



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> October	
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mass - Archangels	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.00pm	Rosary		
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass - St Jerome	Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> October
1 <sup>st</sup>	Oct	Fri	9.00am	Mass - St Therese of the Child of Jesus	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year B

## 26<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### Generosity of God

Ask for a jug of water at a restaurant; it is given free of charge. Water in this case is taken for granted. Fresh water means life when a person is on a high sea or in a desert. Jesus told His disciples, a glass of water given in God's Name, has everlasting value. God is generous in His reward. Different methods of judgment lead to different outcomes. We judge the value of the substance, the glass of water itself. God judges not the substance, but the action, the kindness of a person's heart. Great reward is given, not on the matter itself, but on something deeper, an act of kindness, the generosity a person's heart.

John reported that he had stopped a man, who was casting out devils in God's name. Jesus told him: do not stop him. John stopped the man because John judged the man's action according to the norm of his society. The man needed authorization to do such thing. He was a stranger, not one of the apostles, and should not do such work. Jesus allowed the man to work in His Name. Jesus followed not the Roman's way of operating. Jesus judged not the man's membership, but his good intention, the goodness of the man's heart. John worked on the level of inner circle. Jesus welcomed those who showed kindness to others, even though they were not yet members of the apostles.

*Anyone who is not against us is for us. v.40.*

The apostles now knew there were people who believed, and worked for Jesus, unknown to them, but well known to Jesus. Later on, the apostles learnt about a person who lent Jesus the ass to ride on entering Jerusalem (Mk 11,2); the other one gave Him a room to celebrate the feast of the Passover (Mk 14,15); and another one who provided Him a tomb for His

burial (Mk 15,46). These people were unknown to the apostles until afterwards.

Jesus was very strong in His language to those, who became a stumbling block for others to believe in God. He warned them, causing harm to some one's faith would not escape severe punishment in hell. The reference to a human limb, such as a foot, hand or an eye means, that a part is smaller than a whole. People would feel uneasy about removing a foot or an arm, but human wisdom tells us; it is wise to sacrifice a small part to save the whole body. The removal of a cancer spot on a human body, to save life is a common thing in the medical world.

Jesus told us that whatever good, or bad actions we do in life will have eternal effects. We are happy to receive reward for a simple good act, but deny the liability for bad action. Power seeking in a Christian community is a public scandal. It should be avoided at all cost. These things cause rivalry, separation, and disharmony for a Christian community. They are contrary to Jesus' teaching. It should not happen among Jesus' disciples. Causing others to lose faith in God is a vice, believing in one own knowledge rather than Jesus' teaching. Arrogance is one of the vices. It has no place in God's kingdom. Jesus was very clear, strong, and firm in stopping Devils from speaking of Him. He would not compromise on this, not even allow them to reveal His identity. Becoming a stumbling block for others reveals the weakness of one's faith. Once the faith was weak, that person soon falls into temptations. The very first temptation is to find buddies to take side with him.

We are called to nurture faith, not to destroy faith.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
Parish Priest

## WEEKLY INFORMATION



### *Columbarium*

The Parish is in the process of receiving quotes to build a Columbarium in the very near future, hopefully in the next few months. Instead of the burial, the Columbarium is a convenient and holy place to keep ashes of the deceased on the Church grounds for relatives and friends to pay their respects and to pray for when they go to Church. It is proposed to be built in adjacent to the existing flower gardens, outside the sacristy. Ashes will be placed either in the columns itself or in the ground, underneath of the Jesus' status, Divine Mercy. We estimate each niche will cost approx. \$2,500 each. The bronze plaque, 20cm square, names and dates casted will be another extra \$250.00. The setup will look similar to the picture.

**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**

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Your word, O Lord, is truth:  
make us holy in the truth.  
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, Elisapeti Pati.

**Reading – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gen 2:18-24
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Heb 2:9-11
Gospel	Mk 10:2-16



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 17<sup>th</sup> October 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 27<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

Beryl O'Donohue, Robert Victor Freeman, Francesco Piotto, Emelie Kolle, Patricia Kay Kroschnefski, Pilipovic Kljagio, Francis McCormack, Valerie Solomon.

**Recently Deceased**

Peter Ho Luu, Elia Idris Anamoi, Maria Pham.



**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 – 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2021**



**Flowers**

Samoan Community



**Cleaning**

Jim Walsh

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

We must always bear in mind that the Eucharist is not something we do. It is not our own commemoration of what Jesus said and did. No. It is precisely an act of Christ! It is Christ who acts there, who is on the altar. It is a gift of Christ, who makes himself present and gathers us around him, to nourish us with his word and with his life.

Pope Francis  
General Audience 12 Feb 2014

*St Vincent de Paul*

Born in Gascony (France) in 1581. Died in Paris this day in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the Daughters of Charity with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered for his practical concern for the poor and the sick

**The Feast is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

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

The enrolment 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.

Classes start at 3.30pm on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 16<sup>th</sup> October, 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 30<sup>th</sup> October and the 6<sup>th</sup> November.

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

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and compassion  
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