



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> August – St Pius X	
17 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
18 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
19 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Thurs	6.00pm	Rosary	<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Bernard	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year B

15<sup>th</sup> August 2021



### Knowledge

We are able to gain knowledge of the natural world from reading books, by learning from each other, and from observing the natural world ourselves. An expert in any particular field of studies often has personal interest on that field. The more one pays attention to a particular organism or species the more s/he gains knowledge of it.

Each one of us is endowed with an innate gift, that is essential for us to grow, to learn, and to survive. In the process of learning, personal ambition, ideology and environment, somehow influence the mind of a person, and that shapes one's personal outlook of the world.

Whether one believes or denies God's existence; one can't deny his/her very own existence. One can deny God's love, but no one can deny the duty of care for others. For Christians, the common call for us all is to embrace the two inseparable virtues, and that is to love God, and our neighbours. They are Jesus' commandments of love for us. Apart from that common call, some are called for a specific mission. This special call goes beyond any human explanation, as once Jesus told Peter when he made the confession that, *'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'*. Jesus told Peter. *'You are a happy man! because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven'* Mat 16,17.

A person can gain knowledge of the world through years of hard studies, but no one is able to please God by hard labour. Upon whom God shows favour is decided by God's free will. Human beings humbly learn to welcome God's will. God chose Mary to be Mother of God; God chose Elizabeth to be mother

of John the Baptist, and God chose John to be God's forerunner.

Elizabeth was not a biblical scholar, and yet hearing Mary's greeting, Elizabeth knew Mary, her cousin, was the Mother of God. She was extremely happy receiving Mary into her home. In a humble spirit, Elizabeth was praising God, saying it was God's favour upon her. She wouldn't deserve it, and wouldn't be able to understand why God had chosen her. The same kind of knowledge was given to her unborn child, John the Baptist, who recognized Mary when she came to visit his mother, Elizabeth. The unborn child jumped for joy in his mother's womb.

For those who see the account of the Incarnation with the eyes of reason, it is a fairy tale. To those who see the Incarnation with the eyes of faith, it is real and true. Both Elizabeth and John knew Mary was the Mother of God not through reasoning, but listening. The focal point was not about reasoning, but rather about listening.

The natural world always obeys God, because God is the Lord of nature. The heart of the Incarnation was about God's outpouring love for us. Love has no logic, because it listens to the voice of a heart. There is no logic in human relationships. For both Elizabeth and John, their hearts, were filled with joy and peace when they heard Mary's greetings. They didn't understand the calls, but they loved God above all things.

We have never seen God, but sometimes we feel God is near, and that was the experience all holy men and women enjoyed.

We pray to have more faith in God.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
Parish Priest

## WEEKLY INFORMATION



2021 ANNUAL

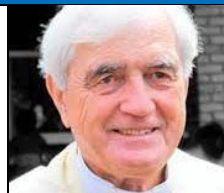
**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

Our Church • Our Mission • Our Community

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.



### Farewell

We join with Parishioners at Darra-Jindalee to prayer for the repose soul of their Parish Priest, Fr Dan Carroll PP.

His funeral will be on live streamed from the Parish Facebook page on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021, at 11.00am.

Fr Carroll has been serving Darra-Jindalee for 50 years and built the Church of 12 Apostles and renovated Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at Darra.

We pray for God's blessing.

**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

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, go up to the place of your rest,  
you and the ark of your holiness.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Blessed are they who hear the word of God  
and keep it.  
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 – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Joshua 24:1-2, 15-18
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Eph 5:21-32
Gospel	Jn 6:60-69



**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 9<sup>th</sup> August – 22<sup>nd</sup> August**

John Chew, Florence Sharkey, James Beresford, Kevin Norman, Graham Huth, Joan Ellen Bell, Herbie Poek, Therese Waddington, Lucia Ceraldi, Patricia Lourigan, James Roddin, Valentine Martin Moroney, Barbara Davidson, Sr Mary Theodore Lee, Anthony Paul Folkes, John McGrath, Ralph Norman Hall.

**Recently Deceased**

Peter Giap Cao, Gordon Hodges, Fr Dan Carroll, Raymundo Campomayor.



**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 – 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021**

<b>Flowers</b>	Tien & Nhu	<b>Cleaning</b>	To Be Advised
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**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

*Many Thanks*

The Parish has been praying for Hudson McHardy for several years. He is now well and the family would like to thanks the Parishioners for their prayers.

Amanda McHardy

*Positions Vacant*

- Sunnybank** – Pastoral Associate – 28hrs/week  
Applications Close 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021
- Maroochydore** – Sacramental Coordinator – 8hrs/week
- Maroochydore** – Youth Ministry Coordinator – 8hrs/week  
Applications Close 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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

**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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Goodna  
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Parish Clergy: Fr Vudinh Tuong PP  
Parish Secretary: Michelle Castell (Tues - Fri)  
Current Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9am to 3pm

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and compassion  
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