



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	18 th December
14 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St John of the Cross	4 - 4.30pm 5.00pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass
15 th	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass		
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday 19th December	
16 th	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
17 th	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass
					5.00pm	Divine Mercy

3rd Sunday of Advent **Year C** **12th December 2021**



New Way of Life

The crowds, tax collectors and soldiers, all three groups, surprisingly, asked John the same question: *'What must we do?'* To each group, John gave a different answer. John told the crowds to be generous and charitable wherever,

and whenever they could assist others, *'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none'*. To the tax collectors, John told them that they should follow their guidelines, *'exact no more than your rate'*. To soldiers, John told them that they needed to carry out their duty with moderation, *'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay'* Luke 3,10-14.

The two important groups in the Roman society were soldiers and tax collectors. They were important because soldiers represented the Roman's might, and tax collectors represented the economic power. These two prominent groups were mentioned because they had power over the whole population. They had no power to change the structure of society at the national level, but in carrying out their daily duties, they had power over the life of individuals. John told them to adopt a new way of doing their work, to be more generous, more gentle, and just in dealing with others. By doing that, they would significantly reduce stress and pain for many. The tax collectors and soldiers who came to John for baptism were the clear sign that John's preaching had made tremendous impact on the middle level power holders of Roman society.

Mending human relationships meant returning to God. John came to prepare a way for the Lord. His preaching aimed at the new way of human relationships. The first way John talked about was the way of a person's mind and heart. He then

talked to the crowds about acts of charity. He specifically mentioned the needy, the ones who had not enough clothing to cover themselves, and people who went to bed with an empty stomach. To those who had power, John talked to them about their jurisdictions, and that related to the issues of social justice. John's advice was reasonable and within the capacity of each profession. John called people to act, to do something useful and good for others.

Good works would be understood as wheat; while empty words, and empty promises would be understood as chaff. John forewarned the people of what would happen to wheat and chaff. Wheat would be stored and chaff was good for fire. For those who listened to John, doing good work, The One Who came after John would baptise them with the Holy Spirit; for those who refused John's preaching, The One Who came after John would baptise them with fire. John began the good work, preparing the way for the Lord. Jesus came to perfect the way. John was faithful to his vocation: a voice in the wilderness, preparing the way for the Lord. Jesus developed the ways and He himself was the way, the truth and life.

John's message was Good News for those who repent and was a threat to those who refused to repent. a/ It was Good News because people had longed to see the Promised Messiah. b/ It was a Good News because God's salvation was very near. It was in the person of Jesus, and the Good News was given to people of good will. c/ It was Good News because people would soon hear God's voice. God would no longer speak through prophets, but through God's only Son, Jesus. d/ It was Good News because God, in His mercy, gave people the opportunity to return to God, to repent. John had the message of Good News and also the sign of God's generosity to God's people.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

16 th	Dec	Thurs	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
21 st	Dec	Tues	6.30pm	Christmas Carols - Followed by a sausage sizzle. Bookings essential.
24 th	Dec	Fri	5.00pm	Christmas Carols followed by Mass – Bookings essential. No 9am Mass on this day. In school hall.
25 th	Dec	Sat	9.00am 5.00pm	Mass – Bookings essential. In school hall. Mass - In church.
26 th	Dec	Sun	7.00am 9.00am	Mass Mass
27 th	Dec	Mon	9.00am	Mass
1 st	Jan	Sat	9.00am	Mass. Followed by Cuppa – Bookings essential

Please Book in for Christmas Masses

Please email the office to book in for the Christmas and Masses (as indicated). Where possible please provide names and contact details for all of your guests. This is part of our COVID compliance, thank you for your patience.

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

Cry out with joy and gladness:
For among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
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 – 4th Sunday of Advent – 19th December 2021

1 st Reading	Micah 5:1-4
2 nd Reading	Heb 10:5-10
Gospel	Luke 1:39-44



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 16th January 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 13th December - 19th December

Dulcie Neden, Doreen Toothill, Edna May Stewart, Cecilia and Daniel Gorman, Father Ron Illidge, Eseeese Moafanua Norman Beardmore, Teodorico Caracal, Gordon Joseph O'Donohue, Felice Pastro, Antonis Sylvina Stevenson.

Recently Deceased

Sanelivi Esera, Gregory James Donovan, Malofou Leituala, Lasatele Taulapapa Tiumalu Tamasono Metuli Mauteni 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 – 19th DECEMBER 2021



Flowers

Divine Mercy



Cleaning

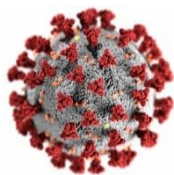
Divine Mercy

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Christmas Cards



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



RE: COVID Changes on 17th December
Do people need to be vaccinated to attend Mass?

No. Everyone is welcome to attend a Mass or liturgy regardless of their vaccination status.

Are we required to check the vaccination status of parishioners and visitors at Churches?

No. At this time, we are not required to check vaccination status.

What are the occupancy requirements for Christmas Masses?

At this time, the occupancy for Christmas Masses remains the same as current occupancy restrictions for places of worship. (100 people without ticketing or 100% capacity for ticketed and allocated seating).

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Musicians Needed Now that the music has started back up again, we are currently seeking volunteers! Pianists, organists, guitarists, singers – all are welcome. Please contact the office on 3181 0111.



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

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and compassion

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