



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January
29 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
30 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
31 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
New Year Celebration 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2021 9.00am Mass					Michelle will be on annual leave from Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> 3pm Dec 2020 returning Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2021	
Please Note: There will be <u>no</u> Bulletin on Weekend 2/3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan						
					Weekend 9/10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	

**The Holy Family Year B 27<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

**Tough Year**  
The Covid-19 made twenty-twenty a tough year for the entire world. It was a rough ride for all businesses during the lockdown. It was tough for both the powerful and the powerless. It filled all hospital beds; it forced medical doctors and nurses to work long hours; it made scientists scratch their heads in trying to find a vaccine for the virus; it crippled the world economy; it emptied busy roads; it grounded all international planes; it closed the hospitality industry; it shut down cathedral and local churches alike; it put masks on people's faces. Masses were on line and essential meetings were on screen. Through its roughness, there were rays of hope. I saw individuals who prayed quietly, outside of the Church building, at the Shrine of Our Lady.

Some lit a tea light candle - light dispels darkness;

Others placed a bouquet of flowers - symbol of freshness.

Others again placed a pot plant under the feet of Our Lady - symbol of life and growth.

They were signs of hope of returning to normality. In this time of difficulty, we placed our hope not in science alone, but we turned to God in faith and hope.



Ever since the restriction of movement began relaxing, parishioners gathered in Church, they were spacing from each other, and yet there was a real sense of solidarity and closeness. The spirit of unity was strong amongst them. The spirit of joy was obvious on the faces of the people. From a distance they smiled and threw their hands up in the air to express their joy. When people prayed in private we don't know what they prayed, but from the communal perspective, they were grateful for the frontline workers, such as police, medical testing people, doctors and nurses. They prayed for scientists, for their wisdom to find a medicine that would cure the virus. I once thought science took a leading role in our world. The pandemic showed that instead of taking a leading role, science was chasing, using human wisdom to try to find a vaccine.

Through Mary, Jesus became a member of our human community; God asked Joseph to look after the Holy Family. John the Baptist went before, paving the way for Jesus. The world looks for human knowledge. We, Christians place our hope in God through human wisdom.

Thank You for Your Faith and Happy New Year.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**



**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

*Christmas Eve Vigil Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2020*  
*Christmas Day Mass Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2020*

**24<sup>th</sup> 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. **Please Note: Bookings have Closed for Christmas Vigil.**

**25<sup>th</sup> 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, please email Joan on [jvts@live.com.au](mailto:jvts@live.com.au)  
9.00am To book for the 9am Mass, please email Peter [65apeter@gmail.com](mailto:65apeter@gmail.com)

**Congratulations**

**December 2020 Baptism's**  
Baptised in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit  
**Antonio Di Battista**  
**Ana Aaron**  
**Joseph Vincent Vu**



## 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 January 2021.

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;

now he speaks to us through his Son.

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, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy.

### Reading – The Epiphany of the Lord – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Is 60:1-6

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 28<sup>th</sup> December – 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Grace Ferguson, David Wood, Eileen Power, Georgina Pearson, Anbele Siruriene, Snow Hansen, Maria Aiojoaie, Annie Breen, Si Souphan Leuang, Della Wilks, Ellen Smith.

### Recently Deceased

Gertrud Effenbeger, Robin O'Sullivan, Eeseese Moafanua, Ilalio Farani.



**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.

## Thank You's

### *Thank You*

We would like to thank the following families for helping clear up the Parish yard around the Presbytery and the Church, the yard looks so neat and tidy, Thank You.

Pule and Luamanu Family

Esera Family

Farani Family

Ulugia Family

Joe Masalu Family

### *Thank You*

We would also like to thank Peter and Julie Aiavao for taking care of organising the extra midday Sunday Mass.

## 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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*Kids who care*

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