



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	23 rd October	
19 th	Oct	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
20 th	Oct	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm		
21 st	Oct	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		
22 nd	Oct	Fri	9.00am	Mass		
				Sunday	24 th October	
				7.00am		Mass
				9.00am		Mass
				5.00pm		Divine Mercy

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

17th October 2021



True Greatness

The apostles of Jesus had followed Him for some time. He taught them the radical, new way of life, which was quite opposite to the way of the world. The way of the world, its frame of reference, way of

thinking and behaving, was very much the logic of the mind. This way was imbedded in the minds of the apostles. Jesus showed them the new way of life. It was not the way of one's mind, but rather the way of one's heart. God's way was the way of God's heart; its 'new frame of reference' based not on materials, but on love- loving God and neighbour- The apostles embraced this new teaching, but struggled to put it into practice. They needed time to change, to adapt to the new way of life. They tried to follow God's way; but the way of the world resurfaced from time to time. Once at Capernaum, they argued about who would be the greatest amongst them. Jesus told them, God's way was humble service:

'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all'. Mk 9,35.

Being chosen by Jesus was a great privilege, and yet the two sons of Zebedee, James and John, wanted to receive more favour from Jesus. Learning from the Capernaum's experience, the two brothers made their wish known directly to Jesus. They asked to sit next to Him in God's kingdom.

'Allow us to sit one at your right and the other at your left in your glory' Mk 10,37.

James and John would not take seriously Jesus' prophesy about his death on the cross, and three days later to rise again. If they had taken it seriously, they would not make such request. The other ten apostles were no be better, because they themselves were jealous of James and John.

This tells us that adapting to a new way of life is not easy. Jesus helped the apostles to value the way of love by giving them another lesson. The first lesson was about humble service. The second lesson was about sacrifice. He told them:

'For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many'. v.45.

The teaching implied, that ultimately true discipleship was to give glory to God, even at the cost of one's life. Jesus himself did it. He offered the two brothers to drink the cup, which He himself would drink, and to be baptised with the baptism, with which He himself would be baptised. The brothers took the offer, but had no idea what might happen to them.

Three times, Jesus prophesied His violent death. Three times meant many, but in Jesus' case three times meant certainty. Jesus' death would certainly happen. His opponents believed the way of the mind could destroy the way of the heart. One could submit to the pain inflicted upon a person, but not be sure of his or her inner life and heart. The whips could disfigure Jesus' physical body, but His love for humanity was unmoved. Being nailed on the cross, Jesus perfected His teaching, making the way of the heart even more prominent. Sacrifice and true love always go together. Jesus, the 'Suffering Servant', became the greatest amongst His disciples. Those who follow His way would not suffer in vain, but their very suffering makes the cross of Christ more powerful.

Jesus took the form of a slave to free us from the slavery of sin. He told us, His true disciples must make the common good available for others, not simply for oneself. That is the way of the heart.

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.



The Advent Season



New Life in Christ, is a new 28-day reflection resource.

Each day will include a scripture reading and a reflection. Place your order via Parish office.

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 shake hands after Mass

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.
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 – 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24th October 2021

1 st Reading	Jer 31:7-9
2 nd Reading	Heb 5:1-6
Gospel	Mk 10:46-52

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna
The next Baptism will be 21st November 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 25th October – 31st October

Esperanza Mayr, Rosa Santos, Peter John Burns, Raymond Dennis Johnson, Veronic Mary Murphy, Gerard Laird, Antonia Pua, Margaret Helena Steiner, David William Laird, Charles Hicks, Philip Brady, John Beston, Inban Thangavella, Emilia Stelet, Algi Malisauskas, Unasa Mesi Galo Esera.

Recently Deceased

Lilliam Montalvan, Sanelivi Esera, Peter James Lennon.



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 – 24TH OCTOBER 2021

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu
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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Plenary Council

The first Assembly of our Plenary Council from October 3-10, is the first in Australia in 84 years. The purpose of the Plenary Council is to discern what God is asking of the Church in Australia. More than 280 people from across the country will be involved in an online format. At the end of this long period of listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through the voices of the faithful, Australia's bishops will vote on any future directions for the Church in our country.

All Souls' Day

November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a Church on 2nd November and praying the Lord's prayer and the Creed. Three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence. Sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the pope's intentions. (Norms 15,7)
This year the Feast of all Souls' day is on Monday 1st November. There will be two masses on the day 9am and 6pm.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Class start this week.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion- The Classes starts on 9th October at 3.30pm, and the following classes are on 16th October, 23rd October, 30th October and the 6th November.



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Holy Cross FUNERALS

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