



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	21 st January	
17 th	Jan	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St Anthony	4.30pm	Reconciliation
18 th	Jan	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm	Sunday	22nd January
19 th	Jan	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
20 th	Jan	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

15th January 2023



Lamb of God

Sin separates a person from God's love. A life without God's love has no spiritual life in that person. In that sense, when a person sins, spiritual death is the result. Instead of dying for one's sin, the Jews believed that

blood of a sacrificial lamb died in the place of man. John the Baptist was familiar with this concept because his father, Zacharia, the High Priest, twice a day, offered God the sacrificial lamb in the Temple. Animal blood could only temporarily absorb, not atone for human sin. God sent Jesus, God's only Son, to do the saving mission. Jesus is our Saviour, the One John proclaimed, *'The Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'*. Jesus died in our place to reconcile to God, the Father, and those who embrace God's only Son, the Father would grant them salvation. We, humans, gain salvation not by a sacrificial animal, but through the blood of God's only Son. When John proclaims *'Jesus is the Lamb of God'*, he publicly denounced that he himself is not the Christ, but only a forerunner, preparing the way for the Lamb. Referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God, John probably recalled the story of the Jewish Passover Feast. On the night of their departure from Egypt, every Israelite family killed a lamb for the dinner on that night; its blood was smeared on the doorpost. The angel of death would pass that family and they escaped death. This became the symbol of liberation from slavery in Egypt. Referring to Jesus as the Lamb of God, John probably had in mind that Jesus does not just remove our sins but would free us from the slavery of sin and liberate us from the power of death. John told his audience that his baptism served as a sign of repentance. The baptism that Jesus gives has the power to make us children of God. Jesus will baptise us with the Spirit. John was very sure of this because he witnessed the Spirit

of God descend upon Jesus and remained on Him. In this way, John told us Jesus didn't act alone but the Spirit of God is working through Jesus, and that to anyone who opens their heart to receive Jesus, God's Spirit will instil in them God's love, and make them a child of God. The Spirit of God will strengthen, enlighten and cleanse that person, and make that person worthy before God. Proclaiming *'Jesus is the Lamb of God'*, John proclaimed the death of Jesus, The Unblemished Sacrificial Lamb, but that is not the end. John didn't live long enough to proclaim the resurrection of Jesus. Whenever we proclaim Jesus as our Saviour, it implies that we proclaim Jesus' death, burial, resurrection, Ascension, and reign at the right hand of God.

John didn't contradict himself when he said he didn't know Jesus. He was Jesus' cousin. He met and baptised Jesus. He witnessed the Spirit come down upon Jesus. He heard the voice from on high calling people to listen to Jesus. John told his disciples that Jesus is the lamb of God. As *'The lamb of God,'* John knew Jesus played a key role in salvation. Sin separates a person from God's love, and it only is removed by the blood of *'The Lamb of God.'* John seems to say that he only knew what God's Spirit revealed to him. What the Spirit didn't reveal, and John would not know, is that Jesus is the author of salvation. He is God himself. Sin is a universal problem and the salvation Jesus gains for us has universal application. It is given to those who make Jesus their Lord and God. Jesus is the unlimited source of hope for those who have faith in Him. Learning from John, we learn to love Jesus and learn more about His love for us.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



**Synod of Bishops -
Continental Stage
(Jan - Mar 2023)**

The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for



the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Download prayer resources, including for use in liturgies, read the document and access the submission portal at:

www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch



Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI

Joseph Ratzinger was born in Bavaria on 16 April 1927. He was ordained priest in 1951 and taught theology. He was ordained bishop for the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising in 1977 and was appointed cardinal the same year. He was elected pope in 2005. His powerful intellect shaped the direction of the Church and its priorities at the end of the 20th century and the beginning of the 21st. His theology was generally focused on affirming the objective truths of the faith against what he saw as the relativism of Western society. Please remember Benedict XVI in your prayers.

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

Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. He enabled those who accepted him to become the children 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, Martin Folkes.

Reborn in Eternal Life 16th – 22nd January

Billie McCarthy, Efigenio Alindogan, Baby John Eustace, Wendy Boughton, Ruth O'Donohue, Ruth Lorraine O'Donohue, Monica Pili Pelu, John Llynan, Manu Imeleta Lautasr Faalogifo Lulu, Ann Vinning (England).

Reading – 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, 22nd Jan 2023

1 st Reading	Is 8:23 - 9:3
2 nd Reading	1:10-13, 17
Gospel	Mt 4:12-23



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 – 15th JANUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm Darsha Ross	2 nd	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald	Ciborium	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 – 22nd JANUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	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 Vaoiva Family		9am Paulo Lauvao		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



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 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



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