



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES

Weekday						Saturday	15 th July
11 th	July	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St Benedict		4.30pm	Reconciliation
12 th	July	Wed	9.00am	Mass		5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary		Sunday 16th July	
13 th	July	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		7.00am	Mass
14 th	July	Fri	9.00am	Mass		9.00am	Mass

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

9th July 2023

Divine Wisdom



Giving is a gift of the heart; only heartfelt thanks is an appropriate response; nothing else can substitute for it. The equation between giving and receiving is impossible to measure, because no amount of thanks could ever be enough. If one tries to repay an act of kindness with wealth; it would betray the goodness of the giver's heart. To give without expecting to receive in return is Jesus' teaching. We receive many gifts from God, and often take them for granted. It is impossible for us to give enough thanks to God. What we lack is made perfect in Jesus. *'I bless you, Father, ... for revealing them to mere children,' Mt. 11:42.* Jesus blesses the Father for us. He thanks the Father for the gift he didn't receive. We receive the gift of faith, and Jesus thanks the Father for us. His thanks make our thanks perfect; because of the unity between the Father and the Son. This is not the first time Jesus gives thanks to the Father. Elsewhere, Jesus gives thanks to the Father not for his own sake; but for the sake of his disciples, *'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand around me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me'. Jn 11:42.* Jesus gives thanks to the Father not for his own benefit but for the benefit of his hearers. His thanks are not normal thanks; but holy. Jesus makes his thanks become a form of prayer, a prayer that flows from his loving heart. His prayer reveals the unity of the Father and the Son. The two are so united that the Father always pleases to hear the Son, and the Son is so pleased to carry out the Father's will. Jesus grants those who listen to him to be his own children; and are united to the Father. Children are open to new things and love to learn. When faced with difficulty, they seek help from their parents; and gladly accept help from them.

Children of God are wise in God's eyes; because they are able to discern God's voice from other voices. In saying 'yes' to God, they accept the divine voice; and reject all worldly voices. This alone makes them wise. Those who listen to Jesus, would never be alone; but God is always with them to strengthen their weaknesses and failures. This recognition makes them realize that they are vulnerable; and need help from both our fellow men and most importantly from God. Jesus is their wisdom and the source of life. Through him, they come to know the Father. Jesus gives thanks to God for revealing this heavenly wisdom to people who are humble of heart.

There are two sources of wisdom: the heavenly one and the earthly one. The former opens our mind and heart to accept Jesus as our Lord and God; while the latter one closes a person's mind and heart to God. The former helps us to know our weakness, and dependence on God; while the latter one is worldly reliance. They rely on their own wealth and wisdom.

We follow Jesus not to escape life's heavy burden, but to face it courageously because it is a reality of life. We try hard to carry our own cross to follow. Jesus says those who carry their own cross to follow him will gain eternal life. Every time we feel the weight of the cross and fall; we look at the cross with the hope to find the strength, and courage to stand up, and go on. Hope alone lightens life's heavy burden because hope brings life. Hope in Jesus is even better because he promises eternal life. Rest is a pause to regain strength. Rest for our souls means to rest in Christ. It is the indication of resting in God's kingdom. Choosing to carry our own cross to follow Jesus is another heavenly wisdom. God alone has the everlasting rest offered to those who follow his way.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults



For teenagers and adults wishing to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church, we are planning to start the RCIA in early October. [For more info, please contact the office.](#)



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal 15th / 16th July

What if your mum, grandma or sister became homeless? One of the fastest growing groups of people experiencing homelessness is women over 55. With lower superannuation and savings than men, older women are especially vulnerable to the cost of living crisis. Your gift will make sure older women experiencing homelessness have a safe place to sleep, nutritious food, warm clothing and the support they need to rebuild their lives. The SVDP Winter Appeal will be held on the 15th / 16th July. Donations can also be made via direct deposit: Name: St Vincent de Paul Society, BSB 064 786, Account: 1000 26711. Ref: Your surname. Email sfx4300@svdpgld.org.au for a receipt.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your Diary

15th/16th July SVDP Winter Appeal
 20th Aug, 10am 1st Communion & Multicultural Mass
 4th Oct, 6pm Confirmation

Responsorial Psalm

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
 you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
 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 – 15th Sun. Ordinary Time, 16th July 2023

1 st Reading	Is 55:10-11
2 nd Reading	Rom 8:18-23
Gospel	Mt 13:1-23

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna
 The next Baptism will be 16th July 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 10th – 16th July

Catherine Neden, Cornelius Peter Vink, Anita Donovan, Jim Alexander, Jyearanee Sam, Mark Young, Vytas Lesevicius, Florence Helen Taylor, Arthur Neden, Eric Pointon, Gordon Hodges, Alfred Sharman, Sivilya Phonsavadathy, Pietro Gaiulo, Bill Appelman.

Recently Deceased

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 – 9th JULY 2023

Flowers	Noela Leituala	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1st Reading	5pm Huong Nguyen	2nd 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

WEEK 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 16th JULY 2023

Flowers	Divine Mercy	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1st Reading	5pm Darsha Ross	2nd Reading	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald	Ciborium	5pm Christine Freeman
	7am Robert Bryant		7am Theresa Greig		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Alefosio Family		9am Vaoiva Family		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.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Safeguarding Update Thank you to all our volunteers for your time and effort in ministering to our parish and for your assistance in making our latest safeguarding audit a success. There are a couple of outstanding compliance requirements from the audit, which are mostly related to Archdiocesan changes to ministry categories (see below). These non-compliances will be followed up over the coming weeks.

Ministry Category	Description/Ministries (not all are listed below)
A – Clergy	Priests, seminarians and clergy (regardless of ministries undertaken)
B – Staff	Paid staff, including visiting staff (regardless of ministries undertaken)
C – Blue Card	Sacristans, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Sacramental Program Leaders, Youth Leaders, Communion in private homes, Altar Servers over 18 years, Children's Choir Leaders.
D – Police Check	Communion in facilities, Counters, Finance Council Members
E – Participant	Readers, Communion Minister at Mass, most liturgy ministries. No Blue Card or Police Check required.



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