



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	19 th March	
15 th	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation	
16 th	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday	20th March	
17 th	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Patrick	7.00am	Mass	
18 th	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass	
19 th	Mar	Sat	9.00am	Mass – St Joseph			

2nd Sunday of Lent

Year C

13th March 2022



Our Promised Land

The text gives no hint on how, by whom or when the meeting was organized. All we know was that the meeting happened up in the mountain. Jesus talked to the patriarchs, Moses and Elijah. Later on, God, the Father's voice

from the cloud called the apostles to listen to Jesus. The meeting revealed, once more, Jesus' identity and His mission on earth, that He was God's only Son, and His mission was to redeem the human race by means of the cross.

In last week's Gospel text, the Spirit led Jesus to enter the wilderness, where He fasted for forty days, and was tempted by the Devil. This week, Jesus Himself led the apostles up to the mountain; this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the apostles. They met the patriarchs, Moses and Elijah and heard God's voice. Jesus revealed His glory to the apostles. It was not just His face, but even His garment changed to be as lightning. There was a different kind of glory. The glory Moses and Elijah had that came from God; the glory Jesus had that came from Jesus Himself, because He was the very source of glory. Moses lived in 1500BC and Elijah lived in 900BC and yet both appeared in glory to confirm that a life of glory is certain for those who believe in God after they had departed from this world.

Moses and Elijah, each played a significant role in the history of Israel; the former was for the law and the latter was for the prophets. Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt to enter the Promised Land. The Israelites crossed the Red Sea unharmed and God gave them the Ten Commandments. Elijah changed the hearts of people, turning them from worshipping the idol god, Baal, to the true God of Israel. Their appearance pointed to Jesus, who would complete everything that the two had prophesied.

True prophets proclaimed the message of God's love to the people, and called them to return to God and receive pardon. They were subjects of persecution, rejection, and humiliation. And all died to give glory to God. Jesus would fulfil double roles: one was of the prophets, and the other was of His own - God's only Son. The three men talked about Jesus' mission and St. Luke summed it up in one single sentence.

'They were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem' Lk 9:31

The word 'passing' is a reminder of the passing in which Moses led the Israelites across the Red Sea unharmed. He set them free from slavery in Egypt. In regards to Jesus, passing implies that He would set humanity free from the power of sin and death. His cross set all humanity free from the power of sin, and His Resurrection gives eternal life for those who listen to Him. His Passion would begin and complete in Jerusalem.

The voice came from the cloud; the Father's voice addressed Jesus' disciples, calling them to 'Listen to Him' v.35. Listening to His predictions that 'The Son of Man would suffer and die and three days later rise again'. Listen to God's only Son, the Chosen One, means to listen to God Himself. Listen to Him by taking up your own cross and following.

The Feast of the Transfiguration enlightened the hearts of the apostles. They were overwhelmed when they briefly saw God's glory. They would have loved to remain up in the mountain. They had the privilege to have a foretaste of the 'Heavenly Promised Land' and that was for those who 'Listen to Him' and follow His way.

We pray to open our heart to God's Word.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



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Applications via the school website:
www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.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 my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 14th February – 20th March

William Graham McElroy, Julia Liddy, Mr Nan from Guyana, Marie Thompson, Beatrice Rawainake, Robert James Bryant, Sydney Manning, Sean Liddy, Berta Lopez, Arthur G V Hancock, Michael Gardner, Vera Ryan, Mary Duffy, Winifred Mills, Andrew Cung, Deirdre 'De' Roberts (nee Halpin), Winifred Powell, Lola Pansy Taylor

Reading – 3rd Sunday in Lent – 20th March 2022

1 st Reading	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15
2 nd Reading	1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12
Gospel	Luke 13:1-9



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.

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 – 20th MARCH 2022



No flowers during lent



Cleaning Divine Mercy



Yard Divine Mercy

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

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



Palms

Needed

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



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