



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday			Saturday		23 rd April
19 th	Apr	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm-4.50pm 5.00pm
20 th	Apr	Wed	9.00am	Mass	
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday 7.00am 9.00am 24th April Mass Mass
21 st	Apr	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	
22 nd	Apr	Fri	9.00am	Mass	

Happy Easter!

Easter Sunday

Year C

17th April 2022



After Three Days

Three days after the death of Jesus, for those involved in The Passion of Christ, their world was turned upside down. The chief priests and

the Pharisees felt as if they were struck by lightning when they heard about the devastating news that Jesus has risen from death; while Jesus' apostles were overwhelmed with great joy, when they received this heavenly news. The chief priests and the Pharisees knew what Jesus had openly told His disciples, that three days after His burial, He would rise again. But, aware of this prophecy, the chief priests and the Pharisees were careful put in place some measures. After the crucifixion they asked Pilate to have soldiers guard the sepulchre for three days.

'For fear his disciples come and steal him away and tell the people, 'He has risen from the dead,' Mt 27:64. The chief priests and the Pharisees 'Made the sepulchre secure, putting seals on the stone and mounting a guard,' Mt 27:66.

We don't know exactly what the soldiers had told the chief priests and the Pharisees about the resurrection of Jesus, but we are certain that the message the soldiers carried to the public was not exactly what would have happened on the third night. The soldiers lied for a number of reasons. Firstly, it wasn't their free choice, but they had to lie to obey their orders. Secondly, they lied for payment; the chief priests and Pharisees *'handed a considerable sum of money to the soldiers with these instructions. This is what you must say'. 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep,' Mt 28, 11-12.*

This statement itself is illogical: how could the soldiers know Jesus' disciples came and took His body away while they were asleep? If the noise had woken them, what would prevent the soldiers from retrieving Jesus' body and detaining the disciples? If a thief adopted a guerrilla technique, arrived and left as fast as they could, they would have left behind a trail of disaster. But, as the story unfolds, Jesus' body was simply

missing. There was no trail of destruction. All that was left behind was the linen for wrapping the body, and it was nicely folded and put to one side. No thief would show such kindness or have the spare time to do this.

Thirdly, the chief priests and the Pharisees promised to protect the soldiers from trouble for 'sleeping' on the job. *'Should the governor come to hear of this, we undertake to put things right with him ourselves and to see that you do not get into trouble,' Mt 28:14.*

The soldiers lied to receive their reward; while the chief priests and the Pharisees lived in fear. They lied to have Jesus crucified and continued to lie. Yet it was not enough for them to lie, it was even worse than that: they ordered their men to lie. Liars live in fear because no one can separate lies and fear. They go together. Their fear was so great for them to bear they began to persecute those who dared to believe in the Resurrection of Jesus.

The women who loved Jesus went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. They told the apostles that Jesus' body was missing. The two apostles rushed to the tomb. This implied that they knew nothing about this sad news. The other two apostles were on their way home because their hope in following Jesus was shattered. This indicates that Jesus' apostles didn't steal His body as it was officially reported.

The choice for us is who to believe? The men or the women or the man in white? The soldiers lied for protection and reward. The women reported what they had seen and heard. They heard from the man in white who wondered:

'Why look among the dead for someone who is alive?' Lk 24:5.

Three days after the burial of Jesus, the mystery of His body still remained a mystery. What they had found was only the linen that wrapped His body. It nicely folded and left it on the tomb. No one had ever found His body because HE HAD RISEN.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Thank you



Hoping that we are all well, safe and filled with the joy that Easter can bring. A big thank you to those who have been involved in the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. The preparation starts with the Lenten Discussion Groups, and the Stations of the Cross. The Liturgy committee and the musicians and all those who took part in planning for the Palm Sunday and the Holy Week have done great service for our community. I am grateful for the parish staff, the florists, Church cleaning and

the yard teams for their professionalism and dedication in serving the community throughout the year. Thank you.

May the Spirit of the Risen Lord be your companion on your faith journey.

Fr Vudinh Tuong

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

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 Lau, Amanda Harding.

Reborn in Eternal Life 18th April – 24th April

Peter Bryant, Samuel John Zaklan, Sr. Jeanniela Spina, Grace Catherine Sandford, Frank Vella, Isadora An Kiau, Hugh (Pat) McCall, Phyll Mullins, Daniel Perry, Albert Wurst, Desma Ellen Rawnsley, Harry Murphy, Brian Mullins, Lykua Phonsavathdy, Joe Gurdon, Katharina Muellebner, Maurine Swords.

Reading – 2nd Sunday of Easter – 24th April 2022

1 st Reading	Acts 5:12-16
2 nd Reading	Rev 1:9-13, 17-19
Gospel	Jn 20:19-31



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, Vitolina Ulugia Kalasito, Marie Sinclair Harp (née Ruddell).



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 – 24th APRIL 2022

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	Yard	n/a
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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Enrolment 2022: Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Enrolment is open for children who are in Grade 3 and over who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The combined program will culminate with First Holy Communion at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday 21st August, which will be followed by lunch. Classes start at 3.30pm on Saturday 4th June. Please call or email the office for further information or to book in to speak with Fr Tuong.

Enrolment forms are available [online](#), from the office or from the sacristy.



Thank you

A sincere thank you to the SFX school and the parish community for your support of the St Francis Xavier chapter of St Vincent de Paul throughout this year, from everyone at St Vinnies.

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We are committed to Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. Children, young people and vulnerable adults are gifts from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm. We strongly encourage you to report all suspected criminal behaviour to the police. Please see our website for our Safeguarding and Whistleblower policies. StopLine is a confidential, independent provider of whistleblowing services available to all parishioners on **1300 304 550** or AOB@stopline.com.au.