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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

| OUR PARISH MASSES |      |       |        |                         |  |                |
|-------------------|------|-------|--------|-------------------------|--|----------------|
| Weekday           |      |       |        | Saturday                | 10 <sup>th</sup> September                     |                |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>   | Aug  | Tues  | 9.00am | Mass                    | 4.30pm   | Reconciliation |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Aug  | Wed   | 9.00am | Mass                    | 5.00pm   | Vigil Mass     |
|                   |      |       |        | 6.30pm                  | <b>Sunday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> September</b> |                |
| 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Sept | Thurs | 9.00am | Mass – Nativity of Mary | 7.00am   | Mass           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Sept | Fri   | 9.00am | Mass                    | 9.00am   | Mass           |

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

**4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Mortal and Devine**

Both the Old and the New Testament call us to love our parents. The fourth Commandment of the Decalogue requires children

to honour their parents (Ex 20:12). St. Paul told us that children must respect, obey and love their parents, because their authority comes from God (Col 3:20). Parents take care of us when we are young; as they advance in age, they are no longer able to help themselves as they once could; children must try their best to give their parents some sort of support needed (1 Tim 5:4,8). The teaching to love and take care of parents is not in contradiction to what Jesus requires: devotion from His followers, when he said, *'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children...and his own life, he cannot be my disciple,'* v 26.

God is love and in God, there is no hatred. The word *'hate'* applies not to God, but only to us. We need words that express our feelings. A phrase like, *'I love this cheese, but hate its smell'* simply is an expression. It attaches to no application.

The teaching to love God above one's parents is open to various interpretations. Some say, Jesus calls for undivided loyalty to Himself above family loyalties; others say, Jesus tells us to choose what is most important to us; others again say, Jesus calls us to be wise in weighing between the call of Jesus and family care. I think the heart of Jesus' teaching is not about choosing, but rather about the warning of the misunderstanding between the two kinds of love: love of God and love of creatures. Which one is superior to the other? Some people love God less than they love their relatives because they make no distinction between mortals and the divine. God's love is perfect; while all human love is imperfect. Placing the mortal's love equal to the Divine's love is an act of disgrace. Believing

the filial love which is superior to the Divine one is idolatry. The reality is that without God we don't even exist, not saying that we have a family or life. God's love is perfect and every good thing is born out of God's love for the world. The imperfect thing can't be superior to the Perfect.

Not all things in this world are equal in value; some have more value, while others have less. To make this point clearer, Jesus gave two examples to warn His followers that they must be wise and prudent in their decision-making. To avoid ridicule by the public, a wise builder would carefully work out the cost of a project before commencing the work. The second example was a king who worked out different strategies whether it was better to go to war or to negotiate for peace. Both examples require careful consideration for decision-making. The decision to commit to follow Jesus is a serious one. It is a lifetime commitment now and thereafter. Because of its utmost importance, one must take it seriously, and carefully examine all aspects of one's life to respond to the call. It is a matter of choosing the meaning of life now, and afterwards everlasting life. This decision is the most important of human life, because every other decision must flow out from it. Following Jesus means to let go of the present life for the new life in Christ to grow. Letting go of what we love is not easy. We struggle hard and endure much pain to let go of what gives comfort to life. Following Jesus is a demanding way of life, but what God commands is doable because God would never ask us to do something which is beyond our ability. All we have to do is place ourselves before God, to be an instrument in God's hands. With attachment to the world, we follow the way of the world. The way of the world is man-made. With attachment to God, we follow the way of God. And only in God do we enjoy true freedom.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**Safeguarding Sunday**



The Parish of St Francis Xavier Goodna and the Archdiocese of Brisbane are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work together to ensure all people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

**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**

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.  
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.

**Reborn in Eternal Life**

**5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>  
September**

Ernest Woodburn, Lynne Condon, Leila Patterson, Margaretta Stewart, Patricia O'Neill, Lloyd Charles.

**Reading – 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading | Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | 1 Tim 1:12-17     |
| Gospel                  | Lk 15:1-32        |



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 18<sup>th</sup> 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** Kevin James Halls, Figilia DiDio (Fiona).



**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 – 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

|                               |                   |                               |                     |                 |                  |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <b>Flowers</b>                | Noela Leituala    | <b>Cleaning</b>               | Tina & Princeton    | <b>Yard</b>     | Samoan Community |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Reading</b> | 5pm Huong Nguyen  | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Reading</b> | 5pm Julie Aiavao    | <b>Ciborium</b> | 5pm Peter Aiavao |
|                               | 7am Michael Miles |                               | 7am Paul Hodgkinson |                 | 7am Cameron Auld |
|                               | 9am Fruean Family |                               | 9am Fruean Family   |                 | 9am Joe Masalu   |

Ministers should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass, or their role will be reassigned on the day.

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**



**SEASON OF CREATION**

**Season of Creation (Sept 1 – Oct 4)**

The Season of Creation runs from the World Day of Prayer for Care of Creation - September 1 - to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi - October 4. It is a time set aside each year to focus on God's gift of creation and our responsibility to care for it, our common home. The sweet song of creation invites us to practise an "ecological spirituality" (*Laudato Si'*, 216), attentive to God's presence in the natural world. It is a summons to base our spirituality on the "loving awareness that we are not disconnected from the rest of creatures, but joined in a splendid universal communion" (ibid., 220).

The theme for the Season of Creation in 2022 is *Listen to the Voice of Creation*.

**Minister Training**

Could those who have completed their reader & Eucharist training please forward their certificate to the office.

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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@stoline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stoline.com.au).