from doing God's will. They killed the first group of servants, destroyed the second ones and finally they planned to kill the landlord's heir, Jesus. Rejecting Jesus meant rejecting what he has to offer - Heavenly blessing, salvation and eternal life. Because the chosen race had refused to embrace God's blessing; God's salvation will be given to others, we, the gentiles will be heirs of God's kingdom, becoming God's children, sisters and brothers in Christ. We give thanks to God for allowing us to become God's own people.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

*Platinum Anniversary
Let us all wish Peg and Brian Josey a happy 70th wedding Anniversary. May your love and devotion inspire all who surround you, and may you be blessed with all the gifts that life has to offer.
Happy Anniversary*



Online Course "The Gift"

The Darra-Jindalee Parish will be hosting an online course called 'The Gift' over a 6 week period from the 2nd October 2020 – 6th November 2020
7.15pm – 9.15pm
on Zoom

This course is free, however registration is still essential.
For more information or registering, please contact Chris on 0414 481 506 or gemnkris@gmail.com

WEEKLY INFORMATION

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 October 2020.

Responsorial Psalm

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
 I call you friends, says the Lord,
 because I have made known to you
 everything I have learnt from my Father.
 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, Finley McHardy.

Reborn in Eternal Life 5th October – 11th October

Robert Mark Ives, Linda Carmel McVie, Janice May Nugent, Frankie Gibilard, Avril Janette Abbott, Brooklyn Anne Reese, John Fryars, Josefina Theresia Steflicek.

Reading – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11th October

1 st Reading	Is 25:6-10
2 nd Reading	Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Gospel	Mt 22:1-4



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 18th 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.

Recently Deceased

Maria Nguyen Thi Trinh, Betty Allison.



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 – 11TH OCTOBER 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

The homily is a means of bringing the scriptural message of life in a way that helps the faithful to realise that God's word is present and at work in their everyday lives. **ORDO 2020 Verbum Domini (2010) 59**

The homily has special importance due to its Eucharistic context: it surpasses all forms of catechesis as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which leads up to sacramental communion. **ORDO 2020 Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 137**

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