



**ST
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XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

| OUR PARISH MASSES | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|-----------------|--|--|-----------------------|
| Weekday | | | | Saturday | 6 th February - St Paul Miki | |
| 2 nd | Feb | Tues | 9.00am | Mass - The Presentation of the Lord | 5.00pm | Vigil Mass |
| 3 rd | Feb | Wed | 9.00am | Mass | 4.30pm | Reconciliation (till) |
| 4 th | Feb | Thurs | 9.00am | Mass – St Agatha | Sunday 7 th February | |
| 5 th | Feb | Fri | 9.00am | Mass | 7.00am | Mass |
| 13 th February | | | 9.00am | Combined Councils Meeting | 9.00am | Mass |
| 17 th February | | | 9.00am & 6.00pm | Ash Wednesday | 28 th March | Palm Sunday |
| 20 th February | | | 3.30pm | Confirmation Class starts | 29 th March | Holy Week |
| 21 st February | | | | First Sunday of Lent | | |
| 17 th March | | | 9.00am | Weekday Mass | | |
| | | | 7.00pm | Mass of Reconciliation | | |

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B** **31st January 2021**



New Teaching

Jesus' custom was to go to a synagogue on a Sabbath, and there he preached to the people.

Synagogue

leaders often invited a fresh, new, promising voice to teach in their synagogues. Jesus' teaching not only made tremendous impact on people, but actually His teaching changed their lives. They spoke highly of Him. They were amazed about His wisdom. They praised Him, saying that His teaching was not just revised old teaching, but actually it was a new teaching, and He taught with authority. Scribes often relied on customs and traditions as the sources of authority to interpret the Torah. Many of their customs and traditions were conservative, and were heavy burdens for the people, and they were weighty on punishment. Unlike the Scribes, Jesus taught the people about God's love, and mercy. He once asked the people who challenged Him 'Is it allowed to do good on the Sabbath? For Jesus, laws, customs and traditions were for people, not people for traditions. Jesus taught with authority. Jesus' authority was not derived from the ancient customs and traditions, but from within, from His personal authority. This personal authority was confirmed upon Him on the day of His Baptism. On that day, the Spirit came upon Him (1,10), and the voice of God from on high confirmed Jesus was the Son of God (1,1). Jesus' authority came from God: The authority to proclaim, that God's kingdom was with the people, and for the people.

The text mentioned nothing about what Jesus taught the people. From what people praised about His teaching, we believe Jesus taught them about something, which was dear

to their hearts, and some things which were relevant to their daily living, and something which they had longed for years to listen to. There was another source of information that let us know what Jesus taught the people, and that was the annoying voice from His opponents. Through their complaints, we know Jesus gave voice to the poor. He criticized regulations and customs that destroyed life. Jesus welcomed sinners and tax collectors. He ate with them to show, they too, were God's children, and God loved them. Jesus freed the people from fear, and brought them hope by curing all kinds of sicknesses and diseases. Several times Jesus ordered evil spirits to 'be quiet', and they obeyed Him. Jesus was the Holy One of God. The Holy One would not talk to the unholy, but just gave a command, and they obeyed. Jesus came to the world to set God's people free from the unholy ones.

Jesus' authority and His teaching were identical. His teachings had power, and His power was manifested through His teachings. He once told his opponents that He would prove to them that the Son of Man has power to forgive sin. He gave a command to the cripple to be healed. The crippled man stood up, carried his own bed, and walked out in front of everyone Mk, 2:10.

The people enjoyed listening to Jesus because His teaching was new. He talked more about God's love and mercy, and less about God's wrath and punishment. Listening to Jesus, the people felt that the God Jesus talked about, was the personal God, Who was close to their hearts, Who walked with them in every circumstance and understood their hardships. Listening to Jesus, the people felt, that God's kingdom was close at hand, and for everyone who lived a life of loving God, and serving others in God's name.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

2021 Confirmation Enrolments

Enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation are now open for submission.

The celebration day is schedule for Friday the 21st May 2021 at 7.00pm at the Church.

Enrolment forms are accessible through the Parish Office, our website or from Fr Tuong after Mass.

If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 07 3818 0100.

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

If today you hear the voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The people in darkness have seen a great light;
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.

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 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7th February

1st Reading

Job 7:1-4, 6-7

2nd Reading

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23

Gospel

Mk 1:29-39



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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 25th January – 31st January

Joseph Tarbeeg, Raymon Reynolds, Rodney Miller, Thomas Olickal, OJ Thomas, Mary Leoni Sorensen, David Chew, Cecil Hamilton, Syd Leoni, Peter Chew.

Recently Deceased

Robin O'Sullivan, Eeseese Moafanua, Ilalio Farani, Brendon Gerald Lenaghan, Pauli Atipopo Wong Kee.

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



Safeguarding (Volunteer Checks)

The Parish is in the middle of their yearly audit. For anyone who has had any recent discussions with Michelle in relation to either their Volunteer registration with the Goodna Parish or renewing their Blue Cards (this only relates to Blue Card requirements with the Goodna Parish), can you please get in touch with her at your earliest convenience.

For any other Volunteers that haven't heard from Michelle yet, she will be in touch as soon as she can, so that we can get all our Volunteers registered and up to date with the latest requirements that were implemented back in August 2020.

KNOWLEDGE

In considering the Church as 'the home of the word', attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond.

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