



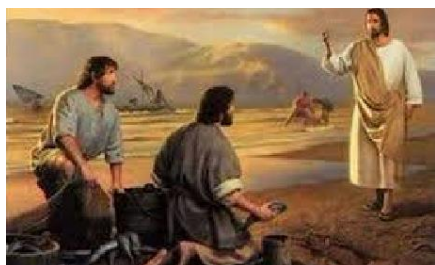
**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> January
26 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Australia Day	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.30pm	Rosary starts 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan		
28 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Thomas Aquinas		<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>
29 <sup>th</sup>	Jan	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
26 <sup>th</sup>	January			Australia Day	9.00am	Mass
17 <sup>th</sup>	February			Ash Wednesday		Parish Office will be Closed - Tues Australia Day Public Holiday

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year B**

**24<sup>th</sup> January 2021**



**Spiritual Tangle**

After John the Baptist was arrested, Jesus began His public ministry with the message: *'The time has come'* he said *'and the kingdom of God is close*

*at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News'* v.14. It is a call to *'repent and believe the Good News'*. It is rather hard to define which action takes place first; Repent then believe the Good news or; believe and then repent. Maybe both actions go hand in hand because they are closely related. The announcement *'the time has come'* has twofold levels, universal and individual. At a universal level *'The time has come'* happened at the birth of Jesus; and *'the kingdom of God is close at hand'* happened because wherever God is; there is God's kingdom. There is no separation between Jesus and His kingdom. Without Jesus, there is no God's kingdom; and kingdom without God is a godless kingdom. At a personal level *'the time has come'* occurs when one becomes Jesus' disciple, when one believes in Jesus, and whenever one repents.

For Peter and Andrew, John and James, *'the time had come'* when they left everything behind to follow Jesus. They left their former way of life to follow God's way. They struggled to understand the call, and yet they followed and trusted Him. Their spiritual lives were entangled between the way of the world and God's way. They learnt from Jesus and began slowly to work it out over the coming years. The highest point of their call was to carry their own cross to follow, and were

crowned with their martyrdom. For John the Baptist *'the time had come'* when Jesus began His public ministry. His time was completed at his death, being beheaded by Herod. With the coming of Jesus, God's kingdom is at hand. God's kingdom is in the person of Jesus, but its fulfilment will be at the second coming of Jesus. Jesus called us to follow Him. It is a call to follow a person. Christianity is about the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The call for us is to put Christ as the first priority in life, and everything will flow from that call. *'I will make you fishers of men'*. Jesus called us to follow, to be reformed by Him. He wants to make us into something new. *'Fishers of men'* was a play on words and a play on profession. Instead of gathering fish as before; the two pairs, had a new vocation, gathering people for Jesus. The vocation requires one to act immediately, not to delay, but to do it straight away, and to go with a heart full of love for Jesus.

Fishermen don't like their nets being tangled. Untangling a net is hard, non-productive work. It requires patience, is tiresome and time consuming. After fixing the tangled net, the next job is mending the net. Our lives are often being entangled with the tension between a commitment to follow Jesus, and the many calls to follow someone whom we love, or someone whose gifts we admire. Some of the worldly calls are very attractive and promising. Don't forget that almost all worldly calls have hidden minefields. God calls us to follow, to do things for, and with God. God patiently waits for us to respond. God's call is full of compassion, love and mercy. God calls to have life in him, and to share that life with others. God's call is personal, but it has a universal dimension.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

***COVID Restrictions (effective 22.01.2021)***

The Archdiocese of Brisbane (Bishop Ken Howell) has confirmed the last 10 day restriction, has been lifted. The following protocols are now in place:

- The capacity for places of worship is now one person per 2 square metres;
- Funerals can accommodate a maximum of 200 people, depending on the size of the Church;
- Wedding ceremonies can accommodate a maximum of 200 people, depending on the size of the Church;
- Masks are no longer **mandatory** in places of worship, however it is recommended if you cannot social distance.

***Lenten Program 2021***

Anyone wishing to partake in the Lenten Program for 2021, please contact the Parish Office.

Being that the Program will start on Ash Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021, Michelle will need to place an order for the Lenten Booklets, **no later than the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

It would be greatly appreciated if you could register your name **no later than Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021.**

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as a cough, fever, sore throat, shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider for advice.

## 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 February 2021.

### Responsorial Psalm

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good news.

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 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31<sup>st</sup> January

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Deut 18:15-20

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Cor 7:32-35

Gospel

Mk 1:21-28



### 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 18<sup>th</sup> January – 24<sup>th</sup> January

Baby John Eustace, Wendy Boughton, Ruth O'Donohue, Monic Pili Pelu, John Llynan, Manu Imeleta Lautsar Faalogifo Laulu, Ann Vinning, Peter Paul McHugh.

### Recently Deceased

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



**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

**There will be no Rosters until further notice for:**

- Cleaning
- Flowers
- Ministers



## *Pastoral Parish & Finance Council's Meeting*

The Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) and the Finance Council (FC) will meet on **Saturday morning on the 13<sup>th</sup> February** 2021 to discuss about the masterplan for the Parish. If you would like to have any input, please email this to the Parish Office and Michelle will forward your input onto the relevant Council Member.

## KNOWLEDGE

The LITURGY is the **summit** toward which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the **fount** from which all the Church's power flows. ORDO 2021 SC10

The Eucharist ... is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.

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*Kids who care*

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