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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
28 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Peter Chanel	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.30pm	Rosary		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Catherine	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

**Fourth Sunday of Easter** **Year B** **25<sup>th</sup> April 2021**



**The Door**

There are three doors. They are symbols of life: First, is the door of the empty tomb; second, the locked door of the room where Jesus' disciples were in hiding, and third, the door of the sheep pen.

Jesus walked out of the door of the tomb to make it empty. He met the women at the tomb. He told them, that He would like to see His disciples. Jesus appeared to His disciples in the room where the door was locked. He enlightened their lives, and gave them peace. He then commissioned them to go out, and make others His disciples. To those who love Jesus and listen to the voice of His disciples, Jesus gives everlasting life. Before His Passion, Jesus talked about the door of the sheep pen which was not an object, but Jesus actually personified the door as Himself. He is the door, day and night, He protects the sheep from harm, caused by wolves and thieves.

Jesus made a contrast between a good shepherd and a hired one, Jn 10,11-18. According to Jesus, a good shepherd pastures the sheep. He nightly stays at the door of their pen to allow the sheep in and out. A good shepherd makes real sacrifices for the sheep. A good shepherd makes a personal connection with the sheep. He knows his sheep, and they know him. The sheep listen to his voice and obey. These are

qualities of a good shepherd, Jesus implied, He would do for His sheep. There is no hidden meaning in this parable, but Jesus plainly told His disciples, the Good Shepherd is no one else but He Himself. Twice He said: 'I am the good shepherd'. vs. 11,14. Through Jesus' Passion and cross, He actually carried out His description about the fate of the Good Shepherd, step by step, with His own life. Jesus was true to His own words, and He was true to His Father's will.

Being the gate of the sheepfold, Jesus becomes the dividing lines for those who choose to love and obey Him. Those who refuse to love and obey Jesus will have no experience of being cared for. Those who choose to love and obey Jesus will lose nothing in life, but receive life in abundance and eternal life. They receive Jesus' protection and love. They live in hope; hope in the Risen Lord, and hope of entering God's kingdom, the true and everlasting sheepfold. There are dividing lines between those who choose Jesus and those who do not choose Him. However, the door is not always shut tight; it is open to anyone who makes a change of heart to enter. The Good Shepherd is active in searching for the lost sheep. The parable of the lost sheep depicts that when the Good Shepherd found a lost sheep, he would joyfully carry it on his shoulders to bring home- Luke 15:5. There is one sheepfold, but there are different flocks: The early one and the later ones.

A thief steals sheep by deception and trickery, while wolves approach in violence to kill sheep. A hired shepherd is a legitimate shepherd, but if he doesn't care for the sheep as his job requires, he has a 'license' to steal, to be a thief or wolf in disguise, because he makes little sacrifice for the sheep.

We thank Jesus for being our Good Shepherd.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

***Goodna ANZAC Parade  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021***

This year the 7am Mass car parking is not affected by the Goodna ANZAC Parade, however, the 9am Mass car parking will be. The Church Street will be blocked from the entrance of the Church to Mercy Lane. If you are attending the 9am Mass on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> April, please arrive early as the Church Street entrance to the car park will be blocked off from 8.30am. For those of you who arrive after 8.30am, you will need to park on Mill Street, up near the Police Station or over near the Goodna Train Station car park.

***Message from the Archdiocese on COVID-19 Vaccines***



**Get vaccinated for the common good:** Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Some COVID-19 vaccines are associated with ethically questionable production and research practices, but Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

## 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 May 2021.

### Responsorial Psalm

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.

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, Angus Eddy, Michael Hancock, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 26<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> May

Katharina Arbeiter, Noreen Cogan-Browne, Corrie Van Hoof, Candice Dieperink, Ivy O'Halloran, Margaret McCrudden, William Hales, Stephen Patrick McGuire, Frank Plumbridge, Christina Merle Richardson, Trevor Spence Flt Lt RAF, Tracey Mikaele, Glen Latimer, Mary Butler.

### Reading – Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2<sup>nd</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 9:26-31

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

1 Jn 3:18-24

Gospel

Jn 15:1-8



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Due to COVID, the priest is not currently available for any home visits. Please contact the parish office for any further updates.

### Recently Deceased

Les Mullins, Bassilisa Nyracha Ha Komeye, Theresa Nguyen Thi Tuoc, Jean Smith, Doreen Wright.



**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



## Marriage Encounter Weekends

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious to a Marriage Encounter Weekend to enrich and revitalise your Sacrament. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community.

**Friday 30th April – 2 May 2021** - Virtual weekend via Zoom commencing at 7pm on Friday – concluding at 4pm Sunday. Contact Mobile: Julie and Zygmunt Staszyc - 0437 388 513 Email: [sabookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:sabookings@wwme.org.au)

**Friday 28th May - 30 May 2021** - Live-in weekend at Ormiston (on Brisbane's bayside).

Contact Phone: Maria and David Murphy (07) 3342 1456 Email: [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au) Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

## KNOWLEDGE

**The Month of May.** Within the cycle of a year, the Church unfolds the whole of the mystery of Christ, from his incarnation and birth until his ascension, the day of Pentecost, and the expectation of blessed hope and of the Lord's return....

In celebrating this annual cycle of Christ's mysteries, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God, who is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son. In her the Church holds up and admires the most excellent effect of the redemption and joyfully contemplates, as in a flawless image, that which the Church itself desires and hopes wholly to be.

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