



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	18 th February	
14 th	Feb	Tues	9.00am	Mass –Sts Cyril & Methodius	4.30pm	Reconciliation
15 th	Feb	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
				6.30pm	Sunday 19th February	
16 th	Feb	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
17 th	Feb	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th February 2023



Spirit of The Law

Despite their great effort with all honesty and dedication in applying the Law recorded in the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Old Testament, the Scribes and Pharisees had failed to capture the spirit of the Law. Their interpretation was strong on human external cleanliness; and weak on internal purification of a person's mind and heart. The requirement to wash cups and plates and hands and the non-essential things was time consuming. Their strict observation placed stress and pressure on many because they had less time for vital things, such as time to pray and care for their loved ones. Jesus says that those kind of external, observation requirements doesn't reflect the heart of the Law. The primary purpose of the Law is internal cleanliness of mind and heart, and that is the true form of worshipping God. The Scribes and Pharisees failed to understand this. It is very clear that human wisdom is very superficial. We are capable of grasping most matters that belong to our senses, but struggle hard to tackle the spiritual world. Jesus corrects the external cleanliness, telling people to pay more attention to internal purification; because external cleanliness would bring little benefit to the internal life. It is not external, but the internal cleanliness, that makes a spiritual life healthy. This teaching made the Scribes and Pharisees excuse Jesus for abolishing the traditions of the elders. Jesus' new teaching made people praise him that *'He taught them with authority'*. Mt 7:29. While his opponents accused him of abolishing the traditions of the elders. In response to their criticism, Jesus told his disciples: *'I have come not to abolish them but to complete them'* v.17.

Jesus brings freshness and newness to the Decalogue. He asks the people to observe the spirit of the law, which is the heart of His teaching. To make His teaching clearer, Jesus tells them *'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven'*

Mt. 5:20. Jesus told His disciples that they must learn from Him, because observing the external cleanliness of the Law is the way of the Scribes and Pharisees. His way is not to observe the Law in its appearance, but to capture its spirit, and that is the right way to uphold the Law. To make His teaching clearer, Jesus told them to avoid anger; do not harbour resentment; instead of vengeance, be reconciled. Reconciliation must happen even before offering to God. Mt 5:23-24. This new teaching is not simply to stop an evil act; but to uproot the cause of evil which anchors in a person's heart. When a heart is purified by God's love; it stops all evil intentions. Jesus told his disciples that sin of the flesh is committed as soon as one desires to have it in one's heart. By desire alone, sin has already been committed in one's heart, whether that person is actually carrying it out or refraining it. People felt that His teaching freed them from external observation burden. They would have more time for reflection and self-examination of their daily conduct. By doing self-examination, their hearts become their own judge. People can trick others but wouldn't be able to deceive themselves because we all know our hearts well. Jesus tells us that we are the judge of our own thoughts and actions. He told them to honour oaths in marriage and be truthful to themselves. Your thoughts must consist of your actions, and that makes you true to yourself. Regardless of gender, honour oaths in marriage is not simply brought peace to your family, but also promote the equality and dignity of a human person. Jesus' teaching demands a change of one's mind and heart toward God. When a person's heart belongs to God that person is led by the spirit, and they are the true worshipper. They worship God in truth and spirit.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18 th & 19 th	Feb	Sat & Sun	After Masses	Safeguarding & safety training – compulsory for all volunteers
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

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Youth Group



The youth group has started back up again. The group is aimed at 13-19 year olds, and all new members are welcome. Contact Angela Vaoiva on 0405 830 312 for more information.

Responsorial Psalm

Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
 Alleluia, alleluia!

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year (CCL 97, 1251f).

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.

Reading – 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 19th Feb 2023

1 st Reading	Lev 19:1-2, 17-18
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 3:16-23
Gospel	Mt 5:38-48

Reborn in Eternal Life 13th - 19th February

Bridget Dowling, Paddy Liddy, Clair Agnes Sheehan, Leslie Thomas, William Goldie, Helena Rudak, Richard Wasowicz, Maria Jedroszkowiah, Kevin Francis James, Moya Halls.



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 2 ROSTERS – THIS 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

WEEK 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 19th FEBRUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm Bruce Larter	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

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

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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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