



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	3 rd December
29 th	Nov	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
30 th	Nov	Wed	9.00am	Mass– St Andrew	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday 4th December	
1 st	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
2 nd	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass

1st Sunday of Advent

Year A

27th November 2022



Sure and Unsure

We have all experienced delays when we've picked up a relative or friend at an airport. We confirm the flight number and its arrival time before

heading to the airport, but when we get there, there is a delay. The reason for the delay can be varied.

Our spiritual journey has delays too. We are certain that God is always ready. We sometimes are ready, other times not. The delay is a part of human nature. We love to delay things. We know what needs to be done and yet if it can wait for tomorrow we would not hesitate to wait for tomorrow. There are things we can delay and there are things we'd better do immediately because the consequences are beyond correction. Spiritual delay is associated with eternal death. We are living in a sure and unsure time. We are sure of many things. Jesus tells us the reckoning day is sure, but the time when it will happen is unsure. It remains a mystery. Because we know that the day of the reckoning is sure to come, it is wise to prepare for it, without delay. Jesus tells us to be ready whenever it comes, and that is all we need to do: *'Be ready'*. We are sure of this: if we don't follow God's way, we certainly will follow a human's way. The right attitude to follow Jesus is sincerity in thought and action. We all want to know the time of His coming. Jesus tells us, there is no need to know it. Knowing the time of His coming is not our job but His. Even if we do know the time of His coming, we are powerless to change this universal event. It may come as fast as lightning in the sky; if that were the case we have no time to make the change toward God.

We are more concerned with personal, individual daily affairs and trivial things in life. The certainty of death is undeniable and yet many don't take it seriously; others trust in their ability to make the change. This belief is unreal because if we don't have a strong will to make the change now, how can we make the change when our will was weakened by vices and

sin? Others again deny eternal life. This pessimistic view aims to enjoy life here now on earth as much as one can before vanishing. This is an unwise and awful gamble in life; because one would exchange finite years on earth for infinite years in God's kingdom. Our mind can be certain about material things but can't be certain about a spiritual thing. When a mind is absolute about a spiritual thing; it means you are deceived by your own knowledge. It deceives you so greatly that it blinds you to the realization that you are being deceived. We all need food and drink, and good times, but they are not the most important things in life. The most important thing in life is staying awake to welcome Jesus whenever He comes. Staying awake in this sense means being aware of our present responsibility towards the Lord and others. Staying awake also means looking forward to the future with hope. The story of Noah reminds us that our actions do have consequences here right now on earth, and then afterwards the deadly consequence at the afterlife. At the time of Noah, he was a minority who followed God's way. He quietly prepared his family to be ready for the flood. The majority were careless about the future. They were caught unprepared. Jesus told his disciples about the future everlasting life, and that strengthens our hope in Him. We live in hope, and are sure that our hope in the Lord is secured; when we follow not humanity's way, but God's way of love and reconciliation and forgiveness.

What it means is *'One is taken away, one left'*. Its implication is unclear. People try their best to make sense of it, and they come up with contradicting views. What we do know is that there will be separation. It could mean either an eternal separation or just a temporary one. What is certain is that the fate of the one who is taken away is unknown, but the one left behind will be frightened by the force of the natural world. All we have to do is simply love, trust, and hope in the Lord.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

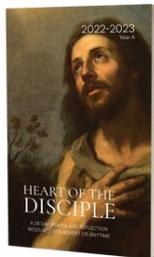
WEEKLY INFORMATION

15 th	Dec	Thurs	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
20 th	Dec	Tues	6.30pm	Christmas Carols – Followed by a sausage sizzle.
24 th	Dec	Sat	5.00pm	Christmas Carols - Followed by Mass.
25 th	Dec	Sun	9.00am	Mass
			5.00pm	Mass
26 th	Dec	Mon	7.00am	Mass
			9.00am	Mass
27 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass
1 st	Jan	Sun	9.00am	Mass. Followed by Cuppa

St Vincent de Paul Goodna Conference Fundraiser Theatre Night

Support the work of our local St Vinnies by coming along to their fundraiser theatre night. The play is called "Breaker Morant" which is based on the true story of a group of Aussies who were accused of war crimes during the Boer War.
When: 8pm, Thursday 1st December 2022.
Where: Incinerator Theatre, 15 Burley Griffin Drive, Ipswich. **Cost:** \$25 (includes supper).
Phone Bev for tickets on 07 3288 4929.

WEEKLY INFORMATION



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. 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. 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.

Available from the office or after Mass, cost is \$5.

Responsorial Psalm

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
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, Martin Folkes.

Reborn in Eternal Life 28th November – 4th December

Francis Locke, David William Laird, Ian Grayson, Leona Merle McNamara, Amalia Landaverde, Elsie Alindogan, Elizabeth McGettigan, Mary Gallagher, Glenis Nugent, Edward Doyle, Audrey McCoy, Josephine Hurray, Ann Everett, Don Stubbs, John McElroy Jnr, Ethel Whiteman.

Reading – 2nd Sunday of Advent– 27th Nov 2022

1 st Reading	Is 11:1-10
2 nd Reading	Rom 15:4-9
Gospel	Mt 3:1-12

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna
The next Baptism will be 19th February 2023

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 Fr. Jim Elmore CP, James John Byrne, Kathleen Ellen McGrath.

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.

WEEK 4 ROSTER - THIS WEEK – 27th NOVEMBER 2022

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Bruce Larter	2 nd	5pm Owen Ross	Ciborium	5pm Julie Aiavao
Reading	7am Joan Sitcheff	Reading	7am Anna Timu		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Uiki Vaoiva		9am Filo Lauulu		9am Angela Vaoiva

ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 4th DECEMBER 2022

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

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

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St Vinnies Christmas Appeal - Helping People Cope

with the Cost of Living Crisis The St Vinnies Christmas Appeal will be held on the **10th and 11th of December**. Proceeds provide essential support to Australians living in poverty. Donations can be made outside this time by using the St Vinnies envelopes or the food donation bin.

Thank you!

A big thank you to Cor and John who fixed the stairs to the parish hall.

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Kids who care

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