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CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Ash Wednesday	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.00pm	Mass – Ash Wednesday	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
4 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass

**Masks recommended if distancing not possible**

**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**27<sup>th</sup> February 2022**



**A Human Heart**

Making choices is a part of living. We do it daily from childhood. Most of the time we do well, but sometimes we make a mistake and we grow from mistakes. Later on in life, at some point, we all have to make a big and important decision. We are faced with the dilemma of having too much or insufficient information to process. In that sense, our decision-making involves some degree of blindness. Jesus used physical blindness to talk about spiritual blindness. Physical blindness is obvious and easy to know because we can see, and even touch it; while spiritual blindness is much harder to detect, because it is hidden from our physical sight. Spiritual blindness is conditioned by a human heart. To detect spiritual blindness, Jesus told us to look not at the appearance of a person, but to look at their heart, because the heart dictates their actions.

There are two sets of images Jesus employed that helps to detect the conditions of a human heart. The first set of images involves mainly a person to another person; the second set of images involved plants that produce what God intended them to produce. The first image in the first set was about the image of a blind man who led another blind man. The first blind man believed he knew the way, and the second blind man followed the first without recognizing that they both were trotting on a wrong path. The next image was the image of a disciple who used his teacher's name for his own benefits, for his selfish hidden agenda. The phrase *'the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher'* Lk 6:40, implied that Jesus' opponents were not His students, and their teaching was not what Jesus taught, and their claim of righteousness was in question. They were more concerned with asking others to observe the Commandments, while their hearts were far from it. Jesus challenged them by asking them to be humbled,

accepting the reality that no human being was righteous before God. This arrogant attitude was redeemable by means of conversion of the heart. Only by obeying Jesus' teaching, putting His teaching into practice, one could learn the truth about God.

The third image in the first set involved the image of a splinter and a plank in a person's eye. It implied that people were quick to point out other people's mistakes while ignorant of their own faults. They had their physical sight, but were blind spiritually. Jesus used these images to talk about His opponents, who believed they were righteous. They refused to listen to or believe Jesus' teaching.

When discerning spirituality, we need to do so in the context of prayer, because we live in a world where we are bombarded by many self-appointed leaders, each claiming that his church is the true Church. There is only one Church that Jesus established. How can we know which leaders follow God's way? Jesus told us to look at the final outcome: *'Every tree can be told by its own fruit'* Lk 6:44

At the time of Jesus, this teaching helped to distinguish those who were good leaders, and those who were not. Apply this teaching in the modern world to discern good from evil, truth from error. In general, trees produce fruit according to their own kind, and it takes time to produce fruit at the right season. A good tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. When applying this analogy to a human heart, it means good actions come from a good heart; and evil actions come from an evil heart. This principle is true to both individuals and church leaders. As a tree produces its own fruit, our actions reveal the condition of our heart. External actions are the reflection of the internal intention. We offer our heart to Jesus.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

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

Dates for your diary					
8 <sup>th</sup>	April	Friday	9.00am	Mass – normal weekday Mass	
			6.00pm	Mass of Reconciliation	
9 <sup>th</sup>	April	Saturday	5.00pm	Palm Sunday	
10 <sup>th</sup>	April	Sunday	7.00am	Palm Sunday	
			9.00am	Palm Sunday	
14 <sup>th</sup>	April	Holy Thursday	7pm-10pm	The Lord's Supper - no 9am Mass on this day – Washing of Feet – Altar of Repose	
15 <sup>th</sup>	April	Good Friday	10.00am	Stations of the Cross	
			3.00pm	The Adoration of the Cross	
16 <sup>th</sup>	April	Easter Vigil	6.00pm	Easter Vigil - no 5pm Mass on this day	
17 <sup>th</sup>	April	Easter Sunday	7.00am	Sunday of the Resurrection	
			9.00am	Sunday of the Resurrection	

## 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, it is good to give thanks to you.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.

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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent – 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Deuteronomy 26:4-10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Romans 10:8-13
Gospel	Luke 4:1-13



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 20<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> February – 6<sup>th</sup> March

Mary Waterson, Jim Lennon, Norman Canada, Rimantas Grigutis, Sr. Eileen O'Sullivan RSM, David Leslie, Graham Harper, Fr Brian Horton, Unborn Child, James Sullivan, Maria Elisapeta Lupeamanu, James Andrew Brydges.

### 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 – 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022



**No flowers during lent**

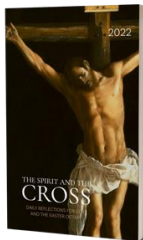


**Cleaning** Jim Walsh



**Yard** Joe Masalu

## 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.

### Places still available at SFX Kindy

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### February Baptisms – Congratulations!

Ethan Chambard Rodriguez, Madeline Elizabeth Malone.



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