



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	24 th October
20 th	Oct	Tues	9.00am	No Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
21 st	Oct	Wed	9.00am	No Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
22 nd	Oct	Thurs	9.00am	No Mass	Sunday 25th October	
23 rd	Oct	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **18th October 2020**

Faithfulness
The Pharisees and the Herodians temporarily put aside their differences to work out a plan to destroy Jesus. Their tricky question that whatever answer Jesus gave, 'agree or disagree', He would have deadly consequences. They were so certain, that Jesus was in a 'lose/lose' situation. The question related to politics when they asked Him: "Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" Saying 'yes', Jesus destroyed the hope of His people. Saying 'no', Jesus would be judged as exciting revolution against the Roman Empire. Jesus knew their evil trick. He asked them to show Him the coin that was used to pay tax. He asked them to identify the image on the coin. They told Him it was the Emperor; Caesar. Jesus told them: *'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, and to God what belongs to God'* v.16. Jesus' answer made them fall into their own trap. His answer made them know their obligations. There were two obligations everyone must do. First, every citizen has an obligation to pay tax to the land governing authority; and second, all creatures must worship God. Jesus once confirmed to the lawyer that: *'Love God with all one's mind and heart and soul, and love one's neighbours as oneself'* Mt 22,37 is everyone's obligation. Jesus could see our hearts and read our minds. He knew the name, and the emperor's image, and scripts on the coin, but He asked the Pharisees to identify the name of the Emperor on the coin for a specific purpose. And that way He revealed their untruthfulness. On the outside they praised Jesus that, *'You are an honest man and teach the way of God.... a man of rank'* v. 18 but inside, they planned to trap Him. Again, they



appeared to worship God, but deep inside they worshipped not God, but the Roman Empire, their power and their money. Apart from untruthfulness, they were unfaithful to God. Raising funds to upkeep and maintain the Temple was a right thing to do. Standing on the Holy ground to discuss the taxing matters to the emperor, demanding worshippers to pay extra tax, and selling hiked price sacrifices offering defiled the temple. In doing that, the house of prayer, said Jesus, became *'a robber's den'* Mt 21, 13. The inscription on the coin was *'Caesar, son of the divine Augustus, high priest'*. Augustus claimed he was divine. The idol, emperor coins, were close to the Pharisees' hearts and were even in the Temple. By not acknowledging the name and image of the emperor on the coin, Jesus explicitly told the Pharisees, that there were no other gods, except the One True Creator, His Father. He is the God they must worship. Wealth is good and necessary but no one must be mastered by it. The Pharisees were there for people, not people for wealth. After Jesus' desert experience, the devil tempted Him three times. Each time he failed, but he vowed to come back Mt. 4,1-11. The third temptation was all about wealth and worldly glory. The devil falsely claimed the world and its splendour belong to him. He would give to Jesus if He worshipped him. Jesus replied: *'Be off, Satan. You must worship the Lord your God, and serve Him alone'* v.10. St Luke added, *'the devil left Jesus, but promised to return at the appointed time'* Lk 4,13. Jesus pointed out to the Pharisees that outside they worshipped God in the Temple, but inside, represented in their pocket was the image of an idol emperor. Who they did vow allegiance to was in question. Faithfulness to God must be both in words and deeds, not words alone.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

St Francis Xavier 2020 First Holy Communion

Please pray for the children as they take the first step towards receiving the body and blood of Jesus Christ.

Communion classes begin tomorrow
Saturday 17th October 2020 at 3.45pm – 4.45pm
followed by the 5.00pm Mass

Holy Communion

Blue Card Renewals

Since the 31st August there has been a change in the process of how Blue Cards are now renewed. There also some changes as to who needs a Blue Card or Police Check.

We are currently going through the Parish list that is registered with the Archdiocese to double check that all our Volunteers are covered during this quite period.

If you feel like you should have received some paperwork from Blue Card Services but have not received it, please contact the Parish Office for Michelle to follow it up for you.

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 November 2020.

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

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, Finley McHardy.

Reborn in Eternal Life 19th October – 25th October

Geoffrey Walsh, Albert John Gallagher, Mary & Louis Phipps Ellis, Di Leep Weerasingha, Francis O'Neill, David Moloney, Lorraine Ann Barker, Cho Hoang, Peter John Burns.

Reading – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 25th October

1 st Reading	Ex 22:20-26
2 nd Reading	1 Thess 1:5-10
Gospel	Mt 22:34-40



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, Gordon Farquar, Maria Vink, Pulou Farani Tofilau.



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 – 25TH 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

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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