



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> August	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St Dominic	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St John Vianney	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
5 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Thurs	6.00pm	Rosary	<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
			9.00am	Mass – The Transfiguration of the Lord	9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

## 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021



### Bread of Life

Jesus told the crowds that He is the 'Bread of Life' v.34, and they struggled hard about this teaching. They knew Jesus had the power to offer ordinary daily bread, because they themselves

had eaten the bread Jesus gave. When it came to the teaching, Jesus is the 'Bread of Life', they could not believe Him. There were several hurdles the crowds couldn't overcome. They all revolve around the crucial questions of having faith in Jesus, and focussing on Him alone, and the question of trying to understand His teaching.

First, the heart of the problem was having faith in Jesus. The crowds believed that Jesus was not God- Incarnate, but simply another prophet. They believed Jesus could perform miracles, but He was not the 'Bread of Life' as He claimed to be. They were at home to the idea, that God would send prophets to be with, and guide them, but the idea God- Incarnate was foreign to them. They took pride in being children of Moses, and other prophets. The crowds had seen the miracle of the loaves, and would hope to have more miracles. They seemed to have the 'selective believing' approach. They believed almost all Jesus' teaching, except the teaching about Jesus, the 'Bread of Life'.

The mystery of the Incarnation, that Jesus was God-Incarnate, Who gave the 'Bread of Life' was a great mystery that went beyond human capacity to explain. The vastness of the mystery was even deeper than the entire cosmos. The universe was part of God's creation, and God's creation would not be able to understand its Maker. We are part of God's creation. We would not be able to take hold of the mystery of the Incarnation.

The mystery requires us to see with the eyes of faith, and faith comes from believing in Jesus' teaching. Apart from Jesus' teaching, there is no other reliable source of information, that helps us to know about the Incarnation. The more one tries searching for the meaning of the mystery of the Incarnation, the more his/her mind gets bogged down.

Second, most of Jesus' teaching we would feel at home with, but when it came to the mystery of God's love, and salvation, we had better believe what Jesus said, not merely try to make sense of His teaching. Jesus told the crowds that He was God-Incarnate, and what He had to offer was the 'Bread of Life'. The crowds failed to understand Him. In helping the crowds to make sense of what He said, Jesus openly told them, there was no other way, except having faith in Him. Trying to understand what He said would not lead to faith, but having faith first, understanding may gradually unfold. The benefits of having faith in Jesus for a believer would be, that s/he would never experience hunger or thirst again.

Third, instead of focussing on Jesus, Who was now amongst them, the crowds were focussing on Moses. They said Moses gave their ancestors bread from heaven. Jesus told them, prophets could not satisfy them. They carried God's message, but they themselves could not save anyone. The prophets acted as instruments in God's hands. Jesus told the crowds, it was not Moses, but His Father, Who gave them the manna to eat. In the past, God worked through Moses and other prophets. God, today now, works through God's only Son, Jesus, and those who have faith in Jesus would receive Him, the 'Bread of Life'. In next week's Gospel we will hear more about the dispute the crowds made about the mystery of God- Incarnate, the 'Bread of Life'.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
Parish Priest

## WEEKLY INFORMATION



The annual Catholic Campaign has been scheduled for the weekend of **21-22 August 2021**. Your generous support truly will make a difference in people's life.

The Catholic Campaign provides children of families experiencing severe financial hardship with tuition fees to attend their local Catholic school, as well it helps our retired priests, and educate those young priests in formation.

The Catholic Campaign also supports Centacare, which provides much-needed care to those challenged with homelessness, mental illness and fleeing domestic violence.



### Exploring the Heart of the Catholic Faith – Going Deeper

This is a newly developed online offering from the Adult Formation team of Evangelisation Brisbane.

**Going Deeper** will go 'live' during the week of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.

The cost is:

- Individuals \$ 50.00
- Groups of any size \$200.00

Participants can register anytime between now and the end of September for this first round.

For more information email [formation@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:formation@bne.catholic.net.au) or visit [tinyurl.com/eb-goingdeeper](http://tinyurl.com/eb-goingdeeper)

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Farewell

Kel Ryan is currently serving the parish as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. He also serves the parish in the role of the extraordinary minister of the word.

Kel is returning to his home town sometimes this month. We thank him for his dedication and his faith in action.

We wish him best wishes for the future and pray for God's abundant blessings upon him.

### Responsorial Psalm

The hand gave them bread from heaven

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

But on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

## PASTORAL MATTERS



### Prayer for the Sick

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, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan.

### Reading – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 8<sup>th</sup> August

1<sup>st</sup> Reading

1 Kg 17:8-16

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading

Col 3:12-17

Gospel

Mt 6:25-34



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15<sup>th</sup> August 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug – 8<sup>th</sup> August

Erno Gross, Nicko Mamea (Baby), Dulcie Penny, Wesley Farnham, Luka Vuksic, Olivia De Ynchansti, Vince Hanley, Lea Ann Howarth, George Staunton Moylan.

### Recently Deceased

Jim Hilton, Marcu Tamas, Jean Silvester, Peter Giap Cao, Gordon Hodges.



**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 FOR NEXT WEEK – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021



**Flowers**

Noela Leituala



**Cleaning**

To Be Advised

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Golden Jubilee at St Stephen's Cathedral

#### Charis Connect Golden Jubilee Celebration

Saturday 7 August 2021. Praise and Worship will commence at 11:00am, followed by Mass at 11:30am. His Grace, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will be the main celebrant. Bookings are essential.

[www.trybookings.com/events/landing](http://www.trybookings.com/events/landing)

### Position Vacant

**Aspley Parish** – Part time job share position of Parish Secretary for 15 hours/week (Mon to Wed 8.30am - 1.30pm)

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website – <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

Applications Close: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### 2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Enrolment

The Interviews for enrolling your Grade Four children to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be held in September, and the Classes will begin in October.

Further information will be available in the next few weeks, regarding how you can get an enrolment form, and the dates for the interviews.



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Parish Secretary: Michelle Castell (Tues & Fri)

Micheline El Alam (Wed & Thurs)

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

Wed & Thu 8:30am to 2:45pm

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