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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday				Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> June		
31 <sup>st</sup>	May	Tues	9.00am	Mass – Visitation of Blessed Virgin	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
1 <sup>st</sup>	June	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Justin	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
			6.30pm	Rosary	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	June	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	June	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Charles Lwanga & companions	9.00am	Mass	

**The Ascension of the Lord**

**Year C**

**29<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



**Mind and heart**

We use our mind to make sense of things, but when it comes to love, our heart is the main driver. Mind and heart work in reciprocity in most cases, but when it comes to the

matter of faith in Christ; it is not mind and heart, but faith that is the decisive factor. Love and faith work together, and that leads to God. Jesus used our human language to teach us about God's love for us. He called us to learn from Him to love others. Trying to understand a person's love is a challenging task because love does not follow the logic of a mind. A heart has rules of its own. Trying to make sense of God's love could potentially lead to a fatal mistake, because we are unable to understand our Maker. God made us out of love, and has given us a mind and heart that enables us to love God. Our finite love is able to make sense of Jesus' teaching, but the finite could never match the infinity of the Divine love, even if God allows us to see God face to face. God's love is not for examining, but for appreciating, embracing and cherishing. A human mind is able to grasp some of the holy, but when it comes to the mystery of God's love, the wise choice is humility. Jesus' disciples were with Him, heard Him and dined with Him. They struggled hard to understand some of His teaching.

Before returning to the Father, Jesus reminds His disciples about the prophecy of Him. It happened as it was written, *'that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day'* Lk 24:46. Recalling the prophecy about His death and resurrection, Jesus helped the apostles to understand the present reality. He then asked them to move forward to make

disciples of all the nations. The present reality was His Ascension, that Jesus was taking His place at the right hand of the Father. This is a part of the Creed we confess each Sunday. This mystery is beyond human query, in that it requires faith to believe. We live in faith with the hope that one day we will join Him. Jesus' saving mission on earth was completed, and the new mission begins. It is the mission of His disciples, *'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations... And know that I am with you always, yes, to the end of time'* Mat 28:19. The risen Christ is not conditional on the laws of physics, and thus he was taken into heaven. His appearance to the apostles confirmed that Jesus is truly risen from death. The Ascension is the affirmation that Jesus is truly Son of God. The message which the apostles announced to the world gives glory to God. In this way, God is glorified both on earth as it is in heaven.

Jesus is - *far away* - taking place at the right hand of God and at the same time - *near, and a presence among us* - is another mystery of our faith. He is truly present in His word, the sacraments and the celebration of the Eucharist.

Instead of discussing among themselves about the Ascension of the Lord, the apostles knew that His love for them was beyond comprehension, they gathered in the Temple, joyfully giving thanks to God. For Jesus, saying goodbye is not a separation, but rather a new beginning of a journey. His journey was returning to the Father. His disciples' journey was making disciples of others; The Advocate's journey was to be with Jesus' disciples. The Feast of the Ascension reminds us that we, the second-generation disciples of Jesus, are being sent on a mission: Making disciples of others.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity - (29 May - June 5, 2022)**

ANNUAL WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2022

**PRAYER  
SERVICE**

FRIDAY 3 JUNE 2022 | 11AM  
ST JOHN'S CATHEDRAL  
373 ANN ST, BRISBANE CITY

*"We saw the star in the East, and we came to worship him," (Matthew 2:2)* - this is the theme for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches. More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ. The annual Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service in Brisbane will be hosted by the Anglican Diocese of Brisbane on Friday 3 June at 11am at St John's Cathedral, 373 Ann Street, City. All Christians are welcome.

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

### Dates for Your Diary

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Classes Start Confirmation & Holy Communion (3.30pm in the church)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Pentecost Sunday – Please wear RED if possible
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	The Most Holy Trinity
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

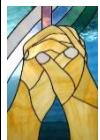
### Responsorial Psalm

God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.  
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, Amanda Harding.

### Reading – Pentecost Sunday – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Gen 11:1-9
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Rom 8:22-27
Gospel	Jn 7:37-39



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 19<sup>th</sup> June 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 30<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June

Patricia Ann Burke, Cu Hoang (Gabriel), Maria Pham Loan, Petty Taulapapa Pati, John McKelvey, Catherine Q Vu, Ernest Bolton, Roy Young, Lily Powell, Marco Vuksic, Kristof Podolak, Anna Helmer, Raimund Maierhofer.

### Recently Deceased

Genus Rabaya, Filomena Tualima, Branko Glavicic (husband of Kathy), Joseph Lieu.



**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 – 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022



**Flowers** Samoan Community



**Cleaning** Jim Walsh



**Yard** n/a

## WEEKLY INFORMATION



### Sacramental program

Classes start at 3.30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, continuing on the 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June, with a break over the school holidays.



### Casual position available

SFX School are currently seeking a School Crossing Supervisor. The hours of work for the may be up to an hour and half an hour on any school day, in all weather conditions. The successful applicant will have a favourable health assessment, a current Blue Card and evidence of 2 vaccinations against Covid-19. The Department of Transport and Main Roads will organise and fund the health assessment and Blue Card for selected applicants. Application packs are available from St Francis Xavier School. Completed applications should be emailed to: [ipswichroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:ipswichroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au)

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