



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	27 th February	
23 rd	Feb	Tues	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
24 th	Feb	Wed	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)	
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday 28th February		
25 th	Feb	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass	
26 th	Feb	Fri	9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass	
20 th February			3.30pm Confirmation Classes Start	28 th March	Palm Sunday	
21 st February			First Sunday of Lent	29 th March	Holy Week	
17 th March			9.00am Weekday Mass			
			7.00pm Mass of Reconciliation			

1st Sunday of Lent **Year B** **21st February 2021**



Challenging Times

Desert is a place, where hidden dangers are numerous, and good fortune is a scarcity. In the desert, human life is being

challenged to its core, and those who survive the physical desert would be considered resilient in his/her spiritual journey. When facing wilderness of life, we often look for a way out. We would do whatever it takes for our own survival. In doing so we would weigh all options and variations, including surrendering. Pain, hardship and fear factors weaken our spirit, and worst of all, we tend to rely not on God's power, but solely on our own strength. Whenever we let go of God's power; our own strength will fail us. Failure caused by short sightedness. A small immediate gain blinds us from seeing enormous future loss. Jesus took His wilderness head-on, and persevered in doing His Father's will.

Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. The number 'forty' tells us that every wilderness has starting and ending times. Our personal spiritual wilderness also has a starting and ending time. We need to learn from Jesus. Spiritual wilderness is not a time for finding the way out, but it is the best time focusing on our vocation. Before Jesus' public ministry, God's Spirit led Him to enter the desert, to face His own physical, and spiritual strengths and weaknesses. Desert's hostile environments are unfriendly for life. The fluctuation of climate between day and night, and lack of food, and rare water supplies all contribute to health hazards. Physical tiredness makes it harder for staying awake in prayer. Being fully alert from dust to dawn is a 'must' for survival. Jesus endured them all. His wilderness experience was vital

for His spiritual battles in fighting the power of darkness. Jesus entered the wilderness for a single purpose, and that was contemplation of His own mission; fulfilling His Father's will, to save the human race from the power of darkness. Jesus' wilderness experience was real. His hunger, thirst, suffering and temptations were all truly authentic. From His teaching, we know, Jesus spent much of His time in the wilderness to contemplate His Father's will. He worked out strategies to fight against temptation, to combat Satan and to proclaim God's kingdom.

Jesus had announced in advance, that Satan could not win, but the fight was brutal and deadly. The announcement asserted God's kingdom would prevail, and Satan's kingdom would be destroyed, and those who had faith in Jesus would join Him in His kingdom. In following Jesus, we experience both winning and failing in our own temptations. The man, Jesus, never failed. He stood firm against any form of temptation, including the extreme ones, suffering on the cross. Jesus stood firm till the end, till His last breath '*Father, into your hands I commit my Spirit*' Lk.23,46.

For us, spiritual desert kills life; it destroys future. Jesus entered the desert to show us the way, to draw life, to multiply joy and to brighten His disciples' future. Jesus' arrival and preaching, marked the beginning of God's kingdom. '*The time has come*' he said '*and the kingdom of God is close at hand*'. Mk.1,14.

God's kingdom is close for those who welcome Jesus into their hearts. Searching for God's kingdom independently of Jesus is regarded as a temptation. Searching for God's kingdom is part of Christians living. To win over any big or small temptation, we need to fight it with God's help, not to fight it alone.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



PROJECT COMPASSION

BE MORE

Now that Ash Wednesday has passed, we now begin the rituals of prayer, abstinence and almsgiving which will carry us through Lent.

With the beginning of Lent, comes the beginning of the Project Compassion Appeal. Donations can be made by way of the Project Compassion envelopes placed in the Church or the use of the collection boxes.

Through your generosity and aspiring to "Be More", you are assisting some of the world's most vulnerable people to build better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

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

Positions Vacant

Chaplaincy Secretary – This is a part-time position (18hrs per week) at the Latin American Catholic Community. Applications close 22.02.21.

For further information <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Healing Mass

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

Responsorial Psalm

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth,
to those who keep your covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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 – 2nd Sunday of Lent – 28th February

1 st Reading	Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18
2 nd Reading	Rom 8:31-34
Gospel	Mk 9:2-10



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 22nd February – 28th February

Maria Elisapetha Lupeamanu, Arland Grashius, Moya McCallum, Roslyne May Watson, Mavis Goonatilalee, Mary Waterson, Jim Lennon, Norman Canada, Rimantas Grigutis.

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



Brisbane Spiritual Directors

This can be accessed for free, easily via the website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction>

You will see a list of Directors – the choice is yours.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The Parish is currently looking for volunteers to help fill out some of the following groups:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacristan • Chairperson for the Parish Pastoral Council • RCIA team • Sacramental Program • Sunday School | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Musicians • Liturgy Committee • Finance Council • Welcoming Committee |
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If you are interested or know of anyone who might be a great candidate, please contact the Parish Office.

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Current Office Hours: Tues – Fri 9am to 3pm

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