



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	24 th December	
20 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
			6.30pm	Christmas Carols & Sausage Sizzle	5.00pm	Christmas Carols & Vigil Mass
21 st	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass		
			6.30pm	Rosary		
22 nd	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		
23 rd	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Mass		
					Sunday	25 th December
					7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

4th Sunday of Advent

Year A

18th December 2022



Free Choice

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations' Jer 1:5.

'I have branded you on the palms of my hands' Is 49:16.

Both the prophets, Jeremiah and Isaiah, revealed the mystery of each individual which is how and where we first come from. The prophets also tell us that we are born into this world for a purpose, and that purpose is to be a prophet to the nations. As a prophet, God expects each of us to be faithful to our vocation, and to do God's will to the best of our ability. The problem is that only a few people know exactly what their vocations are, such as John the Baptist, and Mary and Joseph, because these people are chosen for a specific task. Their lives are directly involved in carrying out God's plan of salvation. The rest of us struggle hard to find out about our vocation. Apart from the general universal call to pray for God's kingdom to come, and to give glory to God in our daily lives; we, as a prophet of God, depend on God to find out about our vocation in our daily lives. God has the full right to impose His will upon us; but chooses to respect our free will. To make God's will known to Mary and Joseph, God has prepared their lives, unknown to them, long before they were born. How can you prepare for something before it comes into existence? The prophet told us, God alone can do things beyond our comprehension, *'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you' Jer 1:5.*

God sends His messenger to Mary and Joseph for consultation. And they have the freedom to choose. The account of the birth of Jesus records clearly the process of consultation. The angel comes to Mary and Joseph to announce God's will upon them. Even though; Mary, Joseph and John the Baptist had already been chosen, and well prepared for a special role in the history of salvation, and yet God consults them before God's plan is implemented. For them, the commitment to follow God's will is

clear, but what that involves is slowly being revealed. Mary would not have known that she would be a refugee after she agreed to be the mother of Jesus. Joseph would not have anticipated receiving much criticism and gossip from his family members and his friends. John the Baptist would not have imagined that he would be beheaded as a prophet of God. The lives of these people tell us that life is a journey and on that journey, we all struggle hard because we are having a journey into an unknown future. We place our trust in God for guidance step by step on the way. Before making a firm commitment, both Mary and Joseph asked God's messenger for clarification. They had been chosen for a specific task and yet it was hidden from their eyes. Before the calling, both Mary and Joseph were living like the rest of us, probing to do God's will. Their vocation became clearer after they had met God's messenger, but, even so, their vocation was not revealed in detail, but slowly unwrapped event after event.

Mary first said 'No' to being the mother of Jesus and then changed her mind to say 'Yes'. Joseph agreed to take Mary home to take care of her and then changed his mind to say, 'No'. Mary said 'No' because she could not understand the message and probably she felt unworthy of it. She changed her mind when God's messenger explained to her. Her 'Yes' demonstrated her total trust in God. Joseph believed Mary could be in grave danger and tried to save her. The law of the time allowed stoning to death any woman who conceived out of wedlock. Joseph tried to do something good out of his goodwill, and also by his own power, but God intervened, telling him that it is not him, but God who is in control. Joseph trusts that God, in his time and his own way, will take care of things and everything will work out as God has planned for him. We pray to have faith and trust in the Lord.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

26 th	Dec	Mon	9.00am	Mass
27 th	Dec	Tues	9.00am	Mass
28 th	Dec	Wed	9.00am	Mass
29 th	Dec	Thurs	9.00am	Mass
30 th	Dec	Fri	9.00am	Mass
31 st	Dec	Sat	5.00pm	Mass
1 st	Jan	Sun	7.00am	Mass
			9.00am	Mass
2 nd	Jan	Mon	9.00am	Mass Followed by cuppa



Mass for the Holy Innocents

The Knights of the Southern Cross (Qld) will celebrate a special Mass for the Holy Innocents on Wednesday 28th December, commencing with Rosary at 5.30pm followed by Mass at 6pm. You are invited to join them after Mass for tea, coffee & refreshments.

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

Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel:
God is with 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, Martin Folkes.

Reborn in Eternal Life 19th– 25th December

Felice Pastro, Antonis Sylvina Stevenson, John McGrath, Joseph Vu Van Ngon, Bonifacio Cajés, Leonardo Oblino, Constance Swales, Monica Pili Pelu, Margaret Holmes, Judy Harris, Ralph Tidey, Arlyn Tirant, Kath Daininth, Denis Cavanagh, Eileen McCauley, Elizabeth Mahulik, Elizabeth Allison.

Reading – The Nativity of the Lord– 25th Dec 2022

	5pm	7am & 9am
1 st Reading	Is 62:1-5	Is 52:7-10
2 nd Reading	Acts 13:16-17, 22-25	Heb 1:1-6
Gospel	Mt 1:1-25	Jn 1:1-18



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, Patricia Edith Richardson (nee Collins) OAM, Vicenta Basubas.



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 3 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK - 18th DECEMBER 2022

Flowers	Divine Mercy	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm Darsha Ross	2 nd	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald		5pm Christine Freeman
Reading	7am Robert Bryant	Reading	7am Amelia Teomatavui		7am Pefu Teomatavui
	9am Alefosio Family		9am Vaoiva Family		9am Uiki Vaoiva

WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK - 25th DECEMBER 2022

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Bruce Larter	2 nd	5pm Owen Ross		5pm Julie Aiavao
Reading	7am Joan Sitcheff	Reading	7am Anna Timu		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Uiki Vaoiva		9am Filo Lauu		9am Angela 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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1300 304 550 or AOB@stopline.com.au.