

**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup> November
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St Leo	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Martin	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
11 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Wed	6.30pm	Rosary		
12 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Josaphat	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
Michelle will not be in the Office on Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November.					9.00am	Mass
					12.00pm	Mass

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**



**Watchfulness**

A wedding feast is a special time. It is special because, apart from a new family being born, a couple's status is about to change, from unknown to in-law relatives, from a non-member to a new member, from a non-relative, to be included, as sister or brother of the families. In short, a wedding feast is the happy occasion which celebrates a whole range of new relationships with the extended family members and friends. Jesus used these personal status changes, and the new relationships of the wedding feast on earth, to talk about the spiritual change in God's kingdom. Our spiritual wedding feast begins at our own Baptism. Through Baptism, our personal status changes to becoming God's children, new members of God's Church on earth, and finally part of the sisters and brothers in heaven. The changes begin here on earth, and culminate when we actually enter the everlasting wedding feast. St Paul wrote to the Thessalonians 4,13-18, confirming the heavenly realm: '*We want you to be quite certain, about those who have died... God will bring them with him.... We shall stay with the Lord forever.*'

The parable of the wedding feast talks about ten maidens. Five were wise and five were foolish. For some reason, the groom arrived later than expected. All the maidens fell asleep. Sleepiness in waiting was not the problem, but the problem arose for half of them when their lamps' oil ran out. With the announcement of the groom's arrival, the wise maidens entered the wedding hall with the groom. The foolish ones went to buy oil. By the time they returned, the

banquet had already begun, and the wedding hall's door was bolted. They knocked, but were refused. They took advice from the wise maidens, and yet they alone took all the blame. Listening to the wise advice, in this case, was unwise. No one is always wise and no one is always foolish. Foolishness in this case was about 'un-readiness', and was about asking the wrong question. Instead of asking for oil, they should have asked for partnership, that each of the foolish pair with a wise one to enter the wedding hall. They should have never gone away to buy oil, but would have been better to remain so as to welcome the groom. Going away to buy oil would make people think that material (oil) was more important than people, the groom. The wise maidens had their focus on the groom; while the foolish had their focus on the oil. The relationship between the wise and the foolish maidens was poor. What they needed most was not advice, but oil. They didn't receive what they most needed. The extra oil the wise maids brought into the wedding hall may be considered as a waste, because there was no need for it after they had entered the wedding hall. Foolishness happens when one focuses on materials, rather than on people. Materials are needed for life, to support life, but our lives are much more important than materials. Having no companions on a journey was considered foolish as well, because companionship is the source of life. It gives life, supports life and life-security. The parable is about readiness for our own eternal wedding banquet. Our time of death is unknown. Being ready whenever it comes is what the parable is about. Having the right relationship with God and with one's neighbours are conditions of entering the eternal banquet.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
**Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**Thank You**



We wish to thank Apotonio Purcell for the ongoing trimming of the shrubs around the Memorial Gardens

They look amazing



**Peter's Pence Collection**

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2020**

Due to the disruption of COVID-19, the Peter's Pence Collection is being taken up on the weekend of the **Feast of Christ the King**.

This is an annual collection of the Catholic Church around the world.

The Peter's Pence is an offering from the members of our Parish so the Pope can provide for the needs of the entire Church, especially in those places where the Church experiences greater difficulties.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

## 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 December 2020.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:  
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.  
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.

### **Reading – 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15<sup>th</sup> November**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel	Mt 25:14-30

### **Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 15<sup>th</sup> November 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 9<sup>th</sup> November – 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Brenda O'Malley, Maria McHugh, Irene Marsh, Alice Jesburg, Kathleen Mary Martin, Zupanc Rosalia, Keith & Cecilia Leek, Doreen Lovell, Sergio Caro, Percival Power, John Gray, Patricia Randle.

### **Recently Deceased**

Maria Vink, Pulou Farani Tofilau, Bernard Brian Vandenberg, Lucy Hesp.

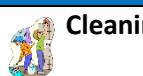


**Loop System** The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

## ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 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

**Scripture.** It must be said that CHRIST himself 'is present in his word, since it is he who speaks when Scripture is read in Church'.

Indeed, 'the liturgical celebration becomes the continuing, complete and effective proclamation of God's word. The word of God, constantly proclaimed in the liturgy, is always a living and effective word through the power of the HOLY SPIRIT. It expresses the Father's love that never fails in its effectiveness towards us'.

The Church has always realised that in the liturgical action the word of God is accompanied by the interior working of the Holy Spirit who makes it effective in the hearts of the faithful.

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Funeral services with  
faith, dignity  
and compassion