



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm		
7 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

## 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year B

## 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021

### The Unbreakable Bond



The union between a man and a woman is known as marriage. This original holy unbreakable bond of marriage, God meant to have universal implication. Men took for granted this holy gift for self-satisfaction. Before any act of divorce has taken place, that person has already divorced in his/her heart. God unites in marriage; men divide in divorce. The Pharisees asked Jesus, His opinion on divorce, not to learn, but to test Him. Jesus told them, God's original design of marriage has not changed, and will never change. The Pharisee said Moses allowed a man to divorce his wife in the case of adultery (Mk 10:4). Jesus replied: *'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment'*.

The reply implied, that Moses was faithful, but not the people. Moses gave this concession in marriage because he was under pressure from the 'unteachable'. Moses chose the unity of the whole community over individuals.

The bond of marriage is holy and permanence. An ending of marriage in a court of law violates the holiness, and permanent of marriage. Divorce is the denial of the unbreakable bond of marriage. Divorce violates God's will on marriage. Divorce means one accepts his/her mistake, but denies the responsibility.

Jesus gave further instruction to the apostles, when they were in the house,

*The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too mc 10:12.*

Life in the wilderness had no entertainment, no sport games, no music festivals; adultery was common. This teaching protects a woman's rights. She is equal in authority, and in marriage relationships.

Jesus reminds the apostles, this equality is rooted in creation, which says a woman is a helpmate. She is not a property of a man. She is not a social partner, but a helpmate. She is free to choose him, and he is free to choose her; they are both free to establish a bond, which gives birth to a permanent relationship. This holy bond safeguards her full and equal rights in marriage, and also sharing the same responsibility. Permanence in marriage is do-able when it is done with God's grace. Permanence in marriage is not just possible, but goes even beyond the grave. Many continue to praise their helpmate years after the death of their spouse. Couples who are celebrating the Golden or Diamond Anniversary of their marriage are blessed in this holy union, and love it. All marriages have both strengths and weaknesses. Some succeed, others fail. The successful ones live a life of mutual support, they praise the strengths, and learn to accept weakness. Failure in marriage happens when one takes it for granted, when one fails to make their love life healthy. It is not wealth, beauty, social status or migration, but true love unites and combines them. True love comes from God. Both have the duty to care for their family, not just with their own strength alone, but relying on God's grace acquired through regular prayer together. When human love is offered to God in prayer, it becomes holy, and marriage is a vocation.

Divorce happens when one's love life is unhealthy. Claiming 'this is my right' means all cry. It is better to show understanding and mutual support. All are victimized and hurt in blaming- the couple themselves, and extended family members. Their very own children are victimized not of their own fault, but the failure of their parents. Jesus showed special concerns for children. It is not the written laws protecting marriage, but the unwritten one, the one in our hearts, that makes a happy marriage.

**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

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.  
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, Filo Laulu.

### Reading – 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Wis 7:7-11
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Heb 4: 12-13
Gospel	Mk 10:17-30



### 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 4<sup>th</sup> October – 10<sup>th</sup> October

Robert Mark Ives, Linda Carmel McVie, Janice May Nugent Frankie Gibilard, Avril Janette Abbott, Brooklyn Anne Reese, Michael Han.

### Recently Deceased

Peter Ho Luu, Elia Idris Anamoi, Maria Pham, Tupuimatagi Lealii Leuo Taunauli Tuioti Mariner



**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 – 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021

<b>Flowers</b>	Noela Leituala	<b>Cleaning</b>	Laulu Family
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## WEEKLY INFORMATION

The Church is nourished spiritually at the table of God's word and at the table of the Eucharist: from the one it grows in wisdom and from the other in holiness.... The celebration of Mass in which the word is heard and the Eucharist is offered and received forms but one single act of divine worship.

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### *St Francis of Assisi*

Born in Assisi (Italy) in 1181. Died nearby on 3 October 1226. The carefree son of a wealthy merchant who gave up his inheritance to embrace utter poverty. Under a simple gospel rule, he and his Friars Minor were authorised to be mendicant preachers. His 'Canticle of the Sun' captures his lyrical spirit and sense of oneness with all creatures. An outstanding example of the beatitude 'Blessed are the poor in spirit'. At the end of his life he bore in his flesh the marks of Christ' suffering.

**The Feast is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

## 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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