



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> October - St Ignatius of Antioch	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
14 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
15 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Teresa of Jesus	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	
16 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

**28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A** **11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**



**Wedding Garment**

The parable is a story of a king, who invited his friends to his son's wedding. The king received negative responses

from his friends. In his second attempt the king sent his trusted servants; this time in person, to persuade his friends to come, but they failed to appreciate the king's kindness. Excuses were made, ranging from family matters to personal business. Some even assaulted and violated the king's servants. Tension arose and intensified. It was all started by the king's friends. Friends became foes and rebels. Placing personal business over a friend's wedding would severely damage the friendship. Turning down a royal wedding invitation is a sign of disrespect for the king. It showed having little love for the royal family. The king was upset about the refusal to attend his son's wedding, and even more displeased about the murders of his trusted servants. What they sowed they would harvest. The king sent his troops to punish the murderers. The murderers were themselves slain. Nothing could stop the king. He determined the wedding banquet should go ahead, no matter what. Because the invitees proved unworthy, the king looked to the wider community, the commoners. Servants were instructed to invite to the king son's wedding everyone on the roads, and they responded with warmth and excitement. The wedding hall was full. Because of twists and turns it is rather hard to see the logic of the parable in the environment of any of our social settings. Jesus addressed the chief priests and the elders. There is no doubt, Jesus had a message for them to reflect upon. His message was to remind them of their disloyalty to the Lord, and their atrocity towards the prophets. Logic of the parable doesn't follow logic of the empirical world. Faith requires

believing in God's love and mercy, and the language of the heart has rules of its own. The parable's setting is strange and some of its language is the language of the end time (v.13). 'The invitees' referred to the chosen race, the Israelites. 'King' is a metaphor for God; Servants who were abused and murdered were the prophets. Wedding banquet is a metaphor for the heavenly banquet, the divine banquet at the end time. The divine banquet is not food our physical body needs, but it is for our spiritual nourishment. It began here on earth, starting with Jesus' teaching, and culminates at the end time. The wedding garment refers to the Christian virtues, rather than material garments or the moral behaviour. The king came to the banquet and noticed one man who didn't comply with the wedding garment. He was dragged out and condemned into darkness. *There will be weeping and grinding of teeth (v.14)*. It is the language of the end time.

The final statement: '*For many are called, but few are chosen (v.14)*'. It looks like this statement is an independent statement, unrelated, to the rest of the parable. The statement certainly doesn't apply to the guest who was thrown into darkness. The statement probably refers to the first groups of invitees, the Israelites who through their history had shown disloyalty, infidelity and rebelliousness against God. However, not all of them were unfaithful. There were some who were faithful; their faith was unwavering. Not all chosen guests responded negatively to the royal banquet; some of them attended, and the statement may refer to them, that many were invited but only a few chose to attend the royal wedding.

We give thanks to God for the divine banquet in this life and the divine banquet to come.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**



*Thank You*

We wish to thank John Borowski, Joe Masalu and Cor Habraken for helping out to fix the blocked drain pipe beside the Church. Your generosity of your time, is very much appreciated.

*Fr Tuong &  
Michelle*

**St Francis Xavier 2020 First Communion**

Interviews for the 2020 First Communion began on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The final date for enrolment was Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

For any families who have booked their children in for Communion, and have not handed in their Enrolment Form, please remember to bring your completed forms to your interview.

Communion classes begin on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 3.45pm – 4.45pm, followed by the 5.00pm Mass.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Deep Cleaning of the Church

Summer is fast approaching.

Our Church will be closed for three (3) days from:

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020; to

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2020.

Reopening on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

This closure will give us time to improve the air circulation and deep clean the Church.

There will be no Week Day Mass on during this period.

### Healing Mass

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

### Responsorial Psalm

I shall live in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our heart  
that we might see how great is the hope  
to which we are called.

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.

### Reading – 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18<sup>th</sup> October

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Is 45:1, 4-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Thess 1:1-5

Gospel

Mt 22:15-21



### 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 12<sup>th</sup> October – 18<sup>th</sup> October

Ron Rice, Pauline Apps, Brenda Thompson, Vincent McKenna, Tom Flannery, Colin Roy Murphy, Peter Kozak, Alan Guy Gallop, Frank William Peters, Thomas James McCarthy, Raimond Vicic, Kevin Carlyle, Alfio Spina, Kerry Fitzgerald, Urbano Oblino, Rosita Santos, Esperanza Mayr Francis.

### Recently Deceased

Maria Nguyen Thi Trinh, Betty Allison, Gordon Farquar, Maria Vink.



**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 – 18<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 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

**SACRED SILENCE**, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration.

- For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves;
- Whereas after a reading or after the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard;
- Then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.

Even before the celebration itself, it is a praiseworthy practice for silence to be observed ... so that all may dispose themselves to carry out the sacred celebration in a devout and fitting manner.

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