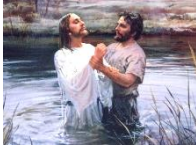




**ST
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OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	10 th December
6 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
7 th	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass– St Ambrose	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm		
8 th	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	11th December
9 th	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

2 nd Sunday of Advent	Year A	4 th December 2022
 <p>Humility Humility is a special gift that helps us to discover our own talents. We ask for the grace to appreciate the gifts given, and also to accept our own imperfections and limitations. God gives each of us gifts and talents and we are called to invest our gifts for the living and for the better of the world. By caring and having compassion for others, we somehow make our gifts grow to their potential, and also make our Christian vocation relevant to the lives of others. Christian living requires us to accept differences, and learn from others, and thus helps to improve the quality of life. Humility helps us to recognize everything we have that comes from God, and we need to always give thanks to God. It is the essence of John's message. He himself chose to live the virtue of humility to the extreme, and that simplicity of life is enjoyable.</p> <p>John disciplined himself in the wilderness. God's Spirit was with him. John recognized that where God's love is absent, cruelty and brutality reign. In the wilderness, life is stripped bare to simply just food and drink. The rule of survival dominates. There is no mercy between the strong and the weak. When life is simply about food and drink; life becomes a battleground.</p> <p>By nature, wilderness is a hostile place both in terms of extreme fluctuations in climate between day and night, and also the harsh living conditions. By witnessing wild animals who prey on each other for food, John witnessed the vanity of life. For John, without God's love, we live in vain, because life would disappear overnight without any trace. John detached himself from all that a human being desires to have. John chose to live in the wilderness because there is an absence of praise and criticism. In the wilderness, human power, prestige, and wealth are meaningless.</p>	<p>In his public ministry, John was humble both in words and deeds. For John, humility was not a sign of weakness. He recognized that Jesus is his Lord and God, and he is very proud of Jesus. We are all proud of being God's children. We are proud of doing something good and loveable. Pride becomes bad when we believe that our voice is better than God's. Proud becomes evil when we want to lord over others. John was very proud of Jesus. He spoke highly of him with utmost respect and reverence. John said <i>'The one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am unfit to carry his sandals'</i>. Mat 3:11. When Jesus asked John to baptise him, John replied, <i>'It is I who need baptism from you'</i> Mat 3:14.</p> <p>For those who refuse to practise humility, John was very strong in his language, calling them <i>'Brood of vipers'</i>. He warned them that, unless they repent, they would certainly be burnt in eternity. He warns those who bear <i>'rotten fruit'</i> will surely not escape punishment, <i>'Any tree which fails to produce good fruits will be cut down and thrown on the fire'</i>. And again, he will <i>'gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out'</i> Mat 3:12.</p> <p>Calling them the <i>'Brood of vipers'</i>, John reminded them of the story of The Fall when the evil spirit was disguised, in the shape of a serpent, who tempted Adam and Eve to bear not the good fruit as God has created them. Listening to the serpent they arrogantly disobeyed God, and that opened the gate for sin and death to enter the world. The <i>'Brood of vipers'</i> in this context was associated with an arrogant attitude and damnation.</p> <p>Humility is the ability and the willingness to learn from God and from others. Repentance leads to reconciliation, and that is what we daily need to pray for.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Fr Vudinh Tuong Parish Priest</p>

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	7.00am	Mass	
			9.00am	Mass	
26 th	Dec	Mon	9.00am	Mass	
27 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass	
1 st	Jan	Sun	7.00am	Mass	
			9.00am	Mass	
2 nd	Jan	Mon	9.00am	Mass Followed by cuppa	



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.

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

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
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 5th– 11th December

Maria Hoang Thi Hanh, Evelyn Blundell, Bill Lewis, Ula Burke, Patrick Molloy, Vincent Hoang Van Duc, Annakuthy Jacob, Melchior Gruell, Paul Nguyen Duc Trung, Margaret Watson, Allan Booth.

Reading – 3rd Sunday of Advent– 11th Dec 2022

1 st Reading	Is 35:1-6, 10
2 nd Reading	James 5:7-10
Gospel	Mt 11:2-11



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 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 1 ROSTER – THIS 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

WEEK 2 ROSTER - NEXT WEEK –11th DECEMBER 2022

Flowers	Noela Leituala		Cleaning	Tina & Princeton		Yard	n/a	
1 st	5pm	Huong Nguyen	2 nd	5pm	Julie Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm	Peter Aiavao
Reading	7am	Paul Hodgkinson	Reading	7am	Cameron Auld		7am	Michael Miles
	9am	Karoline Fonoti		9am	Prezley Vaoviva		9am	Elaine Walters

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

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Free advent resources for kids Amid the decorations and end of year activities, the season of Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for the most precious gift of all - Jesus. This gift is for our children also, so the Evangelisation Brisbane Children & Families Team have developed some free resources for you to share with the families in your parish or community.. All these free resources are available from <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

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