



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	27 th December
23 rd	Nov	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation (till)
24 th	Nov	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Andrew Dung-Lac	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary		
25 th	Nov	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		Sunday 28th December
26 th	Nov	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

Sunday Christ the King

Year B

21st November 2021



King of Truth

Some people claim s/he is queen/king of love. Jesus made no such claim, but His love was extended to all mankind. Jesus even forgave and prayed for those who persecuted Him. *'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing'* Lk 23:34. In this sense, Jesus is King of forgiveness. He volunteered to die for His love of mankind. He is not just King of love in the ordinary sense of the word, but King of everlasting love. At His trial, several times, Pilate asked about Jesus' kingdom. Jesus told Pilate not to worry about His Kingdom, because His Kingdom was not of this world, but of the eternal world. Since there was no threat; Pilate felt, there was no need to kill Jesus, but the Jews demanded Jesus' death. Pilate asked them *'Do you want me to crucify your king? They answered 'We have no king except Caesar'. Jn 19:16.* Rejecting the heavenly King, they embraced their earthly king. Pilate officially declared Jesus' kingship when he placed an inscription over the cross, *'Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews'* Jn 19:19. The Jews wanted Pilate to change his inscription, but he insisted *'What I have written, I have written'*. Jesus died on the cross, as King of Israel.

That Jesus rose from death established His New Kingdom. Jesus is the victorious King because He has conquered the power of sin and death. His baptism on earth gave birth to our Baptism, which is the everlasting 'trade mark' for those who believe in Jesus. He came to the world to establish the bridge connecting the Divinity to our humanity. His passion, the thorny crown on His head, brought meanings to our thorny issues of life. The cross on His shoulder exemplified our daily struggle to fight for justice and peace. His hanging on the cross drew us nearer to God. His blood poured on the cross

glorified the blood of all holy martyrs. The wounds on His side, hands and feet represented the wounds of humanity. The answer He gave to Pilate, and His promise to the repentant thief confirmed Jesus Christ is King of the universe. Jesus answered Pilate,

'Mine is not a kingdom of this world... my kingdom is not this kind'. So you are a king then? Jesus answered, 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness for the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice' Jn 18:33-38.

Jesus made clear His kingdom was not of this world, and He refused to fight for an earthly kingdom. Earthly kings demand their subjects to serve them, to sacrifice for their safety. Jesus is King Who died for, sacrificed Himself and gave everlasting life for His disciples. On the cross, one of the criminals pleaded with Him, *'Remember me when you come into your kingdom. Indeed, I promise you, he replied 'Today you will be with me in paradise'. Lk 23,43.*

Jesus pardoned the criminal who asked for forgiveness. He is the King of reconciliation for those who wish to reconcile to Him. Jesus is King of the Sacraments, since all our Sacraments came from His teaching. He is King of truth, *'those who are on the side of truth listen to my voice'. The truth is 'The Word became flesh and lived among us' Jn 1:14. The Word was God Jn 1:1.*

John the Baptist believed Jesus' Kingship was hidden on the cross, John told his disciples: *'Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world' Jn 1;29.* Jesus Himself confirmed John's belief in the statement that:

'The Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up' Jn 3;13.

Jesus is King of those who follow His way. **Fr Vudinh Tuong**
Parish Priest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

27 th	Nov	Sat	As available	Construction of Christmas Display - Volunteers needed. Any help is greatly appreciated, even if you only can spare a few minutes.	21 st	Dec	Tues	6.30pm	Christmas Carols - Followed by a sausage sizzle. Bookings essential – please contact the parish office.
1 st	Dec	Wed	6.00pm	Year 6 Thanksgiving Mass Bookings essential – please contact the school. This will be held in the school hall.	24 th	Dec	Fri	5.00pm	Christmas Carols followed by Mass – Bookings essential. No 9.00am Mass on this day.
3 rd	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Healing Mass	25 th	Dec	Sat	9.00am 5.00pm	Mass Mass
4 th	Dec	Sat	11.00am	RCIA - Classes Begin in Parish Office	26 th	Dec	Sun	7.00am 9.00am	Mass Mass
16 th	Dec	Thurs	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation	27 th	Dec	Mon	9.00am	Mass
					1 st	Jan	Sat	9.00am	Mass. Followed by Cuppa

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 is king; he is robed in majesty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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 Lauulu.

Reading – 1st Sunday of Advent – 28th November 2021

1st Reading

Jer 33:14-16

2nd Reading

Thess 3:12 – 4:2

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20th February 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 22nd November – 28th November

Kathleen Kohu, Lucy Hesp, Mary Doyle, John Jonker, Frank Breuer, Noela Harvey, Irene Kelly, Tofilau Uili, Ponifasio Leafa, Steve Tirant, Beryl Shambler, Condi Fryars, Jane Keane, Maria Egidia Giollo, Bernadette Oddie, Francis Locke, David William Laird, Ian Grayson.

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 – 28th NOVEMBER 2021



Flowers

Tien & Nhu



Cleaning

Tien & Nhu

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Christmas Cards



Christmas Cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office - \$10 per packet (10 cards in each packet).

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for cleaning the church, if you can help, please let us know. It will be for the second week of the month and a team of two would be sufficient.



St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Appeal

Support where it's needed most. The St Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held on **Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th November Masses** with proceeds providing essential support to Australians living in poverty. Donations can be made outside this time by using the St Vinnies envelopes.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion



The children will partake of their first Holy Communion on **Saturday 27th November at 5pm Mass**. Due to COVID restrictions, parishioners who usually attend Mass at this time will need to book in to attend – please contact the office to do so. Thank you for your patience.

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