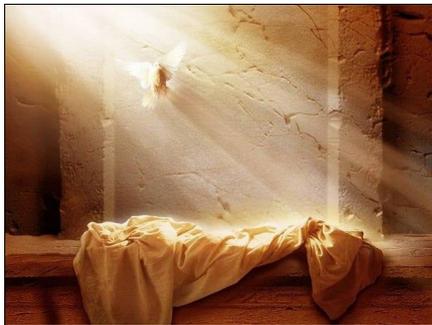




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OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	10 th April
6 th	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
7 th		Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
	Apr		6.30pm	Rosary		
8 th	Apr	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday 11th April	
9 th	Apr	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
Parish Office closed from Friday 2nd April, returning Tuesday 6th April 2021						

Sunday of the Resurrection Year B 4th April 2021



Good and Evil

The final struggle between good and evil was displayed at the place of Golgotha. At the beginning of the synoptic Gospels - Matthew, Luke and Mark - all recorded

Jesus' temptations. After forty days of fasting in the wilderness, Satan tempted Jesus. Satan's temptations failed badly. *'Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time' Lk 4,13.*

Satan used the term *'the appointed time'*. Jesus refused to use that term. Jesus talked about His own time as *'The hour'*- the hour for Him to glorify God. At the time of being arrested, Jesus told His apostles that He was to be betrayed by sinners. *Mk. 14,41.*

After 'losing' the temptations, Satan left Jesus, and swore to return at *'the appointed time'*. Being defeated, Satan turned his attack to God's creation. He hoped to gain something from God's creature, Satan knew Jesus loved human beings, because they were created after God's image. God was the first, the paramount, and human beings were the second most loved in Jesus' heart. Satan believed if he could get human beings to collaborate with him; he would make Jesus suffer because He loved them. Satan was right; human beings were co-operating with him. There was nothing new in Satan's tactics to win the human race. Satan repeated the same methods to tempt the human race as he once used to tempt Jesus. Jesus fought the temptations by quoting the Scriptures. The human race relied on reasons to deal with

temptations. Reasons caused disunity among people, because of various understandings and differences over world - glory, power and prestige. By using human hands to crucify Jesus, Satan could boast that it was not him, who crucified Jesus, but it was the work of human beings. Satan was the culprit in disguise. Jesus uncovered Satan's plot by reminding His apostles, that the real culprits were sinners. *'Now the Son of man is to be betrayed into the hands of sinners' Mk 14,41.* Sinners were Satan's collaborators.

Satan's last shot was an attempt to put saints and criminals on the same footing. Jesus, a sinless person, was nailed on the cross between two criminals. On the surface, saints suffered as much as sinners, but from their hearts, there was a world of difference. Saints suffered in hope; while sinners were bitter. On the cross one thief denied that his actions were evil, and was hostile towards Jesus. The other accepted his wrong doing. He turned to Jesus, and asked Him for forgiveness. Jesus granted him eternal life. Satan had failed to score what he hoped for. Jesus' Passion showed God's victory. At the beginning of the crucifixion, there were fewer saints and more criminals. The tally was reversed at the time of Jesus' death, there were more saints and fewer criminals. Soon after Jesus' death, Satan suffered another blow when the centurion praised God, saying: *'In truth, this man was the Son of God' Mk 15,39.* This public confession demonstrated that Satan had lost beyond calculation. Jesus' resurrection robbed Satan of all his credibility.

Jesus gives salvation and eternal life for penitents; the penitent thief was the very first one to receive eternal life.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

**HAPPY
Easter!**

It is over a year now and the Marshalls who have done a great job in tracing weekday and weekend Masses. The tracing was time consuming and distressing for those who lacked electronic devices to do the booking. A word of praise to those who took part in the Lenten Programme to enrich their spiritual journey.

Thank you teachers who taught the Confirmation children and thanks also to the children's parents who were faithful in assisting their child every single lesson. Palm Sunday was well prepared and the entire Church was decorated with fresh green palm leaves – a big thank

you.

Last not least, the Liturgy committee, musicians and those who took part in the preparation for this great Easter Celebration. Due to COVID 19 last year, we celebrated Easter online. Virtual Easter celebrations was less noise but not less joy, because the Joy of Easter comes from the resurrection of the Lord. It is the joy of the Risen Lord that brings joy to our hearts. Lockdown made people stay home, behind closed doors to celebrate Easter. The very first Easter Jesus' apostles had celebrated was also behind closed doors out of fear. Their fear melted when they met the Risen Lord. The joy of meeting the Risen Lord became the inner well spring that burst into joy. Wishing you to enjoy the same Joy that Jesus' apostles had experienced their very first Easter.

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

This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
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, Nyaweir Ring.

Reborn in Eternal Life 5th April – 11th April

Colin William Larter, Anne Kosciuk, Maria Kowalcznska, Ludwika (Lucy) Lew, John Bliss, Terry Mahony, Teddoro C Boriongan.

Reading – Second Sunday of Easter – 11th April

1 st Reading	Acts 4:32-35
2 nd Reading	1 Jn 5:1-6
Gospel	Jn 20:19-31



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 16th May 2021 (none in April)
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.

WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE

Good Friday

HOLY LAND COLLECTION

Your donation helps to preserve the sacred places and supports Christians who live in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land Commissariat and the Franciscan Friars who minister in the Holy Land thank you for your generosity. Donations can be made directly to: Commissary of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria St, Waverley NSW 2024. Tel (02) 9369 9380 or through your local parish.

Holy Land Collection – 2nd April 2021

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday Collection.

The collection is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the 'Prince of Peace'.

KNOWLEDGE

EASTER TIME: The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'. These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be Sundays of Easter. ORDO 2021 GNLYC 22-24

Sing ALLELUIA! Augustine says rightly, 'Singing is for one who loves', and there is also an ancient proverb: 'Whoever sings well prays twice over'. ORDO 2021 GIRM 39

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