



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday			Saturday	2 nd April	
29 th	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm
30 th	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm
				6.30pm	Rosary
31 st	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	
1 st	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Healing Mass	
			Sunday	3 rd April	
			7.00am	Mass	
			9.00am	Mass	

4th Sunday of Lent

Year C

27th March 2022



Lost and Found

The Pharisees and the Scribes criticized Jesus for being friend to tax collectors and sinners, and that gave birth to the parable known as the Prodigal Son. Jesus told the parable to emphasize God's immeasurable love for mankind. We, God's children, often misinterpret God's love. The father had two sons, the young one asked for the inheritance which would eventually be his. He desperately wanted to take it right now rather than to wait for a later time. Surprisingly, the father gave it to him. Receiving the inheritance, the son joyfully left home with his wealth. After he had spent all he had, he experienced a severe famine and that forced him to think about his father's love. The father received him wholeheartedly, and that enraged the elder son. The father got back his younger son; but that disconcerted the elder one. The father told the elder that we should celebrate because, *'your brother was lost and is found'* Lk 15:32.

Asking for an inheritance while a father is still alive is an act of rebellion. The inheritance is given not before but after a person has died. Regardless of the social stigma, the younger son pursued what he really wanted. He placed personal freedom as his first priority, even above his father's love. Granting the son's request would make the father a laughing stock, and yet he granted him what he asked for. The father would suffer immensely, and yet he accepted the pain to satisfy his son. True love is tough. The father suffered alone and could share it with no one, certainly not his servants. The elder son stayed home, but he too, suffered quietly. He revealed his inner self when he said:

'I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your order... this son of yours'.

A slave has no social status and should never say 'no' to his master's order and that what the elder son felt. The statement *'this son of yours'* implies your son is not my brother. Both the sons failed to embrace their father's love. One went away, the other stayed home but felt unloved. The parable seems to say, love is powerful but when we take it for granted, we fail to see it, and that causes disharmony in a family. Both the sons, each in his own way, failed to see their father's great love. Expressing love for a special occasion is easy, but in day to day life, it is a real challenge for us all.

The younger son experienced the severe famine when he ran out of money. He worked for a pig farm, and degraded himself to eat what unclean animals eat. His father's kindness to the workers at home empowered him to return home with hope, that his father would treat him in the same way as he did to others. Again, the younger son underestimated his father's love. Seeing him from afar, the father ran to embrace, and quickly restore his sonship status. It would be shameful for a man of dignity and status like him to run in public, but he didn't care. He refused to listen to what the son had to say. He cared not whether the son would sincerely repent or if it was because he had hit rock bottom. Whatever the son's intention was; above all he is my son, he would say and I love him dearly. The elder son refused to join the celebration. Again, the father went out to meet him and talked to him. The elder son used the term *'this son of yours'* Lk 15:30, but the father emphasized, *'this brother of yours'* to restate the family status.

The father in the parable placed love and compassion above all social norms, and that is how God loves us.

**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

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Praise and honour 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 Lauulu, Amanda Harding.

Reborn in Eternal Life 28th March – 3rd April

Ivy O'Halloran, Jean Burns, William Hugh Larter, Isabella Mills, Canuto Ouano Bianco, Desmond Lewis Jones, Terrance Hansen, Keith McPherson, Hely Phonsavathady, Amy Mary O'Connell, Matthew Lee Green, Telesia Maila Marmea Vatulele.

Reading – 5th Sunday of Lent – 3rd April 2022

1 st Reading	Is 43:16-21
2 nd Reading	Phil 3:8-14
Gospel	Jn 8:1-11



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 Asiata 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 – 3rd APRIL 2022



No flowers during lent



Cleaning Jim Walsh



Yard Joe Masalu

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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