



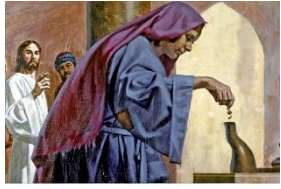
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	13 th November	
8 th	Nov	Mon	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
9 th	Nov	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Lateran Basilica	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
10 th	Nov	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Leo the Great	Sunday	14 th November
			6.30pm	Rosary		
11 th	Nov	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Martin of Tours	7.00am	Mass
12 th	Nov	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Josaphat	9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

7th November 2021



True Worth

The two stories described two social classes of the first century: The rich Scribes and the poor widow. The rich Scribes were the ruling class, and the poor were the serving class, who were victims of the ruling class. Both stories dealt with wealth, and the contrast of utilising wealth. The Scribes were not ordinary leaders, but leaders of the Temple. The poor widow was not only poor, but a widow. In the first century's society, the widow was the poorest of the poor. She was an individual, who represented the poor in her society. In every society, the poor always outnumbered the powerful and the rich. Today blue collar workers are the majority, while white collar workers are the minority.

The contrast between the ruling class, and the serving class was outstanding. Jesus denounced actions of the ruling class, telling his disciples, *'Beware of the Scribes'*, Mk 12:38 while He praised the good deed of the poor widow. The Scribes loved to be served. The Scribes loved to accumulate wealth, while the poor widow donated all she had. Following last week's teaching, we are certain, the poor widow loved God with all her heart, mind, soul and strength. She loved God without a limit. This poor widow enjoyed the joy of giving. She detached herself from wealth. True love knows no measure. Jesus told His disciples about the poor widow,

'She from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on,' Mk 12:44.

Jesus told His disciples, her love for God was not measured by the amount of wealth giving, but the generosity of her heart. Jesus judged her heart, a heart full of love for God. We can't read her mind. It seemed she believed what little she had, it was God Who gave it to her in the first place. She was right to

give it to God. Giving all she had, she fully trusted in God's providence. Because she gave all that she had to live on; many commentators agree that it was unwise on her part. I think this view is very narrow, because it is based only on the value of money. Today we understand wealth in a very broad sense. Wealth is more than money. It includes time, talent, knowledge, wisdom, health. All generate money. Consider internal wealth such as peace of mind, and a calm heart. They are invaluable. We don't know what sort of wealth she had, which could generate money. As a widow, she certainly was dire poor. She had to be able to support herself. We hope, she had a group of trusted friends, on whom she could rely in time of need. The poor widow was true to herself, her inner life. Not like some Scribes, who in public, presented untrue images of themselves.

The Temple was magnificent. The Jews loved to observe it. Jesus told them - Yes, indeed, the Temple was in its splendour, but one day it would be destroyed. Forty years later, the Temple fell to the level ground. Apart from the love we have for God and others, no matter how strong and how beautiful things of this world are, one day they cease to exist.

Our livelihood depends on job security, and good health. We hope our good job and good health are permanent. Let us remind one another that an accident can happen to a person at any time. The world economic system is not always as healthy as we would like it to be. It has been falling in and out of recession. The wisdom of investing all our lives into wealth alone is in question.

Our society judges the ruling class and the rich, as if their lives are worth more than the lives of the poor. Jesus told His disciples, and us, wealth didn't define the true value of a person, but true love 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

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
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 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th November 2021

1 st Reading	Dan 12:1-3
2 nd Reading	Heb 10:11-14, 18
Gospel	Mk 13:24-32



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 15th November – 21st November

John Gray, Patricia Randle, Malachy Makel, Stan Breuer, Bernadete Devlin, Patricia Bennett, Kevin Ballinger, Freda Crawford, Namulau'ulu Tuilagi Vavae Leo, Tom Penny, Euphemia Keppel (Pheme), Beth Dynan, Sam Azzopardi, Emilia Twaddell, Charles Van Bael.

Recently Deceased

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



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 – 14th NOVEMBER 2021



Flowers

Noela Leituala



Cleaning

Laulu Family

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Homily at the Launch of Synod 2021-23

"...Pope Francis has decided not to convoke a new Council of all the bishops, but to call the whole Church to take a two-year journey which he calls synodal. It's that journey that we launch today in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Our journey will take us through to the Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023...The synodal comes straight from the heart of Vatican II's understanding of the Church as the pilgrim People of God, in which all are called to holiness and mission, a communion in which all are baptised share...Here in Australia we've been on the journey of the Plenary Council since 2016 and we've just celebrated the Council's first assembly. We've begun the process of fermentation which will lead to the second assembly in July next year, and then into the long phase of implementation beyond that...we need to ask whether the traditional ways of proclaiming the Gospel are fit-for-purpose now or whether we need to find new ways of proclaiming the Gospel in such a time."

Archbishop Mark Coleridge, St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane, 24 October 2021

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

The last class is on the 6th November. The first rite of Reconciliation is on the 13th November at 3.30pm and the actual first Holy Communion is on Saturday 27th November at 5pm Mass.



Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

If you know of anyone who would like to learn about the Catholic faith, please contact us as soon as possible. The first session will be held at 3:30pm on Thursday 11th November in the Parish Office.

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Contact us

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

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