



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	25 th December	
21 st	Dec	Tues	9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass (in school hall)	
			6.30pm Christmas Carols Sausage Sizzle	4 - 4.30pm	Reconciliation	
22 nd	Dec	Wed	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday 26th December		
23 rd	Dec	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass	
24 th	Dec	Fri	5.00pm Christmas Carols & Mass	9.00am	Mass	
			(in school hall) No 9am Mass.	5.00pm	Divine Mercy	

4th Sunday of Advent Year C 19th December 2021



Chain of Revelations

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Each woman had only one son, and both reached out in love and praised God for the miraculous actions God had done in

their lives. The meeting of the two expectant mothers was also the meeting of the two unborn sons. St Luke recorded, as soon as John's mother, Elizabeth, heard Mary's greeting, the unborn child leapt in her womb. At the universal level, apart from Mary and Joseph, Elizabeth and John were representing the human race to welcome Jesus into our world. At an individual level, it meant Elizabeth and John welcomed Jesus into their own lives, and they both were filled with great joy. This personal experience pointed to the reality, that those who welcomed Jesus into their hearts would be filled with joy. John's mother, Elizabeth, also expressed her joyful personal experience in her own way. She welcomed Mary into her home. She was filled with great joy. She was the first woman who welcomed the Mother of God. She expressed her joy by praising God. Both Elizabeth and John felt God's grace which was revealed in a concrete situation. For Elizabeth, she felt God blessed her by giving her a child. In that way, God removed her shame, since she was called 'barren' for being married without children. She now was in her sixth month. Second, she was blessed by Mary's visit. *'Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?'* Lk 1,42. Third, the visit itself was a special grace, because in a mysterious way, Elizabeth was able to recognize Mary- Mother of God.

Elizabeth prophesied that God blessed Mary for eternity, 'Of all women you are the most blessed' and the blessing lasted forever because Mary was the Mother of God. Mary was

blessed partly because she was chosen to be Mother of God. Before being chosen, Mary's firm faith in God was evident. Furthermore, she believed what God promised 'would be fulfilled'. Mary won God's favour for her humility. In her Magnificat, Mary

'proclaims the greatness of the Lord... because He has looked upon His lowly handmaid' Lk 1,47.

Mary praised God for giving her special favour. She strongly believed in God's promise. Her consent, saying 'yes' to the angel opened the way for Jesus, first to enter her life, and then to enter the world. It was manifested through the birth of Jesus, known as Christmas.

A human birth is the gift of life. It is God's grace. This gift of life requires to care for with tender love. Our physical life takes years to growth to maturity, not spiritual life. Our spiritual maturity grows independently from our physical's growth. John grew in spiritual maturity at the very young age. Mary grew in spiritual maturity at early age in her life. The angel told Mary that she had won God's favour. Hearing the angel's announcement, Mary asked for clarification; this implied that Mary, without fully understand, had already trusted God's plan for her.

Both the women, Mary and Elizabeth, each played a significant role in the history of salvation. Mary became the Mother of the Lord; while Elizabeth took the role of prophet by speaking the prophetic word about Mary: The most blessed woman and Mother of the Lord. John saw Jesus for the first time, not with his physical eyes but with the eye of faith. While in prison, John knew Jesus was the Messiah also through the eyes of faith.

We are blessed when we confess Jesus is our Lord and God.

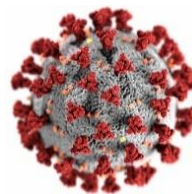
Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

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 Masses. Where possible please provide names and contact details for all of your guests. The last date to book in will be the 23rd December. This is part of our COVID compliance, thank you for your patience. Christmas Day Mass will be at 9am, the 5pm Mass on that day will be for Sunday.



COVID Vaccination

Everyone is welcome to attend a Mass or liturgy regardless of their

vaccination status.

We are not currently required to check vaccination status.

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

Lord, make us turn to you;
Let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may His will for me be done.
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 – The Holy Family – 26th December 2021

1 st Reading	1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28
2 nd Reading	1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24
Gospel	Luke 2:41-52



.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 20th December - 26th December

John McGrath, Joseph Vu Van Ngon, Bonifacio Cajés, Leonardo Oblino, Constance Swales, Monica Pili Pelu, Margaret Holmes, Judy Harris, Ralph Tidey, Arlyn Tirant, Kath Daininth, Denis Cavanagh, Eileen McCauley, Elizabeth Mahulik, Elizabeth Allison, Maria Tran Thi Cuc.

Recently Deceased

Gregory James Donovan, Malofou Leituala, Tapulesatele Taulapapa Tiumalu Tamasoné 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 – 26th DECEMBER 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).



Merry Christmas!

A very warm welcome to all visitors to the parish over the festive season. We pray for safe travel for all those who are travelling during this period. Thank you to everyone who has helped throughout the year & especially to those who have made this time of year so special!

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 Jane on 0419 792 799.



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and compassion*

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