



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> September	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St John Chrysostom	4.30pm	Reconciliation
14 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Exaltation of Holy	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.30pm	Cross	<b>Sunday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Rosary	7.00am	Mass
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Our Lady of Sorrows	9.00am	Mass
				Mass– Sts Cornelius & Cyprian		

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year C**

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



**Lost and Found**

All three parables share a common theme: the anxiety of losing something, the delight of finding it, and finally, the joy of celebration. The first two parables involve the human power of finding lost property- a

lost sheep and a lost coin, but the last one needs to be treated separately because it doesn't involve the loss of property, but a person. The celebrations of finding the lost property are worth much more than the value of the property itself. However, the focus point is not the cost, but rather the joy of things that have been found. Both the lost sheep and the lost coin owners took the initiative, quietly searching when their things were lost. After they were found, both the owners shared their joy with friends and neighbours. Losing property concerned one person, but finding it was a community celebration. The community plays a vital role in sharing the joy of the festival. Jesus ends both the parables by mentioning the great joyful celebration in heaven when a sinner repents.

Lost-and-found property is simply a human affair, but lost-and-found people is a matter of concern both in heaven and on earth. All three parables tell us that every individual is a matter of concern for God, and that is the purpose of the parables. For Jesus, when a sinner repents, joy is not something happening here on earth, but the whole heavenly kingdom is in celebration. Jesus tells us our life here on earth, whether we acknowledge it or not, is connected to everlasting life. The first two parables mentioned neither sin nor repentance because they are objects of property, but when it comes to humans, sin and repentance are apparent. When a person sins, a whole person is lost, because sin damages the image and likeness of God in that person, and the flow of God's grace into that person is blocked. A life without God's grace is considered not a physical dead, but spiritually dead.

Jesus told these parables in responding to the judgement of the Pharisees and Scribes who excused Him of dining with the so-called *'sinners and tax collectors'*. The so-called *'sinners and tax collectors'* loved to be near Jesus. They invited Him to dine at their house, while the Pharisees and Scribes came to Jesus to trap Him. They made the claim that they were righteous. Their claim implied that they didn't need Jesus. They didn't state that Jesus was a sinner, but the aphorism implied: *'tell me your friends and I tell who you are.'* The Pharisees and Scribes probably believed that Jesus needs them more than they needed Jesus. Jesus told these parables to remind them that their claim of righteousness is a deception of sin, the sin of arrogance that blinds them from seeing the truth, that Jesus is God-Incarnate. They certainly need repentance and redemption from Jesus. Jesus told them the parable of the father has two sons: the younger one asked for his inheritance

and ran away to enjoy his wealth; the elder son stayed home with the father. When his wealth dried up, the younger son, in his desperation, returned and begged the father for forgiveness. The so-called *'sinners and tax collectors'* acted as the younger son; the Pharisees and Scribes acted similarly to the elder son in the parable. He stayed home, was arrogant, and claimed that he had never disobeyed, but worked for his father. His words showed that his heart was not with the father. He judged him harshly and rejected his love. He refused to welcome his brother or join in celebrations when his brother returned home. He declined to reconcile with his brother.

The father told the elder son that arrogance, resentment and hatred in one's heart leads to death. Forgiveness and repentance lead to life, and peace, because it opens to receiving God's mercy. The father told the elder son that he needed to celebrate not death, but life and everlasting life.

**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**

I will rise and go to my father.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;  
 and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.  
 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, Vicenta Basubas.

**Reading – 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 18<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Amos 8:4-7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Tim 2:1-8
Gospel	Lk 16:1-13



**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.

**Reborn in Eternal Life 12<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> September**

Lelio Benedict, Betty Douglas, Helen Doyle, Mary Keppel, Josephine Liddy, Jennifer Hasted, Noel Gorman & Aat de Roos, Michael McMahan, John O'Connor, Bernard Carr, Maria Purcell.

**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 –18th SEPTEMBER 2022**

Flowers	Divine Mercy	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	5pm Darsha Ross	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald	Ciborium	5pm Christine Freeman
	7am Amelia Teomatavui		7am Robert Bryant		7am Pefu Teomatavui
	9am Divine Mercy		9am Divine Mercy		9am Divine Mercy

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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 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 [AQB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AQB@stopline.com.au).



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