



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> October
27 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St Vincent de Paul	4.30pm	Reconciliation
28 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm		
29 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>
30 <sup>th</sup>	Sept	Fri	9.00am	Mass– St Jerome	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year C** **25<sup>th</sup> September 2022**



**Fortunate life**

Richness is the sign of God's blessing for those who include others in the well of

their wealth. Poverty is not the absence of happiness, because reality shows that happiness doesn't depend on wealth, but rather on the contentment of a heart. Wealth contributes to the comfort of life but also causes much angst for those who heavily invest their wealth in shares caused by the fluctuation of the Stock Exchange.

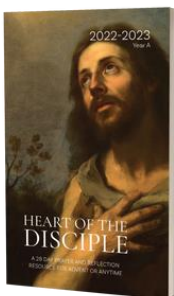
The parable of the rich man and the poor reminds us how to use wealth wisely, because the way in which we use wealth will decide the outcome of our eternal life. The rich man in the parable has no name, but the poor is named Lazarus. Both men died, and each head in the opposite direction. The poor Lazarus is blessed with everlasting happiness, while the rich is condemned to endless pain in hell. It is a bit too late for the rich man to realize how wrong he was in using his wealth. In his torment, he made two requests, and both the requests were denied by Abraham, our Father of faith. His first request was to ask poor Lazarus to quench his thirst by giving him some water. Abraham replied that Lazarus was not allowed to cross the gulf that separated them. The rich man then sought permission to return home to warn his five brothers to change their way of life. Abraham replied that it was not his job, but of Moses and the prophets. The rich man probably has experienced powerlessness for the very first time, unable to do what he would like to do.

Reality showed that Abraham was right in saying 'If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they

will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead' Lk 16,31. We believe Jesus rose from death and had appeared to both the apostles and Mary and many more, and yet people refused to believe in Jesus. Jesus' mother, Mary, appeared at different times, and at different locations, such as Fatima and Lourdes, calling people to repent, and many ignored her call. Apart from Jesus and Mary, countless holy men and women perform miracles that are beyond scientific explanation, and yet many continue to see the Christian Scripture as a historical book on the life of Christ. The parable condones that there is eternal life after this earthly life, and that our actions related to human life has a long term effect both in this life and the life to come. Eternal agony or comfort depends very much on how we treat others with love in this life. This is the prophecy of Mary in her Magnificat when she says: 'The hungry He has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away' Lk 1:53.

The rich man was beautiful in his appearance, wearing fine linen and feasting magnificently, but his inner life was neglected. He has no love, no sympathy, no compassion for the destitute in front of his castle. No one can deny the reality of life and death, of joy and suffering, of life and eternal life, they are all the realities of life. We take chances in life but not in death; once we cross the eternal horizon there is no more change, our fate is fixed and decided based on how we shared our lives with others. The parable calls us to believe in God and love what God loves. Because Jesus identified himself to the poor, and when we show our love to the unloved we do it for Christ himself (Mt 25:35-40) God loves the poor and so we His followers. Eternal life or death is not a payment for what one goes through on earth. The rich man was punished not because he was rich, but rather, because he refused to heed the teaching of Moses and the prophets. The five brothers that are left behind maybe you and me.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**



**Heart of the Disciple**

"Heart of the Disciple" is a new 28-day reflection resource that can be used by individuals or groups, during Advent or at any time during the 2022-2023 liturgical year. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward. In the way that John the Baptist announced the coming of something new, giving people hope and offering them healing, we are to live lives that inspire others to reach out to God. To do this, we must learn

what it means to have the 'heart of a disciple' – increasingly open to hearing and responding to God. When we learn to put the time aside each day to allow God to teach us who he is and how he communicates with us. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture, and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer. **Cost is \$5, contact the office to pre-order**



**Rite of Catholic  
Initiation of  
Adults**

For everyone wishing to learn more about our faith and be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church, we are planning to start the RCIA in early November

The program is a modified catechumenate leading to the celebration of Baptism, Confirmation & First Holy Communion at Easter.

**Please contact the office.**

**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**

Praise the Lord, my soul!

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Jesus Christ was rich but He became poor,  
 to make you rich out of His poverty.  
 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.

**Reborn in Eternal Life 26<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October**

Beryl O'Donohue, Robert Victor Freeman, Francesco Piotto, Emelie Kolle, Patricia Kay Kroschnefski, Pilipovic Kljagio, Francis McCormack.

**Reading – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct 2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel	Lk 17:5-9



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 16<sup>th</sup> October 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.

**Recently Deceased** Kevin James Halls, Figilia DiDio (Fiona), James Andrew Coogan, Sr. Carmel Therese Hodgkinson PBVM.



**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 - THIS WEEK – 25<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022**

Flowers	Cleaning	Yard	n/a
Tien & Nhu	Tien & Nhu		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> 5pm Bruce Larter	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 5pm Owen Ross	<b>Ciborium</b> 5pm Julie Aiavao	
<b>Reading</b> 7am Joan Sitcheff	<b>Reading</b> 7am Anna Timu	7am Cameron Auld	
9am Caroline Fonoti	9am Junior So'oalo	9am Joe Masalu	

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

**ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

Flowers	Cleaning	Yard	n/a
Samoan Community	Jim Walsh		
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> 5pm Julie Aiavao	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 5pm Peter Aiavao	<b>Ciborium</b> 5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald	
<b>Reading</b> 7am Veronica Tierney	<b>Reading</b> 7am Emma Tierney	7am Jane Brischetto	
9am Samoan Community	9am Samoan Community	9am Samoan Community	

**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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