



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	7 th May
3 rd	May	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Sts Philip & James	4.30pm	Reconciliation
4 th	May	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
5 th	May	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	8th May
6 th	May	Fri	9.00am	Healing Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

3rd Sunday of Easter **Year C** **1st May 2022**



Team Leader

The idea of having a group leader, who would take Jesus' place when He was not around with them was not a new idea. Jesus had been contemplating it for some time, because He knew that He would return to

the Father, and that the group needed to have a leader to take His place when He was not with them. His first attempt happened when He asked the apostles, 'Who do you say I am?'. Peter, on behalf the apostles, answered: 'The Christ of God'...The Son of the living God.' Jesus replied: 'you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I say to you: You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church' Mt 16: 15-18.

On several occasions, Peter had acted as a speaker and leader for the group, and today was not different: he initiated the idea of fishing and several others joined him. The reading has several metaphorical images, namely: catching no fish, darkness of the night, breakfast on the beach, and nakedness, all point to a deeper and higher value.

The apostles spent the whole night long but caught nothing. They laboured in vain and in darkness. In a spiritual sense, the emptiness and darkness of the night indicate that without God on our side, we would not be able to achieve good things. The darkness of the night indicates the darkness of a person's heart; the emptiness of the net points to a life without purpose. Both speak about a spiritual emptiness in life.

Early next morning, a stranger on the beach, yelled out to them, telling them to cast their nets on the other side of their boat. Surprisingly, they listened to the stranger and netted a huge catch. The extraordinary catch at an unusual spot -near the shore - made the disciple Jesus loved realize that it was the

Lord. He told Peter, and Peter wasted no time - jumping right into the water to come to Jesus. This abrupt response revealed the heart of the man. Peter had acted as if his own safety was secondary. The huge catch was not important. Showing his love for Jesus was his first priority. The phrase 'Peter had nothing on' probably had nothing to do with his nakedness in clothing, but more about his lack of courage and joy, and the urgency to meet the risen Lord. Peter didn't wait for others but he alone came to Jesus first indicating that Jesus would fulfil what Peter was lacking.

When all others reached the shore, there was a charcoal fire burning and fish was already baked. The risen Lord provided them breakfast. They all shared the same bread and the same fish with Jesus. None of them could raise any queries because their eyes had seen the risen Lord, their ears heard Him and they had sat around Him. Having breakfast implied a new day, a new beginning, and a new dawn with sunlight. This was in contrast to the Last Supper which happened in the dark at the end of a day. Having breakfast with Jesus on the beach was the reminder of the Eucharist Jesus had established at the Last Supper. It also reminded them of the time Jesus was on Peter's boat preaching to the crowds on the beach.

Jesus asked Peter the same question three times. It probably had nothing to do with the three times Peter denied knowing Jesus, but rather, to do with the Church Jesus established. Peter answered 'Yes' three times. Each time revealed a new task. The first one, Peter promised to love Jesus more than others. It implied Peter would exemplify his faith to his brothers. The saying 'feed my lambs' probably indicates the infant Church, and the last one involved the entire Church. The commitment to follow was dear. It costed Peter's life to 'give glory to God'.

We pray to be faithful to the Risen Lord.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

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.



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

I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.
Alleluia, alleluia!

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 – 4th Sunday of Easter – 8th May 2022

1 st Reading	Acts 13:14, 43-52
2 nd Reading	Rev 7:9, 14-17
Gospel	Jn 10:27-30



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 2nd May – 8th May

Trevor Spence Flt Lt RAF, Tracey Mikaele, Glen Latimer, Ernest Bolton, Franciszek Podolak, Esther Mikklesen, Mary Roddin, Stanislaw Gorbacz, Ngac Van Dinh, Stasis Bernotas, Elaine Mary Wilson, Ellen Meredith, May Vella, Alfonso Deniega, Noel Blom, Ralph Burke, Lillian Quickfall.

Recently Deceased

Genus Rabaya, Filomena Tualima.



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 – 8th MAY 2022



Flowers Noela Leituala



Cleaning Princeton & Tina



Yard Samoan Community

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Plenary Council Second Assembly – Walking in the Spirit

The People of God are invited to make a prayerful journey towards the Second Assembly of the Plenary Council through the Walking in the Spirit prayer campaign. Walking in the Spirit began on Easter Sunday, and runs until the Second Assembly which opens on Sunday July 3. Resources have been created for use by individuals, families, schools, parishes and other Catholic communities. Find out more at

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/walkinginthspirit/



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