



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> December	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
14 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass – St John of the Cross	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Thurs	6.30pm	Rosary	<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>		
			9.00am	Mass			
16 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Fri	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation	9.00am	Mass	
			9.00am	Mass			

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## Year A

11<sup>th</sup> December 2022



### Spiritual Imprisonment

There are three stages of John's life. They are: the wilderness experience, the public ministry, and finally his time in prison. His personal experience in the wilderness reveals that when God is not the first priority in our lives, but the world's glory, we compete for power and glory in a similar manner as wild animals prey for food.

His second phase has two major parts: the public ministry and his time in prison which is the focus of our reflection this week. In his public ministry, John had first-hand knowledge of Jesus. He met Jesus, spoke to Him, and even baptised Him. After the Baptism, Jesus came out of the water, John witnessed God's Spirit in the shape of a dove who came upon Jesus, and heard the voice like the thunder from on high saying: *This is my beloved, listen to him, my favour rests on him* Mat 3:16. This confirms that Jesus is the Chosen One, The Messiah. John showed great respect for Jesus, and believed Him as his Lord and God. The coming of the Messiah is also time of completion for John's vocation; because his vocation is preparing the way for the Lord. In preparation for the completion of his vocation, John sent his own disciples to Jesus, and some of them later became Jesus' apostles. John was popular among the people, and his reputation spread far and wide. Even king Herod Antipas recognised his righteousness, and loved to listen to his preaching. However, Herod Antipas loved his will more than God's. He imprisoned John; because John condemned him for his double immoral acts of evil. Antipas was divorcing his wife and marrying Herodia, his sister-in-law. Imprisonment of John was not enough for her, and she was waiting for an opportunity to eliminate John. John was imprisoned for doing something good, for keeping the law. While in prison, John received news from different sources about Jesus: word of mouth, rumours, and news from his own disciples. They all talked about the work of the same man, Jesus, but their

messages were in disunity and that confused him. In prison, John wanted to verify what he had heard, but it was not easy. His query has nothing to do with the crisis of faith but simply for clarification. John's prison experience tells us that when we have a mixed bag of information about Jesus, it confuses our minds and that is the present problem of our world. We have too many Christian denominations. They all make a claim that they are the authentic disciples of Jesus, and that is the crisis of faith for many.

John sent his disciples to ask Jesus, *'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else? Mt 11:2.* Jesus told John's messengers that *'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor, and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'*

Last week John mentioned the *'Brood of vipers'* which is associated with producing bad fruit. Jesus' reply affirmed what prophet Isaiah had written about Him. He preferred to *'A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse' Is 11:1* which he himself produces good fruit, namely the blind can see, the lame can walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear. The second part of His reply indicates that He is God, *'The dead are raised to life.'* Who can do that, but God alone. Receiving the message, John was happy, assuring him that Jesus is the Messiah. We are sure of that because Jesus himself comments that John is not an ordinary prophet but a special one; because the scripture says: *'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you'. Mat 11:10.*

Fulfilling the role of the messenger, John died a violent death in prison, being beheaded.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
Parish Priest

## WEEKLY INFORMATION

20 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Tues	6.30pm	<b>Christmas Carols –</b> Followed by sausage sizzle.
24 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Sat	5.00pm	<b>Christmas Carols -</b> Followed by Mass.
25 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Sun	7.00am	<b>Mass</b>
			9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
26 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Mon	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
27 <sup>th</sup>	Dec	Tues	9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
31 <sup>st</sup>	Dec	Sat	5.00pm	<b>Mass</b>
1 <sup>st</sup>	Jan	Sun	7.00am	<b>Mass</b>
			9.00am	<b>Mass</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jan	Mon	9.00am	<b>Mass</b> Followed by cuppa



### Catholic Theology in Context

The Archdiocesan Centre for Catholic Formation's four core modules entitled *"Catholic Foundations"* are designed to draw Catholics into the fullness of the Catholic life and provide formation for those considering ministry roles. The experience will engage both the head and the heart, so participants grow in knowledge and the lived experience of Catholic faith. The modules cover theology, scripture, sacraments and mission. The first module, Catholic Theology in Context, will commence on Monday night 20 February 2023 at Xavier Hall, Holy Spirit Seminary. For more info see: [www.catholicformation.au](http://www.catholicformation.au)

**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**

Lord, come and save us.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
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 12<sup>th</sup>– 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Robin O'Sullivan, Dulcie Neden, Doreen Toothill, Irene Annie Fenelon, Edna May Stewart, Cecilia and Daniel Gorman, Father Ron Illidge, Eesees Moafanua, Norman Beardmore, Teodorico Caracal, Gordon Joseph O'Donohue.

**Reading – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent– 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2022**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Is 7:10-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Rom 1:1-7
Gospel	Mt 1:18-24



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 19<sup>th</sup> 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 2 ROSTER - THIS WEEK –11<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

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

**WEEK 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK - 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022**

Flowers	Cleaning	Yard
Divine Mercy	Divine Mercy	Divine Mercy
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> 5pm Darsha Ross	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> 5pm Peter Aiavao	<b>Ciborium</b> 5pm Christine Freeman
<b>Reading</b> 7am Robert Bryant	<b>Reading</b> 7am Amelia Teomatavui	7am Pefu Teomatavui
9am Alefosio Family	9am Vaoiva Family	9am Uiki Vaoiva

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 your family or community. All these free resources are available from

<https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/>

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