



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES				
Weekday			Saturday	25 th February
21 st	Feb	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm Reconciliation
22 nd	Feb	Wed	9.00am Mass –Ash Wednesday (in school hall) 6.00pm Mass – Ash Wednesday (no rosary)	5.00pm Vigil Mass
23 rd	Feb	Thurs	9.00am Mass	Sunday 26 th February 7.00am Mass
24 th	Feb	Fri	9.00am Mass	9.00am Mass

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th February 2023



Differences

Evil is real. It happens in thoughts, words, and actions. It exists within us and is deeply rooted in our hearts. Evil is so obvious that everyone knows it. It exists both in ancient times and in modern society. When

justice is violated, peace is destroyed, human relationships are broken, and hurt remains in the heart of the people. There is a real need to ease the pain of the victim; and to restore harmony and peace to society. Justice is upheld to protect life and deter further violence. Tribal court or public court of justice is held to resolve disputes, differences and bring justice for the victim, and punish the oppressor. Justice is done when the punishment is not too lenient and not so severe that it out-weighs the crime that has been committed. For a long time, people considered that 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth' is fair justice. It is impossible to measure exact vengeance, because of differences in age and wisdom and talents, but that is all the wisdom of this world can do. This physical approach would ease the tension and balm the pain, but it would have little effect on improving the spiritual life of the parties involved. Jesus recognizes the complexity of human relationships, and the need to have a peaceful solution in dealing with acts of evil. Violence often associates with either conflict of interest, fear of being out of control, or non-compliance. Jesus told his disciples what to do when they are being confronted. He first instructed them to avoid confrontation, but to be submissive and accept the humiliation right on the spot. This approach aims to defuse hostile situations, and prevent further acts of violence. When the oppressor feels that he is in control of the situation, he might calm down and be more lenient in his actions. Submission and compliance is not a sign of weakness, but rather inner strength, the power of self-control.

Jesus gave a second instruction, and that is the permanent

solution. This approach is not simply to deter further acts of violence, but rather to change the inner life, and the heart of a person. It is the conversion of a heart. This solution requires love, prayer and forgiveness. 'Love your enemies' Mt 5:43 is His teaching. This loving attitude is most effective when it is done in a prayerful spirit. Jesus tells His disciples to 'pray for those who hurt you' Mt 5:44. The trio: loving, praying for, and forgiving one's enemy is Jesus' way of combating violence and the forces of evil. The strength of His teaching is the power of prayer. Punishment and correctional services would not change the heart of a person, but God's grace-filled love can. Christians change the hearts of others by relying on the power of prayers. It is God who changes the heart of a person through our petitions. Forgiveness is needed in prayers because it makes our prayer more fervent and more trusting. Prayers have the power to make people reflect and see how wrong they were in relationships with God and others. This recognition would change the heart of a person: from violent relationships to calm and peaceful ones. When there is a conversion of the heart; that person turns away from the world, and belongs to God. S/he is no longer your enemy, but rather your brother and sister in Christ. This permanent solution is not aiming to punish the oppressor but make him recognize, we are all 'Children of your Father who is in heaven,' Mt 5:45. God's way is not to punish, but to forgive and save the lost ones. God discriminates against no one and so do His children. Everyone is our neighbour. As God's children, we each have personal experiences of being forgiven.

The evil spirits will not give up; but would love to win people back; and make a home in people's hearts. Holiness comes from God; we gain it through prayers. In praying, we receive inner strength to combat temptation, & the wisdom to be resilient in prayer. **Fr Vudinh Tuong**

Parish Priest

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



I Do – I Do – I Do – I Do For more than 50 years, **World Wide Marriage Encounter** has helped over 3.5 million couples in almost 100 countries unlock the power of their relationships with new ways to do the “**I Do.**” The Marriage Encounter experience helps a couple listen, share and connect more deeply. There are two weekends this year. Firstly, a live-out weekend at McAuley College Beaudesert (30th June-2nd July). Secondly, a live-in weekend at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston (13th – 15th October). The weekend is for all Married couples who value their relationship. It doesn't matter if you have been Married 5 years or 55 years. Please contact David & Maria Murphy on 0481 307 821 or gldbookings@wwme.org.au Watch

Archbishop Mark Coleridge support video http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=40_wp6qGB44 or for more information go to the website: www.wwme.org.au.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

6 th	April	Thurs	7pm-10pm	The Lord's Supper - no 9am Mass on this day - Washing of Feet, 7pm - Vigil until 10pm
7 th	April	Fri	10am	The Adoration of the Cross - school hall
			3pm	The Veneration of the Cross - school hall
8 th	April	Sat	6pm	Easter Vigil
16 th	April	Sun	9am	Divine Mercy - school hall
3 rd	June	Sat	3pm	Sacramental program lessons begin
2 nd	Aug	Wed	7pm	Confirmation
20 th	Aug	Sun	10am	1 st Communion & Multicultural Mass - school hall

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grow perfect in the love 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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 20th - 26th February

Michael Kevin Radcliffe, John Habraken, Maria Elisapetha Lupeamanu, Arland Grashius, Moya McCallum, Theresa Mary Moore, Roslyne Mary Watson, Anna Maria Carmella Piotti, Martha.

Reading - 1st Sunday of Lent, 26th Feb 2023

1 st Reading	Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7
2 nd Reading	Rom 5:12-19
Gospel	Mt 4:1-11



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 19th March 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 3 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK - 19th FEBRUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm Bruce Larter	2 nd	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald		5pm Christine Freeman
	7am Robert Bryant		7am Amelia Teomatavui		7am Pefu Teomatavui
	9am Alefosio Family		9am Vaoiva Family		9am Uiki Vaoiva

WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK - 26th FEBRUARY 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Peter Aiavao	2 nd	5pm Owen Ross		5pm Julie Aiavao
	7am Joan Sitcheff		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

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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you," Mt 5:44.

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well. (Accessed on January 20, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)



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