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PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	27 th August	
23 rd	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
24 th	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St Bartholomew	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm	Sunday 28th August	
25 th	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
26 th	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

21st August 2022



The Narrow Door

There are several parables about doors such as the door of the wedding hall (Mat 25,1-13), the door of the sheepfold (John 10:1-6), and the bolted door of a friend who came and asked for food late at night (Lk 11:5-13). There is one more door, the narrow door.

The narrow door is not something out there, but rather the door of one's own heart. A wild, untamed heart is considered a wide open door; a well-informed heart is considered a narrow door. The narrow door leads to life and eternal life. Our modern society shows that those who chose to live a loose, unstructured lifestyle early in life could potentially be burdens for society; those who choose to discipline themselves to go through the narrow door at an early age will reap a great reward when they are in maturity. This principle is true to our spiritual journey. Those who choose to enter the narrow door in this life will have eternal life. Walking along a narrow path is a real challenge because the narrow path is hard. A successful follower of Jesus is the one who will not give up halfway or surrender when facing difficulty or hardship, but continue to walk in God's way and walk with God till the end. Whatever road one takes, the narrow one or the wide open one, there will be obstacles along the way. Those who follow the narrow, path know that in time of need they have extra help which comes from Jesus himself, who calls to us:

'Come to me all you that labour and are burdened and I will give you rest'. Mt 11,28

When we welcome Jesus into our lives, we live with Him and travel with Him. Every time we fall, Jesus will empower us, encourage us, to keep going. On the way to the cross, Jesus Himself fell not once, but three times, and every time He fell, He rose and continued. Those who deny the help Jesus offers would struggle alone.

Refusing to follow Jesus means that a person trusts in his own knowledge. Pride makes that person believe that he can take

charge of his own life. God has no place in his heart. Pride blinds him to seeing Jesus who originates from the Father. He is God and the author of life. On judgement day, when the narrow door had already bolted; no one can deny the truth that Jesus comes from God. On that day it was too late for the conversion of the heart. What counts on the judgement day was not about knowing Jesus and dining with him, but what mattered most was one's love for Jesus and others. Loving Jesus with one's mind and heart is the key to the entrance of the narrow door.

In following Jesus, when we fail to love Him dearly; we break the promises we made at baptism. Jesus helps us to reconnect to Him again through the sacrament of reconciliation. Repentance makes us right with God again because God's mercy is stronger than our weakness. Salvation is God's gift, given to those who love Jesus. People who live in the East and West entering God's kingdom implies that salvation discriminates against no one. It has no boundary. Salvation is for all, but not all will be saved because those who choose to pursue the wicked way will not accept God's gift of salvation. God respects our free choice and saves all those who would love to be saved.

God knows us by name. We are dear to Him. God knows us inside out; so the saying, *'I do not know where you come from'* v.26, mentioned twice in the reading, would not come from God himself. It came from those who rejected Jesus when He called them to follow. On the judgement day, how they had judged God turned out to be of their own judgement as well. Salvation entirely depends on how we love Jesus. Loving Him by letting go of our own way to adopt His way of life, of surrendering our own will to make His will be done, and accepting that without Him we are nothing.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

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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

Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
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 – 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 28th Aug 2022

1 st Reading	Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29
2 nd Reading	Heb 12:18-19, 22-44
Gospel	Lk 14:1, 7-14

Reborn in Eternal Life 22nd – 28th August

Ralph Norman Hall, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Patricia Fitzgerald, Brian Joseph Eustace, James Stirling, Bill Catlow.



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 18th September 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

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 – 28th AUGUST 2022

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	Yard	n/a
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WEEKLY INFORMATION

Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?

A list of spiritual directors within the Archdiocese is available for everyone via the web-site. Spiritual direction is an invitation to tell the story of God in your life and the story of your life in God.



brisbanecatholic.org.au/life/spiritual-direction

Minister Training

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



Tax Help

Tax Help is now available in this area. It is a *free service* for individuals (not businesses) earning \$60,000 or less lodge their tax return online. Call to make an appointment at one of the two local centres:
Jordan Electorate Office: 07 3447 9300
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