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PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	26 th February	
22 th	Feb	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Chair of St Peter	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation
23 th	Feb	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Polycarp	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
24 th	Feb	Thurs	6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday	27th February
25 th	Feb	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
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Masks are mandatory in all indoor settings.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

20th February 2022



Enemy from Within

Human relationships include not just person-to-person relationships, but it extends to the divine. A human relationship is very sensitive and delicate. We enjoy life when we take care of it, but when we mistreat it, the cost is beyond control. We suffer both physically and spiritually. Without openness and honest communication, the problem could intensify, and the whole relationship network suffers. What follows is hurt and pain; love turns to hate, friend becomes foe. Our society seems to support the ancient idea, that *'An eye is for an eye and a tooth is for a tooth'*. This principal approach is one sided solution, because it may calm the mind, but cannot mend what had been broken, and certainly would not improve our spirituality. Our human relationship involves the divine. When we hurt someone, it involves God because it hurts the person whom God loves. Jesus told us the worldly way would not solve the problem, because human justice is about punishment and compensation. God's justice is love and forgiveness. Jesus went as far as telling us to not even wish them harm. Instead, Jesus told us to love and pray for those who hurt us. This teaching is a real challenge for all the parties involved. Praying for those who hurt us is a real challenge. It is even harder when Jesus told us to love them, especially when the hurt and pain is still raw and fresh.

It is a big ask but it is possible, because we believe Jesus would not command His disciples to do the impossible. He would help us all along. The teaching was the revelation of what would happen to Him personally, and how He dealt with the false accusation and allegation. In His Passion, Jesus prayed, *'Father forgive them, for they don't know what they are doing'* Lk 23,34. This statement sums up Jesus' teaching about forgiveness. First, Jesus prayed for those who persecuted Him. Second, He asked God to pardon their sin. And third, Jesus

gave the reason why they would not be charged with manslaughter but guilty of negligence, because of their ignorance.

When we hurt someone. It is wrong for a number of reasons. First, we hurt a member of God's family. Second, mistreating someone we put ourselves above the victim, and third, we take justice in our own hands. Furthermore, we allow anger or vice to take control of our life. We say no to Christian virtues, and instead of choosing God's love, we chose vice. Finally, hurting someone we reveal our lack of God's love in us.

Jesus wanted us to learn from Him. We each have personal experience of God's forgiveness. We are sinners, and couldn't forgive the horrible thing we had done, and yet God forgives us, and continues to love us. By reflecting upon our own sin and God's mercy, we learn from God to forgive others.

The calling to examine our inner life and give thanks to God is the gift, because through self-examination we know our true self better, and seek God's forgiveness and redemption. This recognition alone makes us humbler and more generous in judging others. Once Jesus' opponents asked His opinion about whether or not to judge the woman, who was caught in the very act of adultery. Jesus told them who has no sin cast the first stone. They all left Him one by one until the woman alone remaining there. Jesus told her: *Go away and sin no more*. He forgave her and saved her from being stoned to death. Jn 8,11.

Jesus wants us to have a good and peaceful life. Retaliation destroys life and peace. In order to enjoy life to the full, we Christians need to embrace God's love. Jesus' disciples must learn from their Master, otherwise they are disciples by name. Only those whose inner lives are full of love, can love their enemy.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Synod Consultation Phase

Everyone is invited to let their voice be heard during this call to enter into a new way of being the church. Archbishop Mark Coleridge suggests asking yourself "What would I like to say to Pope Francis about the church worldwide?" Contributions open until **Sunday 27th February 2022**.

www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



Palms Needed Please let the office know if you are able to contribute palm leaves for Palm Sunday and for which Mass.



Caring for Creation

Pope Francis recently blasted the throwing of plastic in the sea as "criminal" and pleaded for a renewed commitment to caring for the environment. He said that plastic in the ocean "kills biodiversity, kills the Earth, it kills everything." As one practical action you can take to address the growing waste problem in Australia, please consider registering for Clean Up Australia Day **Sunday 6th March 2022**. You can join an existing Clean Up or start your own as an individual, family or group. <https://www.cleanup.org.au/>

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 kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I have given you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
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 Laulu, Amanda Harding.

Reading – 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 27th February 2022

1 st Reading	Sirach 27:4-7
2 nd Reading	1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Gospel	Luke 6:39-45



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20th March 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 21th February – 27th February

Maria Elisapetha Lupeamanu, Arland Grashius, Moya McCallum, Theresa Mary Moore, Roslyne Mary Watson, Martha, Mavis Goonatilalee.

Recently Deceased

Fauolo Okesense, Janina Ness, Faasaomoataeo Asiata Namulauulu Venu Masina Namulauulu Solomona Osa Magele



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 – 27th FEBRUARY 2022



Flowers

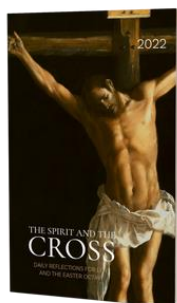
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Cleaning

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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.

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Ash Wednesday Masses Lent starts on Wednesday 2nd March. Two Masses will be held on this date, at 9am and 6pm. A Healing Mass will be held on Friday 4th March at 9am.

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