



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday				Saturday	16 th April		
12 th	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Tues. of Holy Week	4.30pm-4.50pm	Reconciliation	
13 th	Apr	Wed	9.00am	Mass– Wed. of Holy Week	6.00pm	Easter Vigil	
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday	17th April	
14 th	Apr	Thurs	7.00pm	Mass - The Lord's Supper	7.00am	Mass	
15 th	Apr	Fri	10.00am	Stations of the Cross (in school hall)	9.00am	Mass	
			3.00pm	Adoration of the Cross (in school hall)	Happy Easter!		

Palm Sunday **Year C** **10th April 2022**



The Last Visit

Jesus had prophesied three times about his coming death. This was devastating news for His apostles to grasp. They

failed to understand that His departure was essential, since it was through His death and resurrection that He gained salvation for the whole world. Without death, Jesus would not complete His earthly mission. The apostles continued to cling to the hope that *'This must not happen to you,' Mt 16:23*. They were now facing the awful reality, because the Pharisees and Scribe had publicly ordered that *'everyone who knew where he was must inform them so that they could arrest him,' Jn 11: 57*. Hearing the death of His friend, Lazarus, Jesus told His apostles to go to Jerusalem. One of His apostles protested, saying: *'Let us go too, and die with Him,' Jn 11:16*. It was not the apostles, but Jesus himself decided on the course of action. He knew that a horrible death was waiting ahead of Him, but that did not deter Him from entering Jerusalem. He knew His hour was coming, and was certain of it. He would not run away from it, but would fulfil what the Father had expected of Him - to redeem the world. Jesus would hope to have neither a quick nor less painful death, but hoped people would appreciate His sacrificial love He had for them.

On His way to Jerusalem, people welcomed Him like they welcomed their king. Public opinion is guided by propaganda, changing from giving support to withdrawing it. The people at Jerusalem today welcomed Jesus; tomorrow they would demand for Him to be crucified. This is the second twist of His Passion. The first one happened when Jesus gave life back to his friend Lazarus, who had been dead, and was buried three days in the tomb. Jesus raised him up from the grave, but He Himself would choose to go to His own death. This *made His opponents mock Him saying, 'He saved others, he can't save himself,' Mt 27:42*.

Jesus rode on a donkey covered with garments over its back. The crowd shouted at top of their voice: *'Blessings on the*

King who comes, in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!' Lk 19,39. The Pharisees tried hard to interrupt this joyful celebration but Jesus told them: *'I tell you, if these keep silent, the stones will cry out'* Lk 19,40.

The singing and chanting on the road had soon vanished. What follows was the arrest and the unjust trial. His crucifixion brought joy and satisfaction to those who hated Him, but bled the hearts of those who loved Him. The sting of sin was manifested through human's brutality. The Pharisees would inflict the greatest pain upon Jesus. The physical brutality included stripping to humiliate, and then beating and whipping and crowing, and finally nailing Him on the cross, between the two criminals. The Pharisees judged, that Jesus was a criminal and should deserve to die as a criminal. The psychological form of punishment began with false accusations, giving fake witnesses, and the abandonment. His apostles deserted Him because they were frightened. After the physical and mental torture, the verdict was given - capital punishment by nailing on the cross. To intensify the horror, the Pharisees didn't judge Jesus at day time; they judged Him at night, under dim light. Added to the fear was the chilling cold breeze of winter, the flicking lights of burning charcoals nearby, and the actions of soldiers, all blended together to create an atmosphere as if it was not just humankind who punished Jesus, but even nature took part in it.

The weight of the cross on His shoulders seemed to be heavier as He walked up the hill; every move, the open wounds seemed to crack a bit wider and deeper. Jesus could take them all in. His resilience during the wilderness experience had toughened Him. He chose to be faithful to the Father until the end.

'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing'. Lk 23:34.

This statement asserts that God's love for humankind is stronger than human brutality.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Easter Time

The fifty days from the Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday.' These are the days above all others in which the Alleluia is sung. The Sundays of this time of year are considered to be the Sundays of Easter...GNLYC 22-24.

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Fasting on Good Friday

The practice of fasting was recommended by Christ, both by example and by teaching. Originally, fasting meant entire abstinence from food for whole or part of the fast day. In current Catholic practice, fasting means having only one full meal on a day. Smaller quantities of food may be eaten at two other meals, but no food should be consumed at any other times during the day. The present laws took effect in 1966. The rule of fasting applies to people from 18 to 59 years old. The law of abstinence from meat binds everyone aged 14 years and older. The sixth-century Rule of Benedict still holds true: "During these days of Lent, let us all deny ourselves some food, drink, sleep, needless talking and idle jesting, and look forward to holy Easter with joy and spiritual longing," (Chapter 49) [Source: Liturgy Brisbane].

Responsorial Psalm

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, kind of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.
Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, kind 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 Laulu, Amanda Harding.

Reading – Easter Sunday – 17th April 2022

1 st Reading	Acts 10:34, 37-43
2 nd Reading	Col 3:1-4
Gospel	Jn 20: 1-9



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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 11th April – 17th April

Terry Mahony, Teddoro C Boriongan, Mary Sherman (Smith), Bronislawa (Bronia) Kucmin, John Hansen, Donald Breen, John McElroy Snr.

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 – 17th APRIL 2022



Flowers Divine Mercy



Cleaning Divine Mercy



Yard Divine Mercy

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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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