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XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> March	
7 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
8 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Thurs	6.30pm	Rosary	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass	
					9.00am	Mass	

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



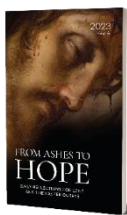
**Changes**

Whether we like it or not, our physical body continues to change; because this is a natural part of living. We can't stop it, but persistence in diet and daily exercise would have some effect in changing. For children, change is needed because it is the process of growing; for adults, it is the process of maturing. We can see changes from the outer, not the inner. Our spiritual life also changes daily, and we don't recognize it because it is invisible to the naked eye. When we take Jesus' teaching seriously, the change pulls us closer to God. When our life enjoins God, our spiritual life would reflect the brightness of God. It may be hidden from our eyes, but our hearts have peace, and minds at ease. The apostles had this kind of experience up in the mountain, and they joyfully expressed this blessed state saying, *'It is wonderful for us to be here'* Mt 17:4. The apostles expressed their desire to stay in that moment forever. They were happy and volunteered to make tents to stay. Jesus asked them to return to the mission field. The *'wonderful place'* is theirs, but not now, because Jesus' saving mission on earth has not yet been completed. We recall the temptation of Jesus. In two out of three temptations, the devil tried to make Jesus doubt the existence of God. Jesus refused to reveal who He was. He now showed His true identity to His chosen apostles. He was transfigured, *'His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light'* Mt 17:3. This was the first time the apostles had experienced Jesus' majestic brightness. This brightness alone would reveal the true Jesus' identity. The apostles then heard the voice from the cloud which revealed what their physical eyes could not perceive. The voice confirmed Jesus' true identity. *'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him'* Mt 17:6. Jesus is not simply an ordinary God's Son, but He is the Beloved Son.

In the past, God made the Covenant with the chosen people through Moses and Elijah; today God made the New Covenant with God's chosen people through God's only Son; Jesus who is the New Covenant. The chosen people are those who confess Jesus is their Lord and God. The leaders of the New and the Old Covenant meet face-to-face for the first time. The calling *'listen to him'* implied that Jesus' mission is to care for God's chosen people, and the Father's favour rests on Him, which implies the Father would never leave Him alone in his mission. Jesus has the full divine authority status. The Father himself acts through Jesus. The apostles seem to fail in understanding the heavenly language; they interrupted the conversation between Jesus and Moses. We don't know what the conversations were about, but through the work of Jesus, we believed they were talking about Jesus' mission. He had his own way of carrying out God's plan to save mankind. He led the people to the 'New Promised Land' which is now known as *'My Father's House'*. His chosen race has a universal implication that includes those who listen to his voice and act on them. Jesus understands the heavenly language because He is both divine and human. Hearing God's voice, the apostles fell on their faces, overcome with fear. This implies we, humans, are not yet able to hear God's voice from on high; but must wait until we finish this earthly journey. The calling to listen to Jesus means we hear the divine voice through the human voice of Jesus. Listening to Jesus means listening to the Father. Jesus touched the apostles and told them *'Do not be afraid'*, and led them down from the mountain. Jesus told them to *'say nothing about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead'* Mt 17:9. This final instruction means to say nothing until they fully understand. This full understanding comes not before, but after *'The Son of Man has risen from the dead'*.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**



**From Ashes to Hope**

This Lenten Resource booklet will nourish and nurture your prayer, spirituality, and discipleship each day during Lent and into the first week of Easter. The daily reflections only require 5-10 minutes to read, reflect and pray. This Lenten practice will lead you into a deeper questioning and examination of your daily life as you are invited to move into an encounter with the person of Jesus. Cost is \$5. **Available from the piety stall or parish office.**



**Guided Retreat**

Find the presence of God at this weekend-long, guided retreat at the breathtaking Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre (Ormiston), as we explore the topic of "Walking in life's garden with God: encountering and responding to God." Date: 6pm Friday 24 March - 1pm Sunday 26 March. Cost: \$425. Find out more or register your group now at [santateresa.org.au/news-events](http://santateresa.org.au/news-events).

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**Dates for your diary**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Thu	7pm-10pm	The Lord's Supper - <b>no 9am Mass</b> - Washing of Feet, 7pm - Vigil until 10pm
7 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Fri	10am	The Adoration of the Cross - <b>school hall</b>
			3pm	The Veneration of the Cross - <b>school hall</b>
8 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Sat	6pm	Easter Vigil
16 <sup>th</sup>	Apr	Sun	9am	Divine Mercy - <b>school hall</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jun	Sat	3pm	Sacramental program lessons begin
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Aug	Wed	7pm	Confirmation
20 <sup>th</sup>	Aug	Sun	10am	1 <sup>st</sup> Communion & Multicultural Mass - <b>school hall</b>

**Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**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 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> March**

Maria Elisapeta Lupeamanu, Unborn Child, James Andrew Brydges, Joy Auld, Wolstan Blundell, Alf Hull, Bernadette Flanagan, Mary Patricia Collins, Jim Medlin, Michael Jack, Sot Sibounheuang, Geoffrey Twaddell, Michael Walters, Aileen Loreto Bradley, Madalena Silva.

**Reading - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ex 17:3-7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel	Jn 4:5-42



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 19<sup>th</sup> 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, Felice Cavallaro.



**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 - 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

Flowers	No flowers	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	5pm Angela Vu	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	5pm Peter Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald
	7am Jane Brischetto		7am TBA		7am Joan Sitcheff
	9am Fruean Family		9am Teofilo Lauulu		9am Elaine Walters

**WEEK 2 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK - 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	5pm Huong Nguyen	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	5pm Julie Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm Peter Aiavao
	7am Paul Hodgkinson		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.



**SUMMIT23** is a three-day gathering of all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Brisbane from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. The summit is a key step in the implementation phase of the

Plenary Council and Archbishop Mark will be sharing his priorities for the coming years. Find out more or register at: [brisbanesummit.com](http://brisbanesummit.com)



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We are committed to Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. Please see our website for our Safeguarding and Whistleblower policies. StopLine is a confidential, independent provider of whistleblowing services available to all parishioners on **1300 304 550** or [AOB@stopline.com.au](mailto:AOB@stopline.com.au).