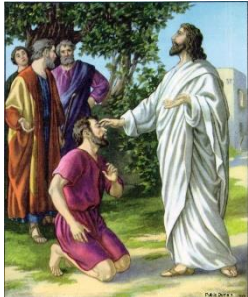




ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	30 th October	
26 th	Oct	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)	
27 th	Oct	Wed	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
			6.30pm Rosary			
28 th	Oct	Thurs	9.00am Mass – Sts Simon & Jude	7.00am	Mass	
			9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass	
29 th	Oct	Fri	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Divine Mercy	

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 24th October 2021



Persistence

We hear people say when one door is shut, a new door is opened. This belief applied well to Bartimaeus, the blind man of Jericho. He couldn't read but his memory was incredible. He knew God has promised to send a Messiah to reunite the Twelve Tribes of Israel,

and the Promised Messiah would come from the line of King David. Bartimaeus was well aware of what was going on around him. One day he heard people talking about the man named Jesus, Who opened the eyes of a blind man of Bethsaida (Mk 8:22-26). Since that day onward, the name Jesus stuck in his mind. Day and night he wondered Who the man Jesus was. No one could give sight to a man blind from birth. Jesus gave sight to the blind man of Jericho, He must be the Promised Messiah. This insight gave Bartimaeus hope. In his heart, he had already accepted Jesus as His Lord. With faith in Jesus, Bartimaeus recognised Jesus as the promised Messiah. When Jesus was on his way. He yelled out aloud:

'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me' Mk 10:47.

He wanted to be sure, nobody else, but Jesus, Son of David, was the One he was longing to follow. This point alone certified that Bartimaeus believed, apart from the Messiah, no one could help him. The crowd scolded him for crying out for help, but he would not stop. He cried out even louder. His faith overcame his fear of the crowd. Jesus confirmed his faith, saying:

'Your faith has saved you' Mk 10:52.

Jesus gave him his sight, and he followed Jesus. Bartimaeus' faith in Jesus came not from seeing, but hearing. Hearing gave

him insight. This insight fostered knowledge which nurtured his faith. The crowd was wrong when they challenged his faith. Bartimaeus was a lone voice, but his voice was loud and clear. Jesus saved him. On the matter of faith, it is wise not to follow the crowd. Jesus preached to the crowds but when He called someone to follow, He never called a group. No, He called each person as an individual to follow. The crowd stopped Bartimaeus crying out for help, indicating blind people of that society had no voice, - even a desperate voice calling out for help would be suppressed.

Throwing off his cloak was a sign of hope and confidence. It implied Bartimaeus discarded his former life to have a new life. He strongly believed, Jesus would give him a new life. He would need the cloak no more. His hope in Jesus was fulfilled. He was hoping to meet Jesus when he first heard about Jesus, Who gave sight to another man before him. Unlike other beggars, they begged for food and money; Bartimaeus begged for the sight:

'Master, let me see again' Mk 10:51.

The change of title from 'Jesus, Son of David to master' revealed from now on Jesus became the man's Master. He enrolled at the new school, the school of faith trained by Master, Jesus. Bartimaeus followed Jesus to enter the Holy City. His faith was mature enough to accept the cost of discipleship. The Passion of Jesus was sandwiched between the two stories of blindness: the blind man of Bethsaida and the blind man of Jericho. In between there were the triple predictions of the Passion. Physical blindness would not stop a person from having faith in Jesus, but spiritual blindness does.

**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.

A sample booklet is available to view at the Parish office. Cost is \$5.

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

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through his gospel.

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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 1st November – 7th November

Daniel Lewis Jones, Martin Gilmartin, Maria Maierhofer Nellie Anderson, Frank O'Dwyer, Catherine Teresa Richardson, John Beston.

Reading – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st October 2021

1 st Reading	Deut 6:2-6
2 nd Reading	Heb 7:23-28
Gospel	Mk 12:28-34



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.

Recently Deceased

Lilliam Montalvan, Sanelivi Esera, Peter James Lennon, Sanelivi Esera.



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 – 31st OCTOBER 2021



Flowers

Kisa Senio



Cleaning

Kisa Senio

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

If you know of anyone who would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please let us know as we are going to have the RCIA in early

November. Presently we already have 4 children and 2 adults enrolled for RCIA. The program is a modified catechumenate leading to the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion at Easter.



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 Saints and Souls' day is on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd November.

There will be Mass at 9am on Monday 1st and 9am and 6pm on Tuesday 2nd November.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Classes

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Classes are ongoing. 3.30pm on 23rd October, 30th October and the 6th November. If your child is currently enrolled, please book them in to do the first rite of Reconciliation on either the 13th or 20th November.

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