



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday			Saturday	26 th March	
22 nd	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm
23 rd	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm
				6.30pm	Rosary
24 th	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday
25 th	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Annunciation of the Lord	27th March
					7.00am
					9.00am
					Mass
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3rd Sunday of Lent Year C 20th March 2022



More Time

Today's Gospel reading has two distinct parts: the first part is humanity's way of life which is in contrast to the second, the divine way. When we follow humanity's way of life, we cause immeasurable harm and suffering for others. When we follow God's way, we are fully alive because God's way is:

full of compassion, rich in mercy, slow to anger, abounding in love Ps 103: 8.

The Bible's text records two deadly events. The first event was about the misuse of power. Pilate, the governor, showed no mercy to the innocent Galileans who came to the Jerusalem Temple to worship. To humiliate the victims further, he *'mingled their blood with that of their sacrifices'* Lk 13:1. The second event was when a part of the tower at Siloam randomly fell and killed eighteen people. This could be either a sheer natural disaster, or the result of human structural error. Both events tell us about the fragility of a human life which is holy, precious and yet very delicate. It also tells us about the cruelty of life. Instead of showing compassion for the victims, many condemned them, saying these people died because they were great sinners. Our society often judges criminals harshly. Jesus told us, we are all sinners and should be aware of the destructive nature of sin. It causes an inner death which is hidden from our eyes. God's nature is love. Instead of punishing us sinners, God, in His mercy, calls us to repent. Evil exists because we, as humans, exercise our own free will. God has the power to stop this, but chooses to respect our free will. God's way gives us a second chance, to repent and to return to God. Jesus encourages us to take every

opportunity to make change while it is still available because the offer to repent is not without end.

The second part of the reading makes clear what God would do us, sinners. Refusing to repent means choosing to follow a path that leads to doom. When the heart of a person is unable to show compassion for others, that person knows no love. That person is very much like a barren fig tree; it takes space and bears no fruit. The owner of the garden, for three years, had found no fruit on the fig tree he had planted. He told the gardener to:

'Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?' Lk 13.8.

The verdict was given *'cut it down'*, but the gardener asked to have more time. More time was given, not to the fig tree, but to the gardener. The gardener gave extra time to the fig tree. He would spend time to care for and fertilize the fig tree. Once he had exhausted every option, if the fig tree still bears no fruit, that would be the time to cut it down. It is interesting to know that the timeframe to take care of the fig is defined, one more year, but the outcome of the harvest is not specified. The gardener would accept any harvest, regardless of quality or quantity. The gardener loves the fig tree without limit, and that symbolizes the way Jesus loves us.

We are grateful that God doesn't leave us to struggle alone, but sent Jesus to care for us. Jesus asked the Father to give us more time. Tragedy of life is not the immediate cause of sin, but it tells us that life and death are intertwined, and we have no absolute control of life.

Jesus calls us not to lose hope in God's mercy. Hope in God leads to repentance and repentance leads to eternal life.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Contributions Needed

40 years ago, the parish published a short history of the St Francis Xavier church. We'd like to update this story by adding in information from that 40-year gap, focusing especially on current parish groups. To limit the amount of writing needed, we're looking to collect photos of the various groups over the years, especially current parishioners. The groups we're interested in documenting aren't necessarily formal

congregations – they could be the cleaners, gardeners or morning-tea servers for example, but more formal groups are certainly encouraged to contribute as well. We'd love to have photos of long-term parishioner families as well. If you have photos or text that you'd like included, please contact the parish office.



St Francis Xavier School Goodna

Now taking enrolments for Prep in 2023. Applications closing soon. If your

child is born between 1/7/2017 and 30/6/2018, they are eligible for Prep in 2023. Contact us to find out more on 07 3818 0100.

Online Enrolment 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 kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Repent says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory to you, Word of God, 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 21st February – 27th March

Kevin Pearl, Patrick O'Hagan, Carmen Mark Valentino, Dianne Symes, Josef Milling, Graham Harper, Mr & Mrs Tevaseu, Rajesh Dayal, Aileen Burns, Patrick Truman, Kelly Chong Nee, Henriette Ann De Glas, Michael Mules, Jean Clarke, Robbie Lewis, Stanislaw Borowski, Gemica Tamas Cao, Patrick McGreevy, Sarah Tyson McElroy.

Reading – 4th Sunday of Lent – 27th March 2022

1 st Reading	Joshua 5:9-12
2 nd Reading	2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Gospel	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 17th April 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

Faasaomoataeao Asiatu Namulauulu Venu Masina Namulauulu Solomona Osa Magele, Anna Maria Carmella Piotto.



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 MARCH 2022



No flowers during lent



Cleaning Tien & Nhu



Yard n/a

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 & Volunteers Needed

Please let the office know if you are able to contribute palm leaves for Palm Sunday. We also need volunteers for the **Washing of Feet** on Holy Thursday 14th April. Please contact the office.

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