



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday			Saturday	13 th May	
9 th	May	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
10 th	May	Wed	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday	14th May
11 th	May	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass
12 th	May	Fri	9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass

5th Sunday of Easter

Year A

7th May 2023



Oneness of God

People often choose the first part of this message to say farewell to their loved ones because it gives much consolation and hope to mourners. Consolation comes from the knowledge that, *'I shall return to take you with me'* v.3. The separation is neither an abandonment nor a permanent separation, but only a temporary absence. The hope comes from Jesus' promise, *'Where I am you may be too'* v.3. In the future, the disciples will see Jesus again. The time is not specified in this context. We recall the three prophecies Jesus told his disciples; that three days after the crucifixion He will rise again Mt 20:19. Today's text is Jesus' farewell speech to His disciples before His Passion. They would not expect that one day He would leave them alone. This separation gave them much trouble. Jesus told them that they need to trust God and trust him, *'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me'* Jn 14:1. When they place their trust in God and hope in Jesus; their trouble is lessened. Jesus shows the disciples that He understands their troubled hearts. In times of trouble, our hearts tell us how much we place our trust and hope in God and Jesus. The more we place our trust in God; the less trouble we experience. Trusting in God certainly calms our hearts. It gives us hope, and hope is life.

The disciples listened to Jesus, but it seems that they failed to grasp what Jesus told them. They wondered why Jesus was going away alone, and would not allow anyone to follow. Thomas raised the issue that he didn't know the way. Jesus replied: *'I am the way, the truth, and the life,'* v.6. This saying confused them even more. Jesus clarifies the point He made about the way. Jesus made it clear to them, that He is going to the Father. After Thomas, it was Philip who expressed a desire to see the Father. Jesus went on to say, He is in the Father and the Father is in Him. *'To have seen me*

is to have seen the Father' v.9. The unity, the oneness between the Father and Jesus, makes it harder for the disciples to understand. *'You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,'* v.11. Jesus told the disciples that the oneness of God is beyond reasonable explanation. It requires faith to believe. Jesus told His disciples that His teaching and miracles are the signs of unity, because the Father works through Him. There is no reasonable explanation for the miracles Jesus had done. We know the deaf hear, the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead were brought to life. They are miracles because we accept their reality, but are unable to explain it. The oneness of God is deeper than these miracles. Today we understand Jesus' farewell speech is the way of the cross. His Passion, death, and resurrection reveal His unconditional love for mankind. His Passion is known as *'I am the way, the Truth and the Life,'* v.6. We all have our own 'passion', and that is our final destination. For those who believe in Jesus, and are faithful to Him, will arrive at the same destination - God's kingdom. They don't travel alone, but Jesus is their companion on the way. He knows the way because He has done, not a one-way, but a return-trip. He is the Way because He is in the Father. We believe in His promise. The phrase *'I shall return to take you with me'* implies, that Jesus is our companion on the way to the Father. When we stumble, Jesus assists us to stand up; and leads us to the Truth. It is not a kind of truth the world promotes, but the Truth of God. The Truth that makes us profess God is our Father, who is the author of life and eternal life. The Truth is that through Jesus; we come to know the Father. The Truth is that those who believe Jesus will be led by Him and dwell in Him, *'Where I am you may be too'* v.3. That is our hope.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Enrolment 2023: Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion

Enrolment is open for children who are in Grade 3 and over who would like to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation, Reconciliation and Eucharist. The combined program will culminate with First Holy Communion at the Multicultural Mass on Sunday 20th August, which will be followed by lunch. Classes start at 3.30pm on Saturday 3rd June. Please call or email the office for further information or to book in to speak with Fr Tuong.

Enrolment forms are available [online](#), from the office or from the sacristy.

Congratulations!

To Guito & Jacqueline
(Pierre & Marie)
Pousson,
congratulations on your
60th Wedding
Anniversary on Tuesday
2nd May
2023.



WEEKLY INFORMATION

Children's Choir



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Children's choir practice will start at 4.30pm on Saturday June 10th. The choir's first performance will be during the Confirmation liturgy in August. The choir is open to all children aged 7-12 years old. Contact the office for more

Responsorial Psalm

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.
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.

Reading – 6th Sunday of Easter, 14th May 2023

1 st Reading	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
2 nd Reading	1 Pet 3:15-18
Gospel	Jn 14:15-21



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.

Reborn in Eternal Life 8th – 14th May




Alfonso Deniega, Noel Blom, Ralph Burke, Lillian Quickfall, Emma Crocker, Terrance Gallagher, Bonifacio O Festejo Snr, Nelio Silva Serra, Giuse, Anna, Giuse Dinh Van Ngac, Steven Wood, William Arthur Meredith, John Peter Kalksma, Tim Shrume, Frankie La Rocca, Tuioti Taulapapa Peleiupu Feagaiga, Alfonsas Navickas.

Recently Deceased Xavier Ah Ki.




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 – 7th MAY 2023

Flowers	Samoan Community	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1st	5pm Angela Vu	2nd	5pm TBC	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald
Reading	7am Jane Brischetto	Reading	7am Louise Qualischefski		7am Joan Sitcheff
	9am Fruean Family		9am Teofilo Lau		9am Uiki Vaoiva

WEEK 2 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 14th MAY 2023

Flowers	Noela Leituala	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1st	5pm Huong Nguyen	2nd	5pm TBA	Ciborium	5pm TBC
Reading	7am Paul Hodgkinson	Reading	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



Safeguarding - Recognizing Warning Signs of Spiritual Abuse in the Church

Spiritual abuse is using the Bible or your position as a spiritual leader to influence others for personal gain. Spiritual abuse might include: manipulation and exploitation, accountability enforced by threats, censorship of decision-making, coercion to conform, and the inability to ask questions or voice disagreement. For more information see: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/>



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