



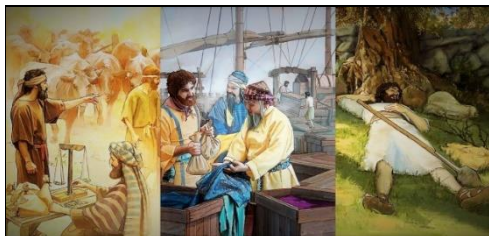
**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	21 st November Christ the King
17 th	Nov	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
18 th	Nov	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
18 th	Nov	Wed	6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday	22nd November
19 th	Nov	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
20 th	Nov	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass
Peter's Pence Collection			21 st & 22 nd Nov		12.00pm	Mass
St Vinnies Christmas Appeal			28 th & 29 th Nov			
Mass of Reconciliation			17 th Dec 9.00am & 7.00pm			
First Holy Communion			5 th Dec 5pm & 6 th Dec 12pm			

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

15th November 2020



Honesty

The parable of the talents says whatever talents we have; it is God, Who has given them in the first

place. The word 'talent' has broad meanings: life, wisdom, memory, skills, etc.... God expects us to develop the talents to their potential. God doesn't ask us to do anything big, complicated, but something small and simple. Simple good things God magnifies to be mountains. Any attempt to work on something beyond the human capacity is not from God, but from a human's desire. Project claiming to 'prove' the non-existence of God certainly fail, such matters are beyond human capacity.

Honesty and truthfulness lead us to God. Dishonesty and lies are the hidden roads leading to life-ruin and destruction. Honesty and truthfulness are signs of God's goodness. They are the lights of our hearts, the rules of thumb for our actions, and the Christian way of life. *'From small things, big things grow'* is the motto on television promoting for a super scheme. Honesty and truthfulness in small things, cemented great trust in today's Gospel.

The parable tells a story. The Master entrusted different amounts of talents to his servants. Each received talents according to his ability. The Master's returning time was unknown, but his return was certain. The first two servants loved their Master, and loved the tasks assigned. They performed well, and proved their Master was right about his judgement on their abilities. The Master was happy. He praised them for their honesty, and rewarded them with

more talents. However, one servant, who had no love for his Master, failed the Master's expectation. From his own words, we know his heart. *'I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is, it was yours, you have it back'*. vs. 24-25. This servant judged his Master harshly. The judgement was not from his own knowledge of the Master, but was dictated from others. He was in a bad company, and received ill advice. Second, the servant didn't realize that he didn't judge his Master, but rather he judged himself. Third, fear caused him to act recklessly. It paralysed his ability to take a risk, even though risk-taking is part of living. Risk and sacrifice are realities of life. Without genuine sacrifice there is no true love; without taking risks no good things are done. Living itself is a big risk, and it is worth taking. The Master expected the servants to learn from him, to take a risk. Entrusting the talents to his servants was a risky business, and yet the Master went down that path.

Faithful servants work hard, whether the Master is near or far. They don't see themselves as paid servants, but do the work as of their own, and do it with joy, because love in their hearts dictates their lives. Dishonest servants hate to work, but love power. They abuse their power over other workers, and neglect their duty. Such behaviour would make life a heavy burden for others.

The Master rewarded the honest servants with more talents, and punished the dishonest ones. We pray for wisdom to use our talents wisely as our loving God expects us to do.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

*Christmas Display
Assembly
26th November 2020*

Fr Tuong will begin the assembly of the Christmas Display on Thursday the 26th November 2020.

If anyone is available to offer any assistance, could you please let Fr know either after Mass or give the Parish Office a call.

Any help is greatly appreciated, even if you only can spare a few minutes.

*St Vinnies Christmas Appeal
28th -29th November 2020*

St Vincent de Paul are running their annual Christmas Appeal from the Feast of the King until Christmas.

The weekend of the 28th-29th November 2020, a special collection will run during the weekend Mass.

The appeal will allow the volunteers of SVDP to continue their special offerings to families at this special time of year.

We appreciate your help as every little bit helps.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Vacant Positions

The Archdiocese currently has a number of positions open for application:

- Safeguarding Officer at St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct;
- Sacristan at St Stephen's Cathedral Parish;
- Parish Secretary at Acacia Ridge Parish.

For any additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and go to careers.

Healing Mass

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

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are those who fear the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;
my branches bear much fruit.

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 – 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22nd November

1 st Reading	Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 15:20-26, 28
Gospel	Mt 25:31-46

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna
The next Baptism will be 15th 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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 16th November – 22nd November

Malachy Makel, Stan Breuer, Bernadete Devlin, Patricia Bennett, Kevin Ballinger, Freda Crawford, Tom Penny, Euphemia Keppel (PHEME), Beth Dynan, Sam Azzopardi, Emilia Twaddell, Charles Van Bael, Kathleen Kohu.

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

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

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 – 22ND 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

When preaching takes place within the context of the liturgy, it is part of the offering made to the Father and a mediation of the grace which Christ pours out during the celebration. This context demands that preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing communion with Christ in the Eucharist.

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