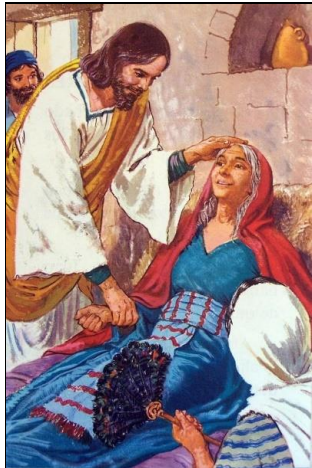




ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	13 th February	
9 th	Feb	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
10 th	Feb	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Scholastica	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
				6.30pm		
11 th	Feb	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday 14th February	
12 th	Feb	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
13 th February			9.00am	Combined Councils Meeting	28 th March	Palm Sunday
17 th February			9.00am & 6.00pm	Ash Wednesday	29 th March	Holy Week
20 th February			3.30pm	Confirmation Classes Start		
21 st February				First Sunday of Lent		
17 th March			9.00am	Weekday Mass		
			7.00pm	Mass of Reconciliation		
					Michelle is on leave on Thursday & Friday the 11 th & 12 th February. She will be back on Tuesday the 16 th Feb.	

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B** **7th February 2021**



Raise Up

Jesus went with James and John to visit the house of Simon's mother-in-law. She was in bed with fever. Jesus took her hand to raise her up. The fever left her, and she began to wait on them. Her service confirmed that she was fully recovered. She was well enough to cook for the whole household. Probably she was the best cook in the house! Jesus' healing touch, required her to have neither,

convalesced nor a recuperating period. Serving others was one of the major themes in Jesus' public ministry. Jesus himself claimed *'I come to serve, not to be served'* Mk 10,45. Serving became the 'trade mark' of Jesus' disciples. The word *'raise up'* plays a significant role in the salvation history. It means Jesus raised up each individual to a level of the creation's original state, and His final goal was to raise up the whole human race. It means Jesus gives each one of His disciples a new life in Him, a life of faith. For Simon's mother-in-law, it was a life of faith. Jairus came to Jesus pleading Him to save his daughter, she was seriously sick. While they were talking, Jairus' servant arrived with the bad news that his daughter had died. Hearing that Jesus told Jairus, *'Do not be afraid; only have faith'* Mk 5,36. Jesus raised her up from the dead. He gave her a new life, because of her father's faith. Jesus himself was raised up from His own death. The word *'raise her up'* in today's passage meant Jesus elevated Simon's mother-in-law to different levels: from a bed-ridden situation to fully recovered, from an unknown person to befriend the inner circle of Jesus, and finally Jesus will raise her up on the last day. Simon's mother-in-law probably was the very first

female who became Jesus' disciple. There were two kinds of disciples: the ones who with Him travelled from place to place, and the other ones who travelled not with Him, but encamped at homes.

Sickness stopped Simon's mother-in-law from doing her daily chores; it prevented her showing hospitality to others; it prevented her from taking part in her community's activities. For Jesus, healing was not simply about getting well again; it was more about the restoration of a person's vocation. It meant regaining a life of value; it meant engaging in social interactions, and it meant engaging in community activities. Sickness often put enormous pressure on a family's budget. It caused grave concern for the loved ones, and sometimes it created fear for the whole community.

Healing the sick, and casting out devils were the two themes of Jesus' public ministry. Healing a sick person, Jesus touched that person. Casting out devils, Jesus refused to touch devils. His opponents claimed, devils obeyed Jesus because He was the Prince of devils. Such a claim was a baseless allegation, a sheer fantasy. Jesus prohibited devils to speak. He gave a command, and devils obeyed Him. Casting out devils was a first step in Jesus' ministry. His final act was triumph over the power of darkness. Devils lamented *'Have you come to destroy us? Mk 1,24*. The coming of God's kingdom became the Good News for those who loved Jesus and became His disciples. It was terror for devils and a threat for His opponents.

Simon's mother-in-law was honoured to be the first female who welcomed Jesus, and His company in her own home. It was her great joy, and privilege to show hospitality toward the distinguished guests. Her generosity became well known worldwide, and Jesus will raise her up on the last day.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Catholic Leader

The Catholic Leader has been in touch with a couple of changes they have implemented for the New Year:

- The will now be printing the Catholic Leader only monthly;
- The price has been increased from \$2 to \$4 – this is due to the associated costs for producing the newspaper;
- If anyone is wanting the Catholic Leader delivered directly to their door, contact the Catholic Leader with regards to a Subscription - <https://catholicleader.com.au/>;
- If anyone is interested in buying the Catholic Leader through the Parish Office please pass your interest on to Michelle.

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 March 2021.

Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
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 – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th February

1 st Reading	Lev 13:1-2, 44-46
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 10:31 -11:1,
Gospel	Mk 1:40-45



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 21st March 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 1st February – 14th February

Julietta Uela, Sonny Folkes, Geraldine Keller, Joseph, Carmel Semoni, John Byrnes, Loiola Ma'u, Valda Ayoub, Zofia Grun, Michael Hansen, Hendrika Harbraken, Val Bird, Norma Finlayson, Luis Vela, Kazimierz Borowski, Bernice Falvey, Paul Cortis, Sayong Ebias, John McCaughey, Genowefa Podolak, James Liddy, Cuban Gore, Patrick Kennedy, Stanislaw Cymer, Bridget Dowling, Paddy Liddy, Clair Sheehan.

Recently Deceased

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



Bookings for Mass Protocols

1. For anyone wishing to attend to Mass, a booking must be made for each person attending including children and babies;
2. When making your booking, you must provide – fullname, full address, phone number;
3. You cannot book a spot for just in case;
4. You should not just turn up for Mass, if you do, please be aware if the Church is fully booked, you will be refused entry (Please Note: The person marking off the Booking Sheet is only a Volunteer and it's not them personally saying no to you, they are just following the protocols that have been passed down to them);
5. Bookings need to be made through the Parish Office or through the Weekend Booking Co-ordinators;
6. If you don't hear back with regards to your booking, please do not just turn up (see Point 4);
7. Bookings through the Parish Office should be received no later than 12pm every Friday;
8. Please ensure you turn up a bit earlier, as it does take time for the Volunteers to tick off the Booking Sheet.

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