



**ST
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XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES		
Weekday	Saturday	5 th February
All weekday Masses and Rosary are suspended for a couple of weeks. Music for all Masses is also suspended. Weekend Mass times will continue as per normal (Saturday 5pm & Sunday 7am & 9am). The office returns to normal hours from the 8 th February.	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation
	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
	Sunday	6 th February
	7.00am	Mass
	9.00am	Mass
Masks are mandatory in all indoor settings.		

4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	30 th January 2022
 <p>Faith in Christ</p> <p>Jesus returned to His home town. He came to the local synagogue, and read the passage from the prophet Isaiah 61:1-2. Jesus then told them, <i>'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'</i>. His claim put the audience into disarray. Many were happy to hear Him. They believed Jesus came to set them free from the Roman's power. Others were amazed and praised His wisdom. Others again doubted about His claim. They required proof. They would say to Him something like: if the message was being fulfilled, then prove it.</p> <p>No matter how much information about Jesus was available, the doubters remained doubters. They heard Jesus Himself but they refused to believe in Him. They heard others talk about what Jesus did at Capernaum but refused to believe them either. St. Matthew told us Jesus did make a few miracles there but the doubters refused to believe. This meant miracles would strengthen faith, but created no faith.</p> <p><i>'He did not work many miracles there because of their lack of faith' Mt 13:58.</i></p> <p>Those who required proof of God's love would never be satisfied, simply because a/ God has never stopped loving us; b/ without God's love we would not survive.</p> <p>Once a person stops loving someone, that person needs to show his/her love by doing something to gain trust again. We have faith in Jesus, but our faith in Him often falls into the pattern of loving Him, and stop loving Him. Because of this lacked commitment on our part; it is us who need to reconcile to God. Jesus' personal desert experience showed the devil tempted Him three times. They asked Him to prove that He was God. <i>'If you are the Son of God... (do this, do that)'</i> Lk 4. This kind of temptation happened again when Jesus was hung on the cross. We heard the priests, soldiers and even a criminal taunted,</p> <p><i>'Let Him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in Him' Mt 27,42</i></p> <p>We are not surprised to know that temptation happens daily for all of us. It happens to both Christians and as well as gentiles.</p>	<p>Demanding miracles before having faith in Jesus is a temptation. It is the temptation the devil employs. It is the devil's work, telling us to doubt about God's love. Another reason may come from arrogance or conceit. They knew Jesus' background, His parents, and relatives. They could say His parents were under their jurisdiction. You were their son, at our village, you should obey the village's law, do what we expect of you.</p> <p>In responding to their lack of Faith, Jesus recalled the two Old Testament stories, reminding them how God blessed the humble, the gentle, while rejecting elitism. In times of great challenge, some gentiles had shown their kindness. The first story was the widow at Zarephath, in a time of famine, she fed a poor stranger who asked for food. The stranger turned out to be prophet Elijah who was in disguise. Because of her hospitality, for three and a half years of drought, her little jar of flour and oil would never run out (1Kg 17,7-21). The second story was Naaman, a gentile, of high rank in the Syrian military. He had contracted leprosy. He came to see Elisha; the prophet set no sight on him, but sent a simple message telling him to bath seven times in the Jordan. Naaman was very angry and took it as a joke, but came to his senses by his servant's reasoning. He submerged himself in the Jordan seven times. He was cured, his leprosy instantly disappeared. (2Kgs 7:3-10).</p> <p>Hearing these stories, their pride exploded. Regardless of the holy place, they sprang their feet in the synagogue. Truth was hurting their ego. They expected special treatment, Jesus gave them nothing; He went further, saying something like, I chose you. I first came to you; you refused me. You didn't make me welcome, I turned to the gentiles. Indeed, the gentiles embraced Him.</p> <p>Jesus came with the Good News message. God's Good News message is always the same. What change is our heart. God's Good News challenges us, it is not us who challenge the Good News. The people at Jesus' hometown challenged not His message, but challenged Jesus Himself. This pattern of behaviour still exists today.</p> <p>We pray to have firm faith in Jesus.</p>	<p>Fr Vudinh Tuong Parish Priest</p>

WEEKLY INFORMATION	
	<p>Safeguarding - Recognizing Warning Signs of Spiritual Abuse in the Church</p> <p>Spiritual abuse is using the Bible or your position as a spiritual leader to influence others for personal gain. Spiritual abuse might include: manipulation and exploitation, accountability enforced by threats, censorship of decision-making, coercion to conform, and the inability to ask questions or voice disagreement. For more information see: https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/</p>

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

I will sing of your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring the Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

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 – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th February 2022

1st Reading

Isaiah 6:1-2A, 3-8

2nd Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel

Luke 5:1-11



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20th February 2022 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 31st January – 6th February

Julietta Uela, Sonny Folkes, Geraldine Keller, Joseph Carmel Semoni, John Byrnes, Loiola Ma'u, Valda Ayoub, Zofia Grun, Michael Hansen

Recently Deceased

Norma May Seymour (Betty), Ramond Milner, Marina



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 – 6th JANUARY 2022



Flowers

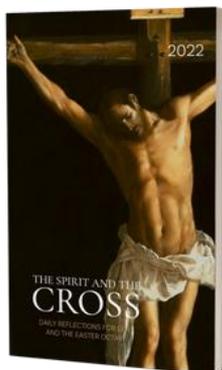
Samoan Community



Cleaning

Jim Walsh

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Lent and Easter Reflection

The Spirit and the Cross is a prayer reflection resource for Lent and the Easter Octave 2022. Written for busy individuals but easily adapted for groups, each day includes a scripture reading and a reflection upon it, some questions to aid prayer and discussion, and relevant quotes from Pope Francis. Cost is \$5, please contact the office to order a copy.

Position Available – Springfield Lakes

Applications are open for a permanent full-time Outside School Hours Care Coordinator (OSHC) for the Good Shepherd Child Care Services at Springfield Lake. Applicants should have a passion for leadership and be able to guide and mentor a team of dedicated educators. Must have Diploma in Children Services or equivalent as per ACECQA guidelines. For more information on this another positions head to:

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/careers>



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