



**ST
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XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	26 th June	
22 nd	June	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Sts John Fisher	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
23 rd	June	Wed	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
24 th	June	Thurs	6.00pm	Rosary	Sunday 27th June	
			9.00am	Mass – The Nativity of St John the Baptist Mass	7.00am	Mass
25 th	June	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year B** **20th June 2021**



The Other Side

After a long and tiring day of preaching, Jesus told His apostles to sail to the other side of the sea of Galilee. Instead of waiting for the next morning, Jesus gave no

explanation, but told them to go. The sea of Galilee was a 'second home' for the apostles. Night after night they went to the sea to fish, and probably accustomed to the storms while out in their boats. Keeping the boat afloat in a stormy water was hard, and the darkness of the night made the task even more challenging. The apostles were preparing for the worse, while Jesus was sound asleep on the boat. In their fear and frustration, they told Him, *'Master, do you not care? Mk 4,39'*. Calling out for help was the right thing to do, but the choice of the words was unfortunate. Jesus told them about their lack of faith in Him. Put in St Paul's language, the apostles saw Jesus *'by the standards of the flesh'*. 2 Cor.5,16.

Earlier in the day, the apostles listened to Jesus. They admired Him as a man of great wisdom. Jesus woke up and gave a double command: *'Quiet now! Be calm!'* Mk 4,39b. One command dropped the strong wind, and the other one died out the mighty waves. The apostles now saw Jesus with their wide-opened eyes. Knowing the force of nature obeyed Jesus, their faith in Jesus was upgraded to another level. He must be the Lord of the natural world. They also learnt that following Jesus, they would not be freed from *'turbulent water'*, but when it happens, Jesus was available to assist them.

Following Jesus, we continue to face the reality of the world. There are good days, and not so good ones. There are hope and fear, order and chaos. These are the reality of life. When encountering adversity, there are options for us to choose

from. First, we are free to choose to 'sail' alone; second, we are free to 'sail' with humanity, and third, we are free to 'sail' with the Divinity. The apostles chose the first two options, and could change nothing. In their fear, tiredness and frustration, they turned to Jesus for help. Jesus' power and His presence had shaped the lives of the apostles, changing them from fear to faith. On the positive aspects of adversity, the apostles learnt more about themselves. Their faith in Jesus was deepened, and they understood Jesus' power better.

The way we relate to God to the *'storm in life'* reveals the truth about our faith in Jesus. It is the *'other side'* of the sea. On *'this side'* of the sea, following Jesus was easy, we sail well in life. On the *'other side'* of life, when we go through the darkness of night, when tough time comes, we learn more about our spiritual life, about faith and trust in Jesus. The reality of life is that one moment we are doing fine, and unexpectedly, we are confronted with news we don't want to know. The apostles told us, having faith in Christ led them through.

When we are in fear; the fear factor takes control of the situation. We often do or say something which we would not do in a normal circumstance. Jesus' apostles loved Him, and obeyed Him, but when they faced the storm they questioned about His love for them. This kind of language we continue to hear in the modern world. What counts is not much about the words uttered but the hidden intension of a heart. The apostles seemed to complain with faith, not with doubt. Their cry was the cry of fear and abandonment. It was the same cry Jesus made when he was on the cross: *'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me Mk 15:34'*. The cry was the confession of faith with the feeling that God was absent.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

*St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
Thank You*

St Vincent de Paul would like to put out there a very big Thank You to our Parishioners generosity towards their Winter Appeal last week.

In total \$2,015.40 was donated, including some groceries and blankets. This is an amazing effort by all and will go towards helping a lot of struggling families.

If you know of anyone doing it tough, please pass on the St Vincent de Paul Call Centre number – 1800 846 643.

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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Office Hours

Due to family reasons, I will be reducing my work days to Tuesday and Friday.

In conjunction with HR, we are looking for any expressions of interest to cover Wednesday and Thursday.

Applications can be found on the Archdiocese website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers/>

Responsorial Psalm

Give thanks to the Lord,
his love is everlasting.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;
God has visited his people.

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, Kylie Herbert.

Reading – 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th June

1st Reading

Wis 1:13-15, 2:23-24

2nd Reading

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15

Gospel

Mk 5:21-43



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20th June 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

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 21st June – 27th June

Betty Dwyer, Sr M Stanislaus Ryan, Wladyslaw Witowski (Bobi), Teresa Gorman & John Moloney, Susanna Phillips, Alice Buchanan, Madison Page Taylor, Cathy Pearl, Phyllis May Singleton, Dorothy Lillian Meredith, Alex Elmore, Douglas Innes, Padicine Tory, Violet Medley.

Recently Deceased

Ruby Pronk, Petty Taulapapa Pati, Dominic Duy, Jim Hilton.



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 INFORMATION

COVID Compliance

As a result of the recent lockdown in Victoria and hotspot in NSW, the Archdiocese would like pass on that the Queensland Government are seeking to conduct spot checks in Places of Worship. We would really appreciate it, if you could pass this information on to anyone who may not receive the Bulletin.

In saying this, Fr Tuong and I are most appreciative of the efforts all the Parishioners, who help us maintain our Compliance with regards to our attendance numbers.

Position Vacant – Lutwyche Catholic Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Lutwyche Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a casual position of Administration Assistant Monday & Friday working 8.30am to 12.30pm, 4 hours each day.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>

WEEKLY KNOWLEDGE

The liturgy of the word is a decisive element in the celebration of each one of the sacraments of the Church; in pastoral practice, however, the faithful are not always conscious of the connection, nor do they appreciate the unity between gesture and word....

The relationship between **word and sacramental gesture** is the liturgical expression of God's activity in the history of salvation through the *performative character* of the word itself. In salvation history there is no separation between what God says and what he *does*. His word appears as alive and active (Heb 4:12), as the Hebrew term *dabar* itself makes clear. In the liturgical action too, we encounter his word which accomplishes what it says. By educating the People of God to discover the performative character of God's word in the liturgy, we will help them to recognise his activity in salvation history and in their individual lives.

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