



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday			Saturday	9 th April	
5 th	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm
6 th	Apr	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday
7 th	Apr	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am
8 th	Apr	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am
			6.00pm	Reconciliation Mass	10th April
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5th Sunday of Lent **Year C** **3rd April 2022**



All Guilty

Jesus came to the Temple to pray and to give thanks to God. The Pharisees and Scribes came to the Temple with a different mindset. They came not to pray, but to find way of eliminating Jesus. They brought with them a woman who, according to them, had committed adultery. They had already condemned her to a slow and painful death by stoning, and yet they asked Jesus' opinion. They had no intention of seeking His approval, but rather discrediting Him. Previously, the Pharisees and Scribes had accused Jesus of being friends with tax collectors and dining with sinners, Lk 15:3. They judged Him to be the prince of devils, Lk 11:15. They wanted to demonstrate Jesus was a sinner. They would not have hesitated to stone Him to death when they stoned the adulteress. They had discussed amongst themselves and came up with a plot: whichever answer Jesus gave -agree or disagree- He would not avoid danger. If He agreed, Jesus would betray His own teaching about God's love, mercy and forgiveness, and then He would be partly responsible for the adulteress' horrible death. If He disagreed, they would charge Him with having had no respect for the Law, and then He would lose all the support from the crowd.

Adultery involves not one, but two persons. They did not bring the man, but only the woman. There are a number of flaws in their plan. First, they were biased in their judgment about women. Second, they discriminated against the woman since she was not allowed to say a single word. Third, we don't know whether they had the power to detain the woman legally or whether they kidnapped her. Fourth, they caught the adulteress by sheer accident or they intentionally planned it beforehand for this special occasion. Fifth, how would they know where about the woman worked and how was it that they caught her in the middle of the act.

At first, Jesus showed no interest in taking up their challenge.

He purposely bent down and wrote on the ground. First, instead of looking at them, Jesus looked on the ground to defuse the tension. Second, Jesus refused to let them take control of the situation, especially the timing. He was the One Who would decide when and how to reply. What He had written on the ground was unknown. Finally, Jesus told them: *If there is any of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her',* Jn 8:8.

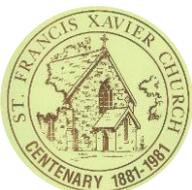
He bent down and wrote again, ignoring their reaction. Jesus' response not only shattered their plan, but also made them feel guilty. He asked them to examine of their own conscience. The accusers now became the accused. The Pharisees and Scribes arrived with their heads high, proudly believing that they were holy and just. The woman was a sinner. After the examination of their conscience, they realized that they were all sinners. The only difference was their sin was covered, while that of the adulteress was revealed. Facing their own demons, they quietly left the scene one by one. After they had left, the woman now had her voice. *'Has no one condemn you?'*, Jesus asked her. *'No one, sir' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you'. Go away and sin no more,'* Jn 8:11.

This brief dialogue is worth paying special attention to because Jesus revealed His true identity. a/ He would not condemn her. b/ He was the only One Who had no sin and had the full right to cast the first stone, and yet He chose not to. c/ He chose to forgive, to pardon. d/ He had the power to forgive sin. e/ He gave the woman her new life, a new beginning, a change of heart. f/ He gave her eternal life.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son Lk 15, the father pardoned the sons who wronged him. In the Adulterous woman, Jesus saved her from stoning and pardoned her sin. He opened the eyes of the accusers to see their own selfishness. Our God is God of compassion.

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.



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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.

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www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.au

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Holy Week

Palm/Passion Sunday begins HOLY WEEK. Holy Week embraces the last days of Lent (until Thursday) and the Easter Triduum. The Sacrament of Penance is an excellent way to conclude the penitential season of Lent. It is best celebrated before Holy Thursday evening so that, with heart and mind renewed, all may focus on the celebration of the Paschal Mystery. Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, as a way of coming to the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection with uplifted and welcoming hearts.

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 4th April – 10th April

Andreas Schypper, Colin William Larter, Anne Kosciuk, Maria Kowalczyńska, Ludwika (Lucy) Lew, John Bliss.

Reading – Palm Sunday – 10th April 2022

1 st Reading	Is 50:4-7
2 nd Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel	Lk 22:14 – 23:56



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15th May 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

Anna Maria Carmella Piotto, Maureen Smith.



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 – 10th APRIL 2022



No flowers during lent



Cleaning Princeton & Tina



Yard n/a

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

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 – in school hall
			3.00pm	The Adoration of the Cross – in school hall
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



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers needed for the **Washing of Feet** on Holy Thursday 14th April. Please contact the office.



Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the annual
CHRISM MASS

Thursday 7 April 2022
@ 7:00pm

The Cathedral of St Stephen
249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane

A celebration for the entire Archdiocese
All Welcome
car parking available from 6:00pm





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