




**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	18 th March
14 th	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
15 th	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary	Sunday	19th March
16 th	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass
17 th	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Patrick	9.00am	Mass

3 rd Sunday of Lent	Year A	12 th March 2023
 <p>Boundary-Crossing</p> <p>On their way to the Promised Land, the chosen people complained to Moses that they had no water. Moses appealed to God. Instead of telling Moses where to dig a well, God told him to strike the rock. Surprisingly, the water gushed out from the rock. Only the Almighty God can do such an impossibility. This incredibility is going to happen at Sychar. Jesus changes the 'stony' heart of the woman to be a heart of flesh. All the villagers fail to change her 'immoral way' of life. They punish her by refusing to associate with her. She herself avoids some sort of 'unfriendly look' from her own people, and protests their negativity by whispering about her behaviour. She chooses the hottest time of the day, and also a quiet time, to draw water from the village well. From afar, she sees a man sitting next to the well. She has no alternative because she needs water. His name is Jesus, and he asks her for a drink. She feels that it is rather an unusual request; because Jews don't associate with Samaritans; men don't seek help from women, and the 'chosen people' aren't friends of the pagan.</p> <p>There are twists and turns in this story. First, Jesus asks the woman for a drink; it turns out she is the one who asks for a drink. Second, the woman talks about the physical water, while Jesus talks about different kinds of water, the spiritual water. Third, the villagers judge her badly, they now listen to her. Fourth, the woman leaves her drawing bucket at the well which indicates the significant change in her life; and finally, her 'immoral way of life' changes to the way of compassion and love.</p> <p>Jesus initiates the conversation by asking the woman for a drink. It then moves to the next level, the living water, and finally arrives at the highest level, the everlasting water. Living water implies both life-changing, and also eternal</p>	<p>life. It is life-changing because it is running water, flowing water, not stagnant water. Flowing water brings freshness and purification. It will purify the woman's life; that erase her past life as we see it later on. Drinking water from the well will get thirsty again, but the living water Jesus gives '<i>will never be thirsty again</i>' because the living water '<i>will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life</i>' <i>Jn 4:14</i>. This indicates the woman no longer needs the bucket to draw water. Jesus knew of her past. He told her about it, without judging or condemning her; and that encouraged her to review her entire life and make changes. The woman desires to receive living water; but doesn't know how. When Jesus asks her to call her husband; her honesty reveals her inner life; she replies that '<i>I have no husband</i>'. Jesus tells her '<i>You are right</i>' <i>Jn 4:18</i>. The truth sets her free. The woman begins to see the stranger as a prophet. '<i>I see you are a prophet</i>'. Her faith in Jesus moves to the next level, from being a prophet to being the Messiah. She expresses her desire for the true way of worship. The case is now reversed; it is she who asks Jesus for living water. Jesus told her the true way of worship, '<i>The kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth</i>' <i>Jn 4:24</i>.</p> <p>Her faith in Jesus is deepened, and is able to bear the truth; that Jesus is the Messiah - The Christ. Jesus reveals himself to her, saying, '<i>I who am speaking to you</i>'. The woman is truly honest, making a public confession, '<i>He told me all I have ever done</i>'. This news made the villagers come to Jesus. They listened to him and confess that '<i>He really is the saviour of the world</i>'. The woman's conversion of the heart brings Jesus to others.</p>	<p>Fr Vudinh Tuong Parish Priest</p>

WEEKLY INFORMATION

The Liturgical Formation of the People of God

Our first encounter with his paschal deed is the event that marks the life of all believers: our Baptism. This is not a mental adhesion to his thought or the agreeing to a code of conduct imposed by Him. Rather, it is a being plunged into his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension, a being plunged into his paschal deed. It is not magic. Magic is the opposite of the logic of the sacraments because magic pretends to have a power over God... . In perfect continuity with the Incarnation, there is given to us, in virtue of the presence and action of the Spirit, the possibility of dying and rising in Christ.

Pope Francis
Apostolic Letter, Desiderio Desideravi #12, June 2022.

Parish Playgroup



A playgroup for children aged 0-5 years old and their carers will be starting soon on Wednesdays at 9.30am in the parish hall, start date to be confirmed. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

31 st	Mar	Fri	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
6 th	Apr	Thu	7pm-10pm	The Lord's Supper - no 9am Mass - Washing of Feet, 7pm - Vigil until 10pm
7 th	Apr	Fri	10am	The Adoration of the Cross - school hall
			3pm	The Veneration of the Cross - school hall
8 th	Apr	Sat	6pm	Easter Vigil
16 th	Apr	Sun	9am	Divine Mercy - school hall
3 rd	Jun	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

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, 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 13th – 19th March

Del McGratti, Aileen(Charlie) Bradley, William Graham McElroy, Julia Liddy, Mr Nan from Guyana, Marie Thompson, Beatrice Rawainake, Robert James Bryant, Sydney Manning, Sean Liddy, Berta Lopez, Arthur G V Hancock, Michael Gardner, Vera Ryan, Mary Duffy, Winifred Mills, Andrew Cung, Deirdre 'De' Roberts (nee Halpin), Winifred Powell.

Reading – 4th Sunday of Lent, 19th March 2023

1 st Reading	1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13
2 nd Reading	Eph 5:8-14
Gospel	Jn 9:1-41



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, 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 2 ROSTERS – THIS WEEK – 12th MARCH 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm	Huong Nguyen	2 nd	5pm	Julie Aiavao
Reading	7am	Paul Hodgkinson	Reading	7am	Cameron Auld
	9am	So'oalo Family		9am	Karoline Fonoti
					Ciborium 5pm Peter Aiavao
					7am Michael Miles
					9am Sosefo Masalu

WEEK 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 19th MARCH 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm	Darsha Ross	2 nd	5pm	Suzanne Fitzgerald
Reading	7am	Robert Bryant	Reading	7am	Amelia Teomatavui
	9am	Alefosio Family		9am	Vaoiva Family
					Ciborium 5pm Christine Freeman
					7am Pefu Teomatavui
					9am Donna So'oalo

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 with up to 75 letters. Decorations and pictures incur additional costs. Please contact the parish office.

Youth Group



The youth group will be meeting to practice the Passion play on 9.30am Saturday 11th March, & at 10am on Sunday 12th March.

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Kids who care

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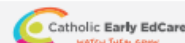
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We are committed to Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. The Archdiocese has **zero tolerance** for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing 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.