



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	13 th August	
9 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
10 th	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass– St Lawrence	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm	Sunday 14th August	
11 th	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Clare	7.00am	Mass
12 ^h	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass
					Monday 15th August – The Assumption	
					9.00am	Mass
					6.30pm	Mass

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 7th August 2022



Treasure

Having a healthy long life and security for our future is what we all want to have, but for most of us, it is a dream more than reality. We all have to struggle hard, either on our own or with relatives and friends, to deal with sickness, misfortune and job security. Knowing our longing, Jesus offers hope for those who have experienced that life is a heavy burden. He told them, do not to lose hope, but to trust in God because it is the Father's pleasure to give His children the heavenly gift v.33. This offer is not an empty promise, but rather a sure thing because it comes from the Father. Whatever the Father loves to do; His will be done, not at our own time, but God's. This gift is given to those who appreciate it. How can we can get this heavenly gift?

The second paragraph packs several images that Jesus used to talk about our preparation for the heavenly gift. These images serve as reminders of His previous teaching. The first image (vv.35-38) is the lit lamp which reminds us of the parable of the wedding banquet. Because the groom arrived late, only the guests who were watchful entered the wedding hall; the careless ones arrived after the door of the wedding hall had closed, and were denied entry.

The second image (vv. 39-40) is about readiness. It is the house owner who had secured his house well to deter thief entering. Today the Gospel (vv.41-48) is about the faithfulness of servants. Some are faithful and some are untruthful. The Master of the estate would return at the time which they were unexpected. It is a blessing for those servants who are faithful to their assignments, and a curse for those who disobeyed the Master's

commands. All these images talk about one single reality, and that is eternal life which will happen unexpectedly. We often say we serve God, but today's reading tells us that it is not us who serve God, but rather God serves us and looks after us. There is nothing we humans can add to the divine's greatness. God is perfect that there is no more room to add on anything. When we say we serve God, we mean that through serving God's people, we serve God. It is not God in whom we serve, but rather God's people. In caring for others we do it for God because God identifies Himself to each one of us. When we serve others; God makes it as if we serve God himself. Jesus told us, that our love for others would never be forgotten because it is God who keeps the record of our kindness to others. That is how *'your purses do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you'*. v.33. Giving alms that generate treasure in heaven implies God gives us the power to change corruptible things of this world into the incorruptible treasure in heaven. This doesn't mean that we can gain salvation by acts of charity. No. Salvation is God's gift to us. Giving alms is a noble thing to do. They are the concrete signs that we love God and love people whom God loves dearly. Giving alms are also signs telling us about our hearts. Jesus told us that *'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also'*. v.33.

Our final goal in life is everlasting life. All created things have their time limit. They are there for us to use. We need to use them wisely by means of sharing with others. By sharing them we transform the corruptible materials into the incorruptible in value, and that lasts forever in God's kingdom.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

Multicultural Mass (21st August) – Volunteers Needed!

Prayers of the Faithful – We need volunteers to write and read a small prayer as part of the Prayers of the Faithful. The prayer only needs to be a couple of lines and be dedicated to an issue of your choice (e.g. a prayer for the sick in our community, a prayer for social justice) and read in your own native language.

Flags –At the start of the Mass we will have flag bearers and we need volunteers of all ages for this role. Also, if your flag is missing from the following list, please let the office know: Aboriginal, Australia, England, Fiji, France, India, Ireland, New Zealand, Nigeria, Portugal, Samoa, Scotland, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Sudan, South Sudan, The Netherlands, The Philippines, Tonga, Torres Strait Island, Vietnam.

Shared lunch - There will be a shared lunch after the Multicultural Mass.

Parishioners are welcome to bring a plate of traditional of food to share. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to bring a dish to share.

Parish Pastoral Council – Will be meeting on Sunday 14th August at 10am to finalise the Multicultural Mass program.

Please contact the parish office if you'd like to help out with the Multicultural Mass.



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; those wishing to receive to the tongue are invited to present at the end of the queue;
- 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

Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be His own.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
You know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia, alleluia!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 14th August, 10am Pastoral Council Meeting
Sun 21st August, 10am Multicultural Mass &
1st Holy Communion

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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 8th – 14th August

John Chew, Florence Sharkey, James Beresford, Kevin Norman, Graham Huth, Joan Ellen Bell.

Reading – 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 14th Aug 2022

1 st Reading	Jer 38:4-6, 8-
2 nd Reading	Heb 12:1-4
Gospel	Lk 12:49-53



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 28th August 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

Martin J. Wurmitzer Snr, Joe Ryan, Keith Auld, Anna Quy, Boniface Paul Vangalo.



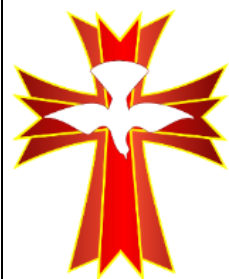
Loop System The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEK – 14th AUGUST 2022

Flowers	Noela Leituala	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	Samoa Community
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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Sacramental program



Congratulations to all our Confirmands, who renewed their Baptismal promises and were sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit on Friday. Thank you to Bishop Tim Norton SVD, and to all those who volunteered to make this happen, especially to Sue Stafford our Sacramental Coordinator. The program will continue with lessons for the next two weeks (Saturday 6th and 13th August) with First Communion celebrations to be held during the Multicultural Mass on Sunday 21st August. Children are encouraged to participate in the Multicultural Mass. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to volunteer.

Minister Training

Could those who have completed their reader & Eucharist training please forward their certificate to the office. We will start rosters in August.

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

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