



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	11 th February
7 th	Feb	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
8 th	Feb	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm	Rosary	
9 th	Feb	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday	12th February
10 th	Feb	Fri	9.00am	Mass –St Scholastica	7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

5th February 2023



Personal Holiness

To extract salt from seawater, wind, and sunlight make water evaporate and what remains is salt. Salt comes from the ocean, from below; and light comes from the sky, from above. Salt needs light for evaporation while light

doesn't need salt. Salt and light are personalized in today's message. Our physical body needs salt and light daily. They are necessary for living because without them there is no life. In the same way, our spiritual life needs God's love and grace. We are made holy through God's grace. It remains in us as long as we connect to God through prayer. It is either our own prayers or others who pray for us. When we pray, or receive the sacraments of the Church, we open ourselves to receive God's love and grace. We are grateful for these redeeming gifts and thank God for His goodness. Because the gift of holiness is given, we need to treasure it by means of staying connected to God. This connectedness serves as the 'salt' that flows from God's love and grace into our hearts, and which will preserve our heart and season it. This source of holiness in today's Gospel reading is symbolized as a personal salt and light for the world. We are called not to remain salt and light for our own enjoyment, but to share the salt and light with others. Salt has its own value; but is inactive when it remains alone. Mixing salt with food, the saltiness preserves the food, and as well as seasoning it. Jesus alone can redeem the entire world, and yet He allows His followers to take part in His universal mission. As a true follower of Christ, one needs to maintain personal holiness, and at the same time share it with others. It is either at home, at work, or at a marketplace. The purpose of this sharing is to make others give glory to God. God's name is glorified when we do something good in God's Holy Name. The sharing of saltiness and lightness with the world is a lifelong mission of every Christian. The life-long mission

does not always run smoothly, but from time to time, tensions arise because there is a fear of losing control of their position. This would affect their power and income; especially when cultures are deeply rooted in human superstition which is in conflict with the Christian faith. Persecution of Christians happens when the conflict is linked to politicians who reject Christian values.

God is the true Light and in Him, there is no darkness. When we receive the Light of God; we will be more like Christ, because the light of Christ will purify and dispel the darkness in us. Light is associated with goodness, happiness, and joy; while darkness and fear go hand in hand. Light brings hope and comfort. Christians become light for the world when they connect their lives to Christ. When Christians show light to the world it is not their own light, but the light of Christ in them shown. Without Jesus, Christians have no light. Like the moon receives light from the sun, we; Christians receive light from Christ. Darkness in today's Gospel is not the darkness perceived by our physical eyes, but rather it is the darkness buried deep in one's heart. When a heart is darkened, it covers the goodness in that person and the person is unable to make the difference between good and evil. The vision of life is limited and darkened by one's own ambition and that is the cause of all evil. Like the sun's brightness, the light of Christ can't be extinguished, covered, or hidden. It burns brightly and never runs out. Light comes from above, from the sky; nothing can cover it because it is too large to cover.

We pray God's light is burning brightly in our hearts and that made us true disciples of Jesus.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22 nd	Feb	Wednesday	9.00am	Ash Wednesday – school hall
			6.00pm	Ash Wednesday
6 th	April	Holy Thursday	7pm-10pm	The Lord's Supper - no 9am Mass on this day – Washing of Feet, 7pm – Vigil until 10pm
7 th	April	Good Friday	10.00am	The Adoration of the Cross – school hall (no 9am Mass on this day)
			3.00pm	The Veneration of the Cross – school hall
8 th	April	Saturday	6.00pm	Easter Vigil
16 th	April	Sunday	9.00am	Divine Mercy – school hall
3 rd	June	Saturday	3.00pm	Sacramental program lessons begin
2 nd	Aug	Wednesday	7.00pm	Confirmation– school hall
20 th	Aug	Sunday	10.00am	1 st Communion & Multicultural Mass – school hall

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider for advice

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Youth Group



The youth group is starting up again today, Sunday 5th February, after 9am Mass in the church. The group is aimed at 13-19 year olds, and all new members are welcome. Come along or contact Ange Vaoiva on 0405 830 312 for more information.

Responsorial Psalm

A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

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 6th - 12th February

Michael Hansen, Hendrika Habraken (Herlings), Val Bird, Norma Louise Finlayson, Luis Vela, Kazimierz Borowski, Bernice Patricia Falvey, Paul Cortis, Sayong Ebias, John McCaughey, Genowefa Podolak, James Liddy, Cuban Gore, Patrick Oliver Kennedy, Stanislaw Cymer.

Reading – 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 12th Feb 2023

1 st Reading	Sir 15:15-20
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 2:6-10
Gospel	Mt 5:17-37



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.

Recently Deceased Vicenta Basubas, Martin Folkes.



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 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK –5th FEBRUARY 2023

Flowers	No flowers	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Angela Vu	2 nd	5pm Peter Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald
Reading	7am Veronica Tierney	Reading	7am Emma Tierney		7am Jane Brischetto
	9am Fruean Family		9am Sosefo Masalu		9am Elaine Walters

WEEK 2 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK –12th FEBRUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	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 So'oalo Family		9am Karoline Fonoti		9am Sosefo Masalu

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

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Columbarium & Memorials



The columbarium is ready to book. Niches cost \$2500, plus cost of plaque. The sandstone memorial columns are also available for bookings. Plaques on the memorial column start at \$250 for 25 x 40mm, with up to 75 letters. Decorations

and pictures incur additional costs. Please contact the parish office.

Children's Choir



We are looking to start up a children's choir for children aged 7 to 12 years. Choir will sing occasionally, either at the

5pm or 7am Masses. Anyone interested in signing up or conducting, please contact the parish office.

St Francis Xavier Primary School
Goodna
Kids who care

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