



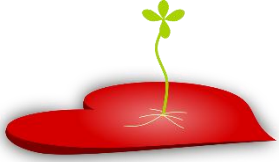
**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday						Saturday	22 nd July
18 th	July	Tues	9.00am	Mass		4.30pm	Reconciliation
19 th	July	Wed	9.00am	Mass		5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary		Sunday	23rd July
20 th	July	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		7.00am	Mass
21 st	July	Fri	9.00am	Mass		9.00am	Mass

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

16th July 2023



Change of Heart

A sower sows the seed manually, indicating this individual farm is small in size. It is located near a public place, where people walk past daily. This parcel of land is the combination of good soil, rocky ground, and thorny parts. The fertile soil is useful, while the rocky ground and thorny parts are not just useless, but troublesome. They require hard work to convert them into good fertile lands. The fertile land produces uneven results in its harvest time. Some seed gives a hundredfold, other sixty, and again other only thirty. There is no explanation for the end results being uneven. The fertile land needs work too. It needs to be taken good care of, for better results at the next harvest time. Farmers know the land, but whether it's good or not so good, all land needs to be cared for. Otherwise, good, fertile quality soil can become a poor, futile one. Thorny weed grows strong in wild conditions; and is invasive. It needs to be uprooted before it kills the seedlings. After weed and stone have been removed, the useless land becomes fertile ground, and that is the great reward for the hard labour. Jesus uses images of the natural world, applying them to the conditions of a human heart.

A human heart is like this parcel of land. Its mood changes from good to bad and via versa. A loving heart; when it is neglected, can turn into a heart of stone; while God's love has the power to change a stony heart to be a heart of flesh, a heart of compassion. Jesus talks about the different moods of an individual heart when it comes to receiving God's word: the path, and the rocky, thorny, and fertile soils. Each kind of soil corresponds to a different state of the human heart. A path is what people walked upon, and that hardened the soil. It is useless for growing, because its

purpose is not for growing, but for transporting. The choice is between the path of God and of the world. The path of God leads to goodness, love, and compassion; while the path of the world leads a person to selfish ambition, hunger for power, and wealth accumulation. This leads to a hardening of heart for the poor, and for personal gain before justice. Rocky ground has little soil, and the hot sun makes the morning dew vanish quickly. It is hard for the seed to take root, and it is too dry to survive. A rocky heart has little love for the poor and the lure of personal benefit gain will deafen the cry of others. Rock is hard and its hardness resists again change. When a person's heart becomes a heart of stone; it is the most feared of all. Like a rock, that heart resists change. However, following the path of God is very much like walking on solid rocky ground. Those who grasp firm on God's word will stand firm in his love. Thorns are a kind of evasive weed, which is more resilient than seed. If un-uprooted it would soon take over the fertile land. Thorns in this context are bad habits, unloving behaviours which are hard to kill. Uprooting a bad habit requires constant discipline and great effort plus God's grace to make a change. Soil, whatever kind, can't take care of itself; the fertile soil needs insecticide and fertilizer, and even rest to improve its nourishment and yield a good harvest.

From the different patches of land to different moods of a human's heart, Jesus invites his followers to examine their own hearts to see how their hearts react towards his message. Is it an open heart or one closed to his love? Whatever the conditions of the heart are; neglecting to take care of it means it soon becomes wild.

Always taking good care of one's heart is the way of the Lord.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Scam Emails & Text Messages



Archdiocesan priests are the flavour of the month lately for spammers. Northside and Southside clergy have all been picked upon. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedygoon email address (e.g churchcare0147@gmail.com), but always spouting a similar urgent message: " Dear XXXX, Can you set aside a minute? I'm trapped in a meeting and need you to perform a task for me. Cannot speak, need to meet now, so just write back here. Sincerely, Fr XXXX XXXX Parish Priest. The follow up messages attempt to persuade you that the priests' urgent need can only be solved by the purchase of I Tunes or

Amazon cards or similar. **Please be assured that the Archbishop or any clergy operating within the Archdiocese of Brisbane would never have need to approach you in this way or be seeking monetary help via the purchase of gift or store retail cards.** Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists. If in doubt, please contact the parish office.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your Diary

20th Aug, 10am 1st Communion & Multicultural Mass
 4th Oct, 6pm Confirmation

Please note that previous the Confirmation date was cancelled as the Bishop is not available.

Responsorial Psalm

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
 The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
 All who come to him will live for ever.
 Alleluia!

PASTORAL MATTERS



Prayer for the Sick

Lin Merrian, 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 17th – 23rd July

Barbara Meredith, Doreen Leslie, Gail Mary Scotney, Barry McGrath, Marjorie Larter, James O'Neill, Philomena Bolton, Francis Keppel (Frank), Pamela Bryant, Yvonne Smith, Gary James Clark

Reading – 16th Sun. Ordinary Time, 23rd July 2023

1 st Reading	Wis 12:13, 16-19
2 nd Reading	Rom 8:26-27
Gospel	Mt 13:24-30

Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna
 The next Baptism will be 15th October. 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 Marj Robbin, Edward (Ned) Wallace, Anthony Furlong.



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 - THIS WEEK – 16th JULY 2023

Flowers	Divine Mercy	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm Darsha Ross	2 nd	5pm Lina Kazolo	Ciborium	5pm Christine Freeman
Reading	7am Robert Bryant	Reading	7am Theresa Greig		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Alefosio Family		9am Vaoiva Family		9am Donna So'oalo

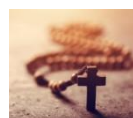
WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 23rd JULY 2023

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Almaz Okbamichael	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Bruce Larter	2 nd	5pm Owen Ross	Ciborium	5pm Julie Aiavao
Reading	7am Joan Sitcheff	Reading	7am Anna Timu		7am Kolio Timu
	9am Kisa Senio		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

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

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@svdpqld.org.au for a receipt.

St Francis Xavier Primary School Goodna Kids who care

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