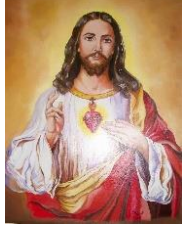




# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> November	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nov	Mon	9.00am	Mass – All Saints	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov	Tues	9.00am	Mass – All Souls' Day	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	Wed	6.00pm	Mass – All Souls' Day	Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> November
			9.00am	Mass		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Charles Borromeo	9.00am	Mass
5 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Fri	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Divine Mercy

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year B** **31<sup>st</sup> October 2021**



### New Teaching About Love

The scribe asked Jesus, *'Which is the first of all the commandments?'* He asked this question because the Scribes had been debating the topic, and could not agree which commandment was the most important. One of them asked Jesus. In just a few words, Jesus was able to sum up their many commandments from the book of Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and the book of Leviticus 19:18 into two commandments: Love God and love your neighbour. The Scribes paid attention to the letter of the Law, while Jesus told them to observe not just the letter, but rather the spirit of the Law. He said,

*'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second one is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself'* Mk 12:30-31.

Human relationships are both simple and complicated. It is simple when the relationships are sound and friendly. It is complicated when tension arises, and human relationships are in conflict. In responding to conflicts, we often allow the mind to dominate the heart. Jesus told us the right way in responding to human conflicts is reflecting on the way God loves us. We all have personal experience of God's mercy and healing touch, we learn to love our neighbour in the same way as God has loved us. Love God and love all of God's creation fulfil the law of love. We would never be wrong to love others as God has loved us. The rule of thumb is placing God as first priority in life, and everything we say or do will flow from it, to give greater glory to God.

The Scribes believed the best way to show love of God was to sacrifice animals. Jesus taught that offering God the whole .

person: heart, soul, mind and strength, was far more important than animal sacrifices. Jesus' new teaching opened the Scribe's eyes. He embraced the new teaching wholeheartedly. Jesus praised him, saying,

*'You are not far from the kingdom of God'* Mk 12:34. The text says, *'No one dared to question him anymore'*. The Scribes questioned Jesus no more, probably because they were afraid of knowing the truth. The more they asked, the more they revealed their own ignorance about the law of love, and that would discredit their credentials as interpreters of the law. The Scribe, who asked Jesus, was not in God's kingdom. He came nearer to God's kingdom than most of his contemporaries, but did not yet belong to God's kingdom.

The Scribes were opponents of Jesus on many fronts. They challenged Jesus' authority; they criticised Him for eating with sinners; they judged His disciples for not observing the law of purification. They judged Jesus for not observing the Sabbath. Because of their hostile attitude toward Jesus, most biblical scholars believe the Scribe came to Jesus not to follow, but simply to consult Him on the thorny matter, that he and his colleagues had been in conflicts.

Having knowledge of the Bible would not guarantee entry to God's kingdom, but believing in Jesus certainly would. Having knowledge of the Bible to score a point, to win an argument serves not God but one's own interest. It is all about intellectual victory, not spiritual. Treating God as a subject of studies is the work of a mind. Loving God as our Saviour is an act of faith. Having knowledge of the Bible teaching to serve God involves only a small part of a person, the mind of that person. Jesus told us to love God, not with part of a person, but with the entire person: all heart, all soul, all mind and all strength.

**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

I love you, Lord, my strength.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,  
And my Father will love them, and we will come to them.

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 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7<sup>th</sup> November 2021

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	1 Kg 17:10-16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Heb 9:24-28
Gospel	Mk 12:38-44

### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 21<sup>st</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> November – 14<sup>th</sup> November

Florence Beattie, Brenda O'Malley, Maria McHugh, Irene Marsh, Alice Jesburg, Kathleen Mary Martin, Zupanc Rosalia, Keith & Cecilia Leek, Doreen Lovell, Sergio Caro, Percival Power

### 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 – 7<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021

<b>Flowers</b>	Samoan Community	<b>Cleaning</b>	Jim Walsh
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## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.*

**There will be Mass at 9am on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> and 9am and 6pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November.**

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### 2021 Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Classes

The Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion – Classes are ongoing: 3.30pm on 30<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November. The first rite of Reconciliation is on the 13<sup>th</sup> November at 3.30pm and the actual first Holy Communion is on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm Mass.

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Parish Secretary: Katherine Qualischefski (Tues - Fri)  
Current Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9am to 3pm

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