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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March		
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Mon	9.00am	Mass – St Joseph	4.30pm	Reconciliation
21 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass
		Wed	9.00am	Mass	<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mar		6.30pm	Rosary	7.00am	Mass
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass
24 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass		
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mar	Sat	9.00am	Mass – Annunciation of the Lord		

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent Year A 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



**Conformity**

The story of a man born blind from birth is the story of a man who had found faith in Jesus. After professing Jesus as his Lord, he becomes the victim of the faith in which he believes. Being confronted by the local synagogue's authority, he fearlessly gives witness to Jesus. Because

of his faith in Jesus; the authorities excommunicate him from his own community. Later on, Jesus found the man and asked him if he believed in the Son of Man. The man replied that he believed in Jesus, but had not yet seen him. Jesus told the man, *'You are looking at Him; He is speaking to you'*. The man replied, *'Lord, I believe, and worshipped Him'* Jn 9:37.

Blindness prevents the man from seeing Jesus, but not from hearing Jesus. His faith in Jesus is demonstrated through his conformance. Jesus put a paste on his eyes and asked him to go and wash at the Pool of Siloam. He washed and he could see clearly. There is a connection between sin and spiritual blindness; because sin creates a smoke screen, that blurs our spiritual eyes to see the truth. There is a link between human substance consumption and birth deficiency. Being born with a physical disability is not the direct result of sin as people believe. Jesus told his disciples that it is not the blind man's own sin nor that of his parents; but that through his blindness, God's glory is being proclaimed. After being healed, the man becomes a new person that confuses his people. Some say that it is someone who looks like him; others say it is him. The man himself asserts: *I am the man*. This assertion lands him in deep trouble. The Pharisees and Jews question him at length. They come to the pre-conceived judgment that whoever healed him can't be a good man. This causes a division amongst them. They argue that a person who performs such a miracle must be God's agent. The man himself proclaimed that Jesus is a prophet. The authority fails to get the answer they want from the

blind man; they turned to his parents in the hope of achieving a favourable answer. His parents accept the reality; that he is our son, who was blind from birth. However, out of fear, they denied knowing how he was healed. They reply; we don't know. He is an adult, ask him. Again, the authority fails to get the answer they want. They interrogate the man again. Having told the whole story for a second time; the man accuses the authority of lacking listening skills. He wonders: you can't listen to the voice of a man; how can you listen to God's voice? What stops you from becoming his disciples? The man challenges the authority. They turned to violence, by hurling the man out of the synagogue, and then declaring that they don't know where Jesus came from. This statement alone confirms the man's opinion; that the authorities lack listening skills. It also underlines that they are spiritually blind. It is interesting to notice some identical ideas between Jesus and the man. The first one is self-identification. The man tells the public: *'I am the man'*. Jesus told the man: *'You are looking at Him; He is talking to you'*. Jesus confirms that the man can see, and hear. The second one is the man's opinion about authority. *'I have told you once, and you wouldn't listen'*; while Jesus told them they are spiritually blind. *'It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind'*. The third identical idea happens between Jesus and the Pharisees. They judged the man, *'Are you trying to teach us, ...You are a sinner through and through, since you were born'* Jn 9:34; while Jesus told them, *'Since you say 'We see,' your guilt remains'*. Jn 9:49.

The Pharisees fail to see the miracle. Instead, they only see darkness. Without accepting deficiency, change is impossible. The blind man accepts his blindness and is ready for the change; the Pharisees deny their spiritual blindness; and darkness rules.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**The Liturgical Formation of the People of God**

A celebration that does not evangelise is not authentic, just as a proclamation that does not lead to an encounter with the risen Lord in the celebration is not authentic. And then both of these, without the testimony of charity, are like sounding a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal (1 Cor 13:1).

**Pope Francis, Apostolic Letter, Desiderio Desideravi #37, June 2022**

**Youth Group**



The youth group will be meeting to practice the Passion play on 9.30am Sat 18<sup>th</sup> March, 10am Sun 19<sup>th</sup> March, 10am Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and 5.30pm Wed 5<sup>th</sup> April..

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**Dates for your diary**

31 <sup>st</sup>	Mar	Fri	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
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	7am 9am ---	Mass Mass Divine Mercy celebration
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**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;  
whoever follows me will have the light of life.  
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 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> March**

Lola Pansy Taylor, Kevin Pearl, Patrick O'Hagan, Carmen Mark Valentino, Dianne Symes, Josef Milling, Graham Harper, Mr & Mrs Tevaseu, Rajesh Dayal, Aileen Burns, Patrick Truman, Kelly Chong Nee, Henriette Ann De Glas, Michael Mules, Jean Clarke, Robbie Lewis, Stanislaw Borowski, Gemica Tamas Cao, Patrick McGreevy, Sarah Tyson McElroy.

**Reading – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Ezek 37:12-14
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Rom 8:8-11
Gospel	Jn 11:1-45



**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 21<sup>st</sup> May 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 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 19<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

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

**WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023**

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Almaz Okba	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup>	5pm School house	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm School house	<b>Ciborium</b>	5pm Julie Aiavao
<b>Reading</b>	7am Joan Sitcheff	<b>Reading</b>	7am Anna Timu		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Sosefo Masalu		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**

**Parish Playgroup**



A playgroup for children aged 0-5 years old and their carers will be starting soon. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

**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.



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