



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

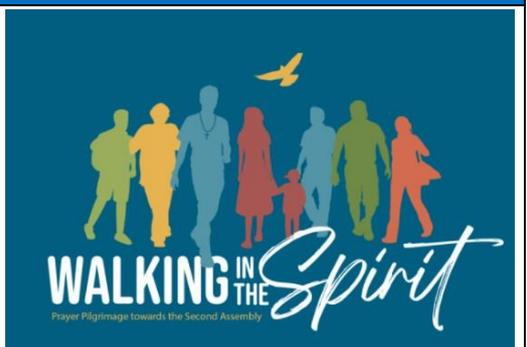
OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	16 th July	
12 th	July	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
13 th	July	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
14 th	July	Thurs	6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday 17th July		
15 th	July	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass	
			9.00am	Mass – St Bonaventure	9.00am	Mass	

15 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year C	10 th July 2022
 <p>My Other Self</p> <p>A lawyer asked Jesus what must he do to inherit eternal life? Because he was a legal man, Jesus asked him what did the Law say? The lawyer quoted the teaching from the books of Exodus 20 and Leviticus 19, which says, to love God with all one's heart, soul and strength, and mind and love one's neighbour as oneself. Jesus praised the lawyer for his knowledge. He told the lawyer: <i>'Do this and life is yours'</i> v.28. The lawyer had no problem to quote the Law, but was unclear about the concept of who is his neighbour. He asked Jesus for clarification. Jesus told him about the story of the Samaritan. It was about a man who was injured by robbers. They left him half dead on a roadside. A priest and a Levi saw the victim, but refused to get involved. This point tells us that having knowledge of the law is good, but what really counts is applying it to save a life. A businessman, who did not have as much knowledge about the Law as the priest and Levi had, but he saved the victim. He dismounted his horse, and came to his aid. At the end of the story, Jesus asked the lawyer who was a neighbour to the victim? The lawyer replied, the one who helped the victim. Jesus told him, <i>'Go, and do the same yourself'</i> v.37. Jesus told the lawyer, and us, to learn from the businessman.</p> <p>The lawyer was right to believe that eternal life is a special gift, which is beyond one's ability to earn. In order to inherit eternal life, one must love God and love one's neighbour. He had no difficulty in understanding the requirement of loving God, but had trouble defining the concept of neighbour. Loving one's neighbour requires us to love as though loving your other self. Who is my other self? This is what troubled the lawyer. Having a good neighbour is a blessing because that neighbour looks after things when we are home, and when we are away. Probably most</p>	<p>complaints in life come from unkind neighbours. The housing density causes even more complains, things like noise and stench, and overgrown vines and hanging branches in one's backyard. Overcrowded parking along a roadside is another problem. These problems happen within our neighbourhood. Our common concept of neighbour would be someone who we know, who lives or works near us, and we have some knowledge of that person. Our neighbour is someone who we can chat with over the fence, or who lives opposite our house, or families on our street.</p> <p>The story of the Good Samaritan broadens up the concept of neighbour. It is extended to everyone, regardless of their cultural background, religious belief or race. The story of the Good Samaritan tells us that our neighbour is a stranger. That other self is outside, not part of us; that other self is unknown to us, and yet that other self is what we need to care for, to look after as if we take care of our own self. The story of the Good Samaritan is the story of love without borders. Love is the key that leads to eternal life. The story seems to define that everyone, who is desperately in need of support and care is our neighbour. In helping the victim, the businessman put himself in a risky situation. He didn't know whether the bandits had gone or they were hiding nearby waiting to prey on their next victim. The businessman, regardless of his own risk, helped the victim. He put his business trip on hold, and saw to the needs of the injured man as his first priority. He trusted the innkeeper would not cheat him. He took care of the victim's immediate needs and also cared for his convalescence. He expected no favour return from the injured man. He helped the victim as though helping himself.</p>	<p>Fr Vudinh Tuong Parish Priest</p>

News from the Plenary Council

The Second (and final) Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia concluded on the 9th July. Many of the outcomes of the votes have already been announced. You can catch up on what's happened so far on the News page of the Plenary Council website, including the opening address from Archbishop Tim Costelloe who noted the challenge ahead means ensuring that "when people engage with the Church they experience healing, hope and safety: that they experience the compassion and mercy of God."

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



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

Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia, alleluia!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

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 – 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 17th July 2022

1 st Reading	Gen 18:1-10
2 nd Reading	Col 1:24-28
Gospel	Lk 10:38-42



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 17th July 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 June – 17th July

Anita Donovan, Jim Alexander, Jyearanee Sam, Mark Young, Vytas Lesevicius, Florence Helen Taylor, Arthur Neden, Eric Pointon, Gordon Hodges, Alfred Sharman, Sivilay Phonsavadathy, Pietro Gaiulo, Bill Appelman.

Recently Deceased

Branko Glavicic (husband of Kathy), Joseph Lieu, Martin J. Wurmitzer Snr, Joe Ryan, Keith Auld.



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 JULY 2022

Flowers	Divine Mercy	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	n/a
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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Sacramental program



Classes have a break over the school holidays and resume on Saturday 16th July. The celebration of Confirmation will be held 5th August at 7pm.



Sea Sunday - July 10, 2022

Today is Sea Sunday, when the church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we rely on for daily living. Even during a pandemic, seafarers continue to bring into our ports products that sustain our population and economy. The Appeal today is for Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. To assist this ministry, please send your donations to:

<https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

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Current Office Hours: Tues - Fri 9am to 3pm

We are committed to Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. 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.