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XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

| OUR PARISH MASSES | | | | | | |
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| Weekday | | | | | Saturday | 26 th December |
| 22 nd | Dec | Tues | 9.00am | Mass | 5.00pm | Vigil Mass |
| 23 rd | Dec | Wed | 9.00am | Mass | 4.30pm | Reconciliation (till) |
| 24 th | Dec | Thurs | 9.00am | No Mass | Sunday 27th December | |
| | | | | 5.00pm | Carols & Vigil Mass | 7.00am |
| 25 th | Dec | Fri | 7.00am | Mass | 9.00am | Mass |
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| New Year Celebration 1 st Jan 2021 9.00am Mass | | | | | Michelle will be on annual leave from Wed 23 rd 3pm Dec 2020 returning Tue 12 th Jan 2021 | |
| Please Note: There is no 12pm Mass on Sundays | | | | | | |

4th Sunday of Advent Year B 20th December 2020



The Annunciation

God took the initiative when God sent the angel Gabriel to Mary asking her to fulfil, what God had promised long ago, to rescue the human race from the power of sin and death. The sudden

announcement troubled Mary greatly, since it wasn't part of her plan. Mary responded, *'How can this come about, since I am a virgin? v.35'*. This was not the question of doubt or rejection, but rather a question of faith, and clarification. The angel told her, *'Nothing is impossible to God' v.37*. God could create life, sustain life and exercise God's power over it. Mary seemed to say through her response, that her present plan was to be a single person, but would do whatever God asked of her. She fully had faith in God. She would choose to do God's will over her own. She believed God could do amazing things, that no one else could understand, but God alone. We humans had better place our trust in God, and that is what she chose to do. The angel went one step further confirming to her the amazing work God had done for her cousin, Elizabeth, whom people called 'barren'. God had removed this shame from her by giving her a child in her old age.

The angel explained, that God had chosen Mary for the Incarnation of God's only Son. The Annunciation was to Mary, God had chosen her to be mother of God, but the most important message was about the birth of Jesus; Who was God Incarnate. He would rule His messianic kingdom with

love, and mercy. He was the One, Whom John the Baptist once proclaimed, would baptise you with the Spirit and Fire (Mk 1,8). Mary couldn't fully understand the angel's message, and yet she responded not with reason, but with firm faith in God when she said, *'I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me' v.38*. Saying 'yes' to the angel, Mary became mother of the Lord. She became a model of faith for all Jesus' disciples. She trusted God whole heartedly. She allowed God's grace to change her life once, and forever. Betrothal in the ancient world was the initial part of marriage. There were rings and gifts exchanged, and parties between the two families, like we today do at engagement celebrations. The future bride will be the groom's wife in the months to come. Mary followed God's will with little understanding what that would involve, and yet she chose to do God's will, to be mother of the Lord, with both hope and fear. She won God's favour because of her humility and faith, as we heard from her song *'The Magnificat' 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid' Luke. 1,46'*. Hope and fear were part of life. Mary lived in hope, and also was afraid of what sacrifices would be involved. Her new life would be challenged by something new, and sudden. She responded to her first surprise the Annunciation - by having faith in God. The angel told her: *'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you v.28'*. She knew the Lord was with her, she would certainly respond to new challenges with fervent faith.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



*Christmas Eve Vigil Thursday 24th December 2020
Christmas Day Mass Friday 25th December 2020*



24th December 2020 - This year the Christmas Carols will on be Thursday at 5.00pm followed by the Christmas Vigil Mass at 5.30pm held in the St Francis Xavier School Hall.

Bookings are limited and thus pre-booking is essential. Please contact your usual Booking Co-Ordinator or contact the Parish Office. Each booking still requires a full name, full address and a contact number.

25th December 2020 – There will be two (2) Masses on Christmas Day in the Parish Church at 7am and 9am. With these bookings being limited to 100, pre-booking is highly recommended.

7.00am To book for the 7am Mass, you can contact either Joan, the 7am Booking Co-ordinator, or call the Parish Office.

9.00am To book for the 9am Mass, please contact Peter Aiavao on 0439 334 813 (please text) or 65apeter@gmail.com.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary – Albany Creek Parish 16hrs over 2 days/week (Wed & Fri). For additional information please visit <https://brisbane.catholic.org.au/> and go to careers.



or vocation@bne.catholic.net.au.

If you would like to talk to someone about your Vocation, please contact Vocation Brisbane on 1300 133 544

Healing Mass

There is no Healing Mass for the first Friday in January 2021.

Responsorial Psalm

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
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, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Phil O'Dwyer, Peter Eddy, John Cornwell, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy.

Reborn in Eternal Life 21st December – 27th December

Judy Harris, Ralph Tidey, Arlyn Tirant, Kath Daininth, Denis Cavanagh, Eileen McCauley, Elizabeth Mahulik, Elizabeth Allison, Mildred McGrath, Millicent Sharman, Luisa Aiavao.

Reading – The Holy Family – 27th December

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| 1 st Reading | Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3 |
| 2 nd Reading | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 |
| Gospel | Lk 2:22-40 |



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 21st February 2021. 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

Gertrud Effenbeger, Robin O'Sullivan, Eeseese Moafanua.



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 – 27TH DECEMBER 2020

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| 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 |
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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We wish a Holy and Blessed Christmas and a safe and Peaceful New Year to all of the St Francis Xavier parishioners. May the Love, Joy and Peace of Baby Jesus be in your hearts and in your homes.

With our Christmas Blessings

Fr Tuong & Michelle



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Parish Secretary: Michelle Castell
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