



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	1 st January	
27 th	Dec	Mon	9.00am	Mass - St John	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation
28 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass – The Holy Innocents	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
29 th	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass	Sunday 7.00am 9.00am	2nd January Mass
30 th	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		Mass
31 st	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Mass		Mass
1 st	Jan	Sat	9.00am	New Year Mass – Followed by cuppa		

The Holy Family

Year C

26th December 2021



Family celebration

Jesus was born in the middle of nowhere, in the bush. He was born at the time when the whole nation was on the move. Following king Herod's order that everyone had to return to their birthplace for the census registration. This was the first kind of census in the entire world. At this moment, Mary gave birth to a boy and she named Him, Jesus, as the angel had told her Lk 1,31. For non-

believers, the fact that Mary gave birth while on the move was an accident. For believers, the birth of Jesus was not an accident, but God ordained it should happen that way. His birth was the fulfilment of the Promise God had made to God's people. The Bible text made clear that God chose Mary and Elizabeth to execute God's plan. *'Mary, you have won God's favour. Listen! you are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus' Lk 1,31.* Several centuries before prophet Isaiah had prophesied,

'the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel' Is 7,14.

Immanuel means God is with us. Elsewhere in the Bible, Jesus was known as the Nazarene, *'He will be called a Nazarene' Mt 2,23* indicating of His home town.

Today, Christmas is a time for family gathering. Some are going home to meet other family members; others are going away or even overseas; others again, are travelling to see countryside. Everyone is on the move at Christmas. This is to say, everyone celebrates Christmas in their own way.

For us, Christians, we have double celebrations: like everyone else, beside family gathering; we have another movement,

and that is the preparation to meet our loving God. This movement is hidden from naked eyes because it is the movement of the soul. We make ourselves ready to welcome Jesus coming to our hearts, and that is what the four weeks of Advent was for: preparing oneself to be ready to celebrate the Holy Season with joy.

At the time of Jesus, His birth brought both hope and fear. King Herod lived in fear because he thought Jesus was born to replace him. He was deceived by wealth and power. That he murdered all boys in his land was evil. The birth of Jesus would bring joy, not limited to a nation, but extended to the entire world to celebrate. His birth brought great hope for those who were longing for the Covenant to happen, that God promised to come to us, to live amongst God's people, and to save us from harm and damnation.

Unfortunately, some have no homes for gathering at Christmas, because their homes were destroyed by the forces of nature. There are water ways, and rivers, on earth. Deep in the oceans we have visible and invisible currents. I am not a meteorologist, but believe air and wind have their own paths in the sky. We build houses, and high-rises and some of them obstruct the air's movements. Nature continues to take its course and destroys things in its way; some of us are the unfortunate victims. Do not lose hope, turn to God for courage and strength; the courage to go on in hope and the strength to stand up and to start afresh.

Jesus was born into the world family. Christmas becomes the time for family celebrations.

May the grace at Christmas fill your heart and home-
EMMANUEL.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Thank you

Many thanks to those who came to the Christmas Carols & Sausage Sizzle. An especially big thank you to all those who helped out including the choir, the musicians (Cyprian, Paulo, Poliki), to Agnes & the Hospitality Team, and to Jane & Marie for orchestrating the music.



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

How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
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, Almira Ann James, Finley McHardy, Nyaweir Ring, Kylie Herbert, Tony Ryan, Elisapeti Pati, Filo Lulu, Amanda Harding.

Reading – The Epiphany of the Lord – 2nd January 2022

1st Reading

Is 60:1-6

2nd Reading

Eph 3:2-3, 5-6

Gospel

Mt 2:1-12



.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 27th December – 2nd January

Mildred McGrath, Millicent Sharman, Lusua Aiavao, Grace Ferguson, David Wood, Eileen Power, Georgina Pearson, Anbele Siruriene, Snow Hansen, Maria Aiojoaie, Annie Breen, Si Souphan Leuang.

Recently Deceased

Gregory James Donovan, Malofou Leituala, Tapulesatele Taulapapa Tiumalu Tamason 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 – 2nd JANUARY 2022



Flowers

Samoa Community



Cleaning

Jim Walsh

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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!

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



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