



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	1 st April	
28 th	Mar	Tues	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
29 th	Mar	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Vigil Mass	
			6.30pm	Rosary			
30 th	Mar	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	Sunday 2nd April		
31 st	Mar	Fri	9.00am	Mass	7.00am	Mass	
			6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation	9.00am	Mass	

5th Sunday of Lent Year A 26th March 2023



Friendship

Friends do die, but not friendship; that is the spirit of today's Gospel. After receiving Lazarus' illness message from Martha and Mary, his friends, Jesus delayed for two more days. God acts at the time of his choosing. We can't dictate God's schedule. Jesus told his disciples, *'Our friend Lazarus is resting, and I am going to wake him'*. This confused the disciples because Jesus used not ordinary daily language, but a higher one. He then told them in plain words, *'Lazarus is dead,' Jn 11:11*. Today, the Church adopts Jesus' language, in praying for death; we say, *'May they sleep in Christ.'*

Jesus and his disciples have a special relationship with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus. They too, have a special bond with Jesus. It is demonstrated through Jesus' emotion. He wept and was in great distress. When the sisters encountered Jesus, the tone of their language revealed their deep love for Jesus. Martha met Jesus, and said to him, *'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you' Jn 11:21-22*. Martha firmly believed in unity, the unbreakable bond between Jesus and God the Father. Jesus told her, *'Your brother will rise again' Jn 11:24*. She believes that she won't see him now, but in the future, at the time of the resurrection. Jesus assured Martha that he is the resurrection, *'Whoever lives and believes in me will never die' Jn 11:26*. The resurrection is given to those who believe in Him. They will live now; because they are no longer under the power of sin and death. Jesus is both the resurrection; and the source of resurrection; the former happens after the crucifixion, and the latter is right here, now because it comes from the Father, *'The Father raises the dead and gives them life' Jn 5:20*. Jesus emphasises that those who believe in him share his resurrection right now, and in the time to come.

The sisters have never lost hope in Jesus. Martha informed Mary that, *'The Master is here'*. She quickly ran to see him.

She said exactly the word Martha had said earlier, *'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died'*. There is a wonder amongst the sympathisers about Jesus' unlimited power. *'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?'* *Jn 11:38*. Jesus' out-loud prayer confirms Martha's faith; and the unity between Jesus and the Father. It also confirms the unlimited power of God. *'By now he will smell; this is the fourth day' Jn 11:39*. Death is certain; human power is exhausted. There is nothing we can do. It is finished for us, but not for God. Jesus called Lazarus' name and the dead man came out. *'Unbound him'*, he said, *'Let him go free'*; free from the power of death.

It is no coincidence that two similar questions have the same answer. Jesus asked Mary *'Where have you put him?'* She replied, *'Lord, come and see'*. Andrew, Peter's brother, asked Jesus, *'where do you live?'* Jesus replied *'come and see'*. He came and saw and had life - *Jn 1:38ff*. Jesus comes and sees Lazarus' tomb and the sympathizers have faith. His prayers confirm this, *'...for the sake of all these who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me,' Jn 11:42*.

Both Jesus and his disciples are fully aware of the danger of the trip to Judaea. Thomas protests saying, *'Let us go too, and die with him,' Jn 11:16*. Death would not deter Jesus from visiting his friends. The disciples place their own safety before friendship; Jesus places his love for his friends, and ours, before his life. He knew his death was imminent, but it would not stop him giving glory to the Father. The chief priests and Pharisees plot to kill Jesus for fear of losing public support, and their popularity. Giving life to his friend, Lazarus, Jesus chooses to die in his place. Being friends with Jesus means he shares our grief and we share his, and receive the gift of eternal life.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Volunteer at SFX School Breakfast Club Breakfast club will be resuming at St Francis Xavier School. In Term 2 they will likely run the club three days a week: Mon, Wed and Thurs from 8am to 8.20am. Volunteers will be required from approximately 7.50am to 8.30am. If you are available to help on a volunteer once or on a regular basis please contact David Cudicio

dcudicio@bne.catholic.edu.au. A roster will be generated for Term 2. All volunteers need to have a current volunteer number and have completed Student Protection and Code of Conduct Training [Student Protection and Code of Conduct Training for Volunteers \(bne.catholic.edu.au\)](https://www.bne.catholic.edu.au)

Volunteers Needed

Please put your name down in the sacristy if you would like to volunteer for the Washing of the Feet, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm, Thursday 6th April.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

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 - no 9am Mass
			3pm	The Veneration of the Cross - school hall
8 th	Apr	Sat	6pm	Easter Vigil - no 5pm Mass
9 th	Apr	Sun	7am 9am	Mass - Resurrection of the Lord Mass - Resurrection of the Lord
16 th	Apr	Sun	7am 9am 11am	Mass Mass Mass - Divine Mercy - in church
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

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the resurrection and the life,
says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.
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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 27th March – 2nd April

Ivy O'Halloran, Heather Dorothy Connole, Jean Burns, William Hugh Larter, Isabella Mills, Canuto Ouano Bianco, Desmond Lewis Jones, Terrance Hansen.

Reading – Palm Sunday, 2nd April 2023

1 st Reading	Is 50:4-7
2 nd Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Gospel	Mt 26:14 – 27:66

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna
The next Baptism will be 21st 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 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 26th MARCH 2023

Flowers	No Flowers	Cleaning	Almaz Okba	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm School house	2 nd	5pm School house	Ciborium	5pm Julie Aiavao
Reading	7am Joan Sitcheff	Reading	7am Anna Timu		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Sosefo Masalu		9am Paulo Lauvao		9am Elaine Walters

WEEK 1 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 2nd APRIL 2023

Flowers	No flowers	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Angela Vu	2 nd	5pm Peter Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald
Reading	7am Jane Brischetto	Reading	7am Louise Qualischefski		7am Joan Sitcheff
	9am Fruean Family		9am Sosefo Masalu		9am Uiki Vaova

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 after the school holidays, at 9am, Tuesday 18th April. The group will meet weekly, except during school holidays. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Youth Group The youth group will be meeting to practice the Passion play at 10am Sun 2nd April, and 5.30pm Wed 5th April.

St Francis Xavier Primary School
Goodna
Kids who care

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