



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	3 rd September	
30 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
31 st	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm		Sunday 4th September
1 st	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
2 nd	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass
3 rd	Sept	Sat	10.00am	Mass – Divine Mercy		

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year C** **28th August 2022**



Social Status

The field of sociology talks about two kinds of social status: the ascribed status and achieved status; the former is privileged by birth, wealth, position and citizenship; and the latter is achieved by talents or knowledge. Because social status is relative to others, it changes each time a person comes to a new social setting. For example, a teacher holds higher status than students, but equal to her fellow teachers and lower than the head of her department. This social status is needed for social interactions because it dictates how one should behave in public. Failing to observe these public expectations would bring not just shame, but damage one's reputation. Jesus had no trouble accepting social status when He stated that *'A more distinguished person may have been invited'*, but rejected the exclusion and bias in its implementation. True honour is not seizing but rather rewarding.

One of the leaders of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have a party at his house. At the party, Jesus showed less interest in food, but more in people and their behaviour. He observed that many guests loved to be seated at places of honour, which were prominent seats for everyone to see, and which enjoyed privileged service and better food. Coming to a social party became a show of power and superiority, which Jesus would not ignore. It is not power and superiority, but rather humility and obedience that are the way of the kingdom. For Jesus, self-appointed for places of honour in public would cause shame to oneself and trouble to the host. Shame happens when the seat you have chosen, has been allocated to someone else who ranks before you. The host of the party is in trouble because he has no choice but must shame you.

The second problem was inclusiveness. Jesus noticed that all the invited guests were from the inner circle of the elite or rich neighbours. This practice implies that when I invite you, you will return the favour in the future. Jesus corrected this favour-mentality. Instead of inviting prominent guests, the host should include others as well. He told the host, *'When you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they can't repay back means you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again'*. v. 14.

The teaching alludes to the eschatological banquet in God's kingdom. A social party is inclusive and for social purposes. The heavenly banquet is God's gift for everyone. The entry ticket to the heavenly banquet is not about social status, but humility at heart. Those who are humbly before God and love others entered the heavenly banquet. The Lord of hosts expects no favourable return from anyone. Everything we have comes from God and we have nothing worthwhile to repay God's favour. Humility and obedience are all we have to give thanks to God.

Because social status doesn't exist in the heavenly banquet; there will be no shame and no unhealthy competition for places of honour. Every seat in God's kingdom is a place of honour because God's love is superior to all human glory. Inviting the poor and the marginalized to a party implies that they too are God's children. Hospitality should be open to all. As we receive hospitality from God, we should learn to share it with others.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

Be the face of Christ for others

We are called to be the face, hands, and heart of Christ in our communities. Every day, God showers us with blessings so we will have gifts to share. Your support serves those in our community who need our care today.



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Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Multicultural Mass a huge success. A big thank you to the entire Pastoral Council for bringing the Multicultural Mass together on such short notice, to Joe Masalu and Venasio Mau'u, to our Mass coordinators, especially Peter & Julie Aiavao and Angela Vaoiva, to all the musicians, choristers, dancers, readers, prayers, flag bearers, cooks, cleaners, altar servers, acolytes, carriage-bearers, chair-stackers, conch-blowers and all other volunteers, thank you very, very much!



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

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.
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 – 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th Sept 2022

1 st Reading	Wis 9:13-18
2 nd Reading	Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Gospel	Lk 14:25-33



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.

Reborn in Eternal Life

28th Aug – 4th September

Stefan Janczuk, Gus De Glas, Valdas Grigutis, Janina Mvkolaitiene, John (Jack) Neden, Jim O'Hagan, Mary Preddey, Finbar Cogan, Francesco Piotto, William Milner, Taua'e Puia'i Vaimoana Esera, Lanh Thi Nguyen, Joan Wilma Wilson.

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 – 4th SEPTEMBER 2022

Flowers Samoan Community **Cleaning** Jim Walsh **Yard** n/a

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
Camira Community Hall: 07 3818 2915

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Kids who care

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.