



**ST
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XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	14 th May
10 th	May	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
11 th	May	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm		Sunday
12 th	May	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	15 th May
13 th	May	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass
						Happy Mother's Day!

4th Sunday of Easter

Year C

8th May 2022



Treasure God's Word

Both listening and following are action words. *'My sheep listen to my voice and they follow me'* In 10:27. Listening to God's voice without action is not good enough,

because many people listen to God's voice, but are not His disciples. To be a true disciple of Jesus, one must both listen and follow. The two go hand in hand. We all want our voice heard; even an infant cries out aloud to have attention. We all want to be heard, but in reality, sometimes we respond to other's people calling; other times we ignore them. We do the same thing to God's voice. We sometimes are very active in responding to God's voice; other times, for one reason or another, we are inactive to it. There is no denial in encountering silence in prayers. The absence of God in prayers makes us feel that our voice is not heard. *'My sheep listen to my voice'* is the calling to examine ourselves for how often we ignore God's voice. Because we sometimes don't take God's word seriously, God the Father reminds us to listen to God's only Son.

'This is my Son, the Beloved, listen to Him,' Mk 9:8.

The saying *'My sheep listen to my voice'* is not a reiteration of the Father's call for us to listen, but rather, it reflects the unique unity between the Father and the Son. This exceptional unity is clearer in the following verse when Jesus said:

'The Father Who gave them to me is greater than anyone,' v. 28.

This sentence reveals the unique unity between the Father and the Son, and the power of God, that the Father is the most powerful person. He is greater than anyone. There is no power on earth or in heaven that could match God's power, because nothing can match the Father's Divine power.

Instead of listening and following Jesus, we often want Jesus to listen to us and accept our way. Listening is not easy. We would love others to listen to us rather than we listen to them. We are very much selective in listening. We only want to hear what

pleases us, rather than to listen to what we need to hear. Furthermore, there are different voices that invite us to follow, and we are tempted to choose the easy, less demanding way, rather than to choose the narrow and difficult one. We prefer the earthly way over the heavenly way, because the earthly way is easy with instant effects. The earthly way only leads us to the world, and nothing else; while the heavenly way has power both on earth and in heaven, and is recognized by the most powerful heavenly Father.

Last week, we knew God's word had the power to fill the empty net with high quality fish. This week reveals more about the power of God's word. It has the power to give utmost security, and to guide us from the harmful way of life. God's word has the power to keep us from any earthly power that lures us away from God. God's word is available in the Scriptures. We need to read it slowly, and carefully, and read it daily. We need to ponder upon the Word and mull over it. The historical and classic example of pondering upon God's word would be from Mary, Mother of Jesus. Mary treasured God's word in her heart. When the shepherds told Mary and Joseph what God's angels had told them about the birth of Jesus, *'Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart'* Lk 2:19.

The second time when Jesus was presented in the Temple. They lost Him for three long days, finally they found Him in the Temple. They told Him of their concern. Jesus replied that He had to do His Father's business. *'They did not understand what He meant...His mother stored up all these things in her heart.'* Lk 2:51.

Trusting requires not understanding, but loving. We trust someone because we love that person. We may not understand but we trust because we love.

Like Mary we pray to treasure and ponder God's word in our heart.

**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 the office to book for a brief interview which starts on Friday 20th May.

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

We are His people, the sheep of his flock.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
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 Lau, Amanda Harding.

Reading – 5th Sunday of Easter – 15th May 2022

1 st Reading	Acts 14:21-27
2 nd Reading	Rev 21:1-5
Gospel	Jn 13:31-35



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 9th May – 15th May

Emma Crocker, Terrance Gallagher, Bonifacio O Festejo Snr, Nelio Silva Serra, Giuse, Anna, Giuse Dinh Van Ngac, Steven Wood, William Arthur Meredith, John Peter Kalksma, Tim Shrum, Frankie La Rocca, Tuioti Taulapapa Peleiupu Feagaiga, Alfonsas Navickas, Edward Paul Galligan, David Newman, Annie Atwood.

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 – 15th MAY 2022



Flowers Divine Mercy



Cleaning Divine Mercy



Yard Divine Mercy

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Archbishop's Dinner for Women

Gain insight and wisdom into your discernment journey and the questions you're currently facing at the annual Archbishop's Dinner for Women, where you'll be inspired by Archbishop Mark Coleridge's passion for the role of women in the Church and the importance of consecrated life. RSVP 26 May. To find out more or register your interest, visit

<http://www.vocationbrisbane.com/upcoming-events>

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