



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	20 th March	
16 th	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
17 th	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Patrick	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
18 th	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday 21st March	
19 th	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Joseph	7.00am	Mass
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17 th Mar	9.00am Weekday Mass			29th March Holy Week		
	7.00pm Mass of Reconciliation					
28 th Mar	Palm Sunday					
	1 st Apr	7pm Holy Thursday				
	2 nd Apr	10am Station of the Cross				
	3 rd Apr	3pm Veneration of the Cross				
	3 rd Apr	6pm Easter Vigil				
	4 th Apr	7am Mass & 9am Mass				

4th Sunday of Lent Year B 14th March 2021



Light and Darkness

Light and darkness are two separate opposing entities. Where there is light, there is no darkness, because light dispels darkness. Where there is darkness there is absence of light. Darkness is associated with dark actions, while light promotes a right course of action. Human beings know,

light is good, but choose to satisfy the desire of the flesh, and that is the common weakness of us. The account of a serpent on the pole was an example (Numbers 21:4-9). Israel, as a nation, loved the light, but on their journey to the Promised Land, sometimes they longed to remain in the dark of the past. Wilderness is another hostile symbol to life. Wilderness experience was not a testing time for God's people, but rather it was a time for renewal and trusting in God's mercy. It was a time of letting go of everything, of freeing themselves from the yoke of slavery in Egypt, to embrace a new life, and freedom, after they entered the Promised Land. The process of discarding the old way, and embracing the new way of life, was a struggle. Under Moses' leadership, God liberated His people out of Egypt, and led them to enter the Promised Land. On the way, the people rebelled against Moses, grumbling about their discomfort on the journey. Because of their longing for the past, God allowed serpents to bite the people, and some were killed. God didn't punish the people for their grumbling, but rather reminded them, that the old way led to destruction and death. Moses appealed to God. A bronze serpent was hung on a pole. Anyone who was bitten by a snake looked at the bronze serpent to repent and live. Gazing at the bronze serpent, the symbol of deceit and lies, would remind the people to recall God's goodness and mercy,

and that led to repentance, and so they received forgiveness and life. Gazing at the bronze serpent reminded the people, that God's love was stronger than their sin, and God's mercy was more powerful than their infidelity. Today we look at Jesus' broken body on the cross. It reminds us that God's love is much more powerful than human brutality. God loves us even when we choose to live in darkness, and patiently God waits for us to repent, to return. This, God's unconditional love for us, is beyond reasoning. It is hard to comprehend God's love for us. It is even harder to understand the way in which God chose to reveal God's love. All options were on the table, and yet God chose the hardest one, the most shameful, humiliating way to show God's love. Jesus chose to come into the world to be one of us. Living in the world, Jesus was subjected to the power of darkness. He was rejected, betrayed, arrested, condemned, and hung on the cross, receiving a death punishment reserved only for criminals. God is the true Light, and darkness is the work of devil. Darkness of the world exposes what is dark in us, the darkness of our heart. The true Light stands for: saving, coming to the light, believing, doing what is right, and everlasting life. In contrast, the works of the devil are: condemnation, remaining in the dark, unbelieving, doing what is evil, and eternal death. God had created a beautiful world for us to enjoy. Infidelity and idolatry brought darkness into the world. It was the work of the devil. The people sinned, and the sting of sin is death. God would not let death dominate what God had created, but saved it by the life and blood of God's only Son. Crucifixion, resurrection and ascension is God's way to express God's love and mercy. Without Jesus' help, we can't come to the light; with Jesus everything is possible.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Mass of Reconciliation

With Mass of Reconciliation only around the corner, please don't forget to book in your attendance for the 17th March, with a start time of 7.00pm.

If possible, emailing your booking is the preferred method, however, if you do not have an email address, please still call the Parish Office on 07 3818 0111. Please note, Mass will be held in the Church, so we are limited to only 100 parishioners.

We would appreciate if everyone could come a bit earlier, to allow extra time to check in.

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 April 2021.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is my shepherd;
There is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

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, Nyaweir Ring.

Reborn in Eternal Life 15th March – 21st March

Mr Nan, Marie Thompson, Beatrice Rawainake, Robert James Bryant, Sydney Manning, Sean Liddy, Berta Lopez, Arthur GV Hancock, Michael Gardner, Vera Ryan, Mary Duffy, Winifred Mills, Andrew Cung, Deirdre 'De' Roberts (nee Halpin), Winifred Powell, Lola Pansy Taylor, Kevin Pearl, Patrick O'Hagan, Carmen Mark Valentino, John Hoang Trach, Martha Lanh, Dominic Nguyen.

Reading – 5th Sunday of Lent – 21st March

1 st Reading	Jer 31:31-34
2 nd Reading	Heb 5:7-9
Gospel	Jn 12:20-33



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.

Recently Deceased



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



St Patrick's Day Mass – Cathedral of St Stephen

A special Mass for St Patrick's Day will be celebrated in the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street at 10am on the 17th March 2021. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the principal celebrant with Fr Gerard McMorrow concelebrating.

All are welcome to attend, but due to COVID restrictions, it is essential you register your attendance. Numbers are limited.

To register on-line, please go the Cathedral website, www.cathedralofststephen.org.au.

Go to: Mass & Reconciliation Mass Registration Bookings for Regular Weekly Masses Select 17 March Tickets	Enter number attending Mass Register Continue Enter Details and Register
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There is no need to bring tickets, as your name will be on the Attendance Sheet.

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