



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	28 th January	
24 th	Jan	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St Francis de Sales	4.30pm	Reconciliation
25 th	Jan	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Conversion of St Paul	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday	29th January
26 th	Jan	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – Australia Day- followed	7.00am	Mass
27 th	Jan	Fri	9.00am	by a cuppa Mass	9.00am	Mass

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

22nd January 2023



For A Purpose

Jesus came into this world, not by an accident, but He is God's special gift, who, out of his love for mankind, sent His Only Son to the world to do the saving mission. Several hundred years earlier, before the birth of Jesus,

Isaiah had prophesied that Jesus, would be born in Bethlehem, and that the holy family would live in exile in Egypt, and then returned not to their hometown but to Nazareth. These significant events, one by one, slowly unfolded exactly as the prophet had prophesied. The prophecy affirmed that God would never leave humanity to die in their sin, the sin of disobedience. God, in a mysterious way and unknown to us, would one day exercise God's mighty power to defeat the forces of evil, and that was Jesus' saving mission on earth. Jesus' teaching, his birth, death, and resurrection would all reveal the boundless God's love for mankind. God's love is made visible through Jesus, who is the light for the world. The shepherds and Magi were the first two groups of people to meet God's Son. Their meetings enlightened their hearts. The birth of Jesus was good news for people of goodwill, and those who prefer to live in darkness would live in fear. His birth is the beginning of the battle between good and evil.

Hearing John The Baptist was arrested, Jesus went to Capernaum, the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali which were the two tribes of Israel; the land was named after the people. The land presently was occupied by the Gentile imperial power. Darkness in human hearts would not only darken the land; but darkened also the whole network of human relationships, including their faith in God. When people sin, both the land and its people were darkened. Jesus came to Capernaum to show God's love and mercy and brought them back to God. Jesus began his public ministry which was also God's public ministry because

'The Son can do nothing by himself.... but whatever the Father does the Son does too' Jn. 5,19.

In Capernaum, Jesus proclaimed the same theme that John did. John called the people to repent and believe that the kingdom of God is close at hand. This was to confirm what John proclaimed was not of his own, but God revealed it to him. Jesus also accepted John's disciples to be his apostle. This acceptance indicates Jesus would welcome anyone who came to him. John's preaching was limited, preserved for a chosen race. Jesus expanded it to everyone; and brought it to a highest level, the level of the spirit.

People praised him, saying his teaching was new and he taught with authority. Furthermore, His teaching was accompanied by actions; his healing ministry. Jesus himself rose from the dead and appeared multiple times to his apostles, and that implied Jesus had defeated the power of death forever.

The criteria for choosing his disciples were not based on social power, wealth, and personal talents, but rather a simplicity in life, a willingness to follow, and a humble of heart, which are vital conditions in becoming Jesus' disciples. He hand-picked the twelve and they accompanied him in his public ministry. He formed them, changed their profession, called them apostles, and taught them to forgive each other's weaknesses. The apostles had faith first and then slowly come to understanding.

Before returning to the Father, Jesus entrusted his public ministry into their hands, which today is known as the Church. The apostles remain faithful to Jesus' teaching and teach the next generations to do the same. They were faithful to Jesus' teaching; and believed that he was not with them in a physical form as he used to be., but in Spirit.

They relied heavily on the Spirit, the Paraclete, who would guide, govern, lead, and be their trusted companion in their journey.

We learn from the apostles to love God; and accept ours and each other's limitations.

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



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

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good news of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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 23rd – 29th January

Peter Paul McHugh, Joseph Tarbeeg, Raymon Reynolds, Rodney Miller, Thomas Olickal, O J Thomas, Mary Leoni Sorensen, David Chew, Cecil Hamilton, Syd Leoni.

Reading – 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29nd Jan 2023

1st Reading Zeph 2:3, 3:12-13

2nd Reading 1 Cor 1:26-31

Gospel Mt 5:1-12



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 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 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

WEEK 5 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 29th JANUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Kisa Senio	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Julie Aiavao	2 nd	5pm TBC	Ciborium	5pm Peter Aiavao
Reading	7am Petronilla Fereti	Reading	7am Eddie Radke		7am Amelia Teomatavui
	9am Leituala Family		9am Falaniko Family		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



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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