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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> May
11 <sup>th</sup>	May	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
12 <sup>th</sup>	May	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
			6.00pm	Rosary		
13 <sup>th</sup>	May	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> May
14 <sup>th</sup>	May	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Matthias	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

**Sixth Sunday of Easter** **Year B** **9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**



**Remain in God's Love  
- John 15:9-17**

The Gospel of St. John makes it clear, God loves the world so much that God sent God's only Son to save the fallen world. Jesus, the

second person of God, known to the world as God's only Son, came into the world to execute God's saving mission. Jesus chose to give up His own life, died on the cross, to reveal God's love for the world. He is the mirror of God's love for the world. Through Jesus, we know how much God loves the world, and through Him we know how much Jesus loves us. Jesus called His disciples to learn from Him: *'Love one and other as I have loved you v.12'*. Those who genuinely respond to this call of love are Jesus' true disciples.

There is some kind of elevation in loving. Through our love for one another, the world sees Jesus' love which is active in the lives of His disciples. Through Jesus' Passion and Death, He had made His Father's love known. Jesus' resurrection showed the unbreakable bond between the Father and Jesus. It is unmistakable that true love must be accompanied by loving actions, because love without actions is merely a theory of love. True love is contradiction in terms, because an act of true love requires that something dies to give life for something else. God's love for the world is true and visible through Jesus' Incarnation, Death, and Ascension. Jesus showed the depth of His love for mankind by self-sacrificing himself on the cross. He chose to die for us, His friends, to

demonstrate the Father's love for mankind. Jesus' disciples show true love for Him by keeping His commandments to love. They are not 'new' commandments, but the same commandments the Father gave Jesus. He had perfected them. He now passed them on to His disciples to observe. Abiding in God's love is for a single, noble purpose, and that is to give glory to the Father. Keeping Jesus' commandments elevates Jesus' disciples to the level of friend of the Lord. This is not an ordinary friendship, but divine friendship. An ordinary friendship is defined by mutual interest, give and take. God takes nothing back from God's divine friendship, but God gives out -pouring love for those who love God. Jesus told us, in His name, God will grant what we ask for. God's generosity is beyond our comprehension. God always gives what is best for us. God gives out of love, and we learn to appreciate God's out pouring love for us.

*'You are my friends, if you do what I command you... I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father' Jn 15:15.*

Keeping Jesus' commandments forges mutual, abiding relationships. One of the ways to keep Jesus' commandments is praying. Our prayer doesn't remain at an earthly level, but Jesus will lift our prayers up to the Father.

Abiding in, and keeping Jesus' commandments makes us friends of Jesus, and through Him, God the Father listens to our prayers. Abiding in Jesus gives us a personal experience of God's love. We are grateful for the heavenly love Jesus has given us. In responding to Jesus' love, we offer our own heart to Jesus, and that is all we have to offer.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**



***Happy Mother's Day***

We give thanks to all the women who gave their own gift of life.

On this Mother's Day, give all mother's the grace she most needs and desires on Sunday.

Happy Mother's Day this Sunday and we wish you all a great day of celebrating.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Feast Days for this Month

- The Ascension of the Lord – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
- Pentecost Sunday – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021;
- Our Lady, Help of Christians – 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
- The Most Holy Trinity – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021;
- The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021;

*Feast Day*

### Healing Mass

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

### Responsorial Psalm

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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.

### Reading – The Ascension of the Lord – 16<sup>th</sup> May

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Acts 1:1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Eph 4:1-13

Gospel

Mk 16:15-20



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 (Saturday)

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.

### Reborn in Eternal Life 10<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May

Bonifacio O Festejo Snr, Nelio Silva Serra, Giuse, Anna, Giuse Dinh Van Ngac, Steven Wood, William Arthur Meredith, John Peter Kalksma, Tim Shrume, Frankie La Rocca, Alfonsas Navickas, Edward Paul Galligan, David Newman, Annie Atwood, Allen Anthony Maybanks, Alan James Wilshire, Gladys Beaver.

### Recently Deceased

Theresa Nguyen Thi Tuoc, Jean Smith, Doreen Wright, John Mortimer, Taulapapa Kapekeni Pati.



**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

### 2021 Confirmation

Confirmation classes started again on Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.30pm  
Rehearsal the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 3.30pm  
Actual Confirmation Ceremony is Friday the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 7.00pm

## INFORMATION

### *Caritas Appeal* in partnership with Caritas India

Caritas Australia, in partnership with Caritas India, is providing support to vulnerable communities as the nation is devastated by massive increases in COVID-19 infection rates. The communities which Caritas works with are among the most vulnerable to COVID-19, with poor access to clean water and Personal Protective Equipment. We are accepting donations through our Asia Emergency Appeal which can be found here: <https://caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/asia-emergency-appeal/>.

Once on the webpage, scroll down to the heading '**India struggles with massive outbreak of COVID-19**', and then click on the

**DONATE NOW**

button. Please consider giving generously towards this as we support these vulnerable communities now, and assist them as they start to rebuild their lives in the future.

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

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