



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday				Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> March		
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St John of God	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass- St Frances of Rome	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
			6.30pm	Rosary	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass	
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass	
<b>Masks recommended if distancing not possible</b>							

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent** **Year C** **6<sup>th</sup> March 2022**



**Wilderness from Within**

No one can escape temptation. It happens to everyone, happens daily and in different forms. Temptation often disguises itself in the form of power and material gain. Other times, it is hidden in something that appears to be good and holy. Temptation is a spiritual battle of two wills: one is the will of the flesh and the other is the will of the Holy Spirit. The Devil represents the way of the flesh, and the Spirit represents God's way. When we choose to follow the way of the flesh, we follow the way of the Devil. When we choose to follow the way of the Spirit, we follow God's way. The Devil initiated and Jesus replied to all three temptations.

Filled with the Spirit, Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness where He was fasting for forty days and was tempted. Because Jesus and the Spirit shared the same substance, what Jesus thought was also of the Spirit, and what the Spirit thought was also of Jesus. In that sense, Jesus allowed Himself to be tested. He took two important exercises in the wilderness. The first exercise, Jesus ate nothing for forty days for His physical strength and resilience. The second exercise, Jesus showed that He was whole-heartedly devoted in love to God, the Father.

At the second exercise, the Devil tempted Jesus three times; the Devil aimed each temptation to attack one person of the Holy Trinity. The first temptation the Devil casted some doubt on the unbreakable relationship between the Father and the Son. The second temptation the Devil focused on Jesus Himself, self-reliance, and the third temptation the Devil tested the role of the Spirit.

At the first temptation, the Devil raised doubt about God's love for Jesus. What kind of love was such that the Father would leave His Only Son in a hostile wilderness environment for forty days without food? Jesus' response was something like: you had no love for God and knew not of God's love. Jesus had no food for the body, but had an abundance of God's love. God's Spirit was with Him all the time. The text said *'Filled with the Holy Spirit....was led by the Spirit'* Lk 4:1. Jesus told the Devil that God fed Him with God's Word and that was far superior to the food the world offers.

*'One does not live by food alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God'* Mt 4:4

The Devil knew no shame. He insisted even more by proposing the idea of Jesus living independently from the Father - be on your own; have your own kingdom yourself. He promised to give Jesus all worldly glory and the kingdoms of the earth if Jesus worshipped him. This temptation revealed the true identity of the Devil, that he was the master of all lies. First, the Devil didn't create the world. God created the world and all good things in it. The Devil could not take what belonged to God and give it to Jesus. That was an empty promise. Second, the Devil claimed the kingdoms of the world were given to him. But by whom, he couldn't name the donor. After three failed attempts, *'the Devil left Jesus to return at the appointed time'* Lk 4:13. Maybe the appointed time happened at the trial of Jesus when Jesus replied to Pilate that *'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'* Jn 18:36. Again Jesus said no to the world's glory and power.

The third temptation, the Devil challenged Jesus to jump off from the peak of the Temple to see whether the Spirit was at work. How can one prove a thing that was already at work? The Spirit was already given to Jesus at His baptism. The Spirit led Jesus to enter the wilderness. The Spirit was already with Jesus. Further, there was no need for Jesus to prove His true identity. He is truly God's only Son and that is for everyone, not to test or seek clarification, but to believe. Twice the Father confirmed Jesus' identity. *'This is my Son the Beloved, my favour rests on Him'* Lk 3:22'. This happened after John baptised Jesus at the Jordan River. The second time happened up on the mountain at the Transfiguration of Jesus. *'This is my Son, whom I have chosen, listen to Him'* Lk 9:35.

The Devil loved to show off by quoting the Scripture. He knew very little of the Scripture. Jesus quoted the Scripture in responding to every single temptation, while the Devil quoted the Scripture only once, the third temptation. His fragmented method of quoting the Scripture to score points shows that he did not believe and had no love for the Scripture. Jesus loved the Scripture and also believed in the Scripture. Jesus showed us to how resist temptation by not relying on our own strength, but that we are better when dependent on God's power. Lent is the time for us look deep into our heart and see what needs to be removed and make room for God's love.

**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.

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider for advice

**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**

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

**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 Lauulu, Amanda Harding.

**Reborn in Eternal Life 7<sup>th</sup> February – 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Joy Auld, Wolstan Blundell, Alf Hull, Bernadette Flanagan, Mary Patricia Collins, Jim Medlin, Michael Jack, Sot Sibounheuang, Geoffrey Twaddell, Michael Walters, Aileen Loreto Bradley, Madalena Silva, Del McGratti, Aileen(Charlie) Bradley.

**Reading – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent – 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Philippians 3:17-4:1
Gospel	Luke 9:28B-36



**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.

**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 – 13<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022**



**No flowers during lent**



**Cleaning** Princeton & Tina



**Yard** n/a

**Dates for your diary**

8 <sup>th</sup>	April	Friday	9.00am	Mass – <b>normal weekday Mass</b>
			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 - <b>no 9am Mass on this day</b> – 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 - <b>no 5pm Mass on this day</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	April	Easter Sunday	7.00am	Sunday of the Resurrection
			9.00am	Sunday of the Resurrection



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

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