



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday						Saturday	29 th July
25 th	July	Tues	9.00am	Mass – St James		4.30pm	Reconciliation
26 th	July	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Sts Joachim & Anne		5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary		Sunday	30th July
27 th	July	Thurs	9.00am	Mass		7.00am	Mass
28 th	July	Fri	9.00am	Mass		9.00am	Mass

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

23rd July 2023



Light and Darkness

Last week, the sower was a villager, a farmer, who worked on his own. This week the sower is a wealthy landlord. He and his servants work during

the day; while at night, his enemy quietly comes to sow weed, darnel, in his field. Noticing the darnel growing alongside the wheat; the servants query their master about the quality of the seed; and the darnel. Instead of punishing the servants for failing to look after the field at night; the landlord simply replies that it is the work of the enemy. The servants propose a solution: uprooting the darnel. The landlord advises them, that because the wheat and darnel are too well blended; if they uproot the darnel now; it would cause more harm to the wheat. It is better to wait till the harvest time. At harvest time, it is not the servants gathering the wheat, but the reapers, with clear instructions: the darnel is to be burnt, and the wheat is to be stored in the barn.

The contrast between day, and night suggests that the landlord is an honest, upright person; who prefers to work in daylight; because his actions are right and just. In contrast, the enemy is dishonest, and who prefers darkness because his action is evil. Light, openness, and transparency are the ways of the landlord; while darkness, secrecy, and evil intent are the ways of the enemy. We don't know the face of the landlord but can visualize that he is a good and kind person, simply because his servants feel free to talk to him. They openly question him about the quality of the seed and also ask him how the darnel comes about, and also propose the solution of weeding out the darnel. For this reason, I think he is a good landlord who gets on well with his servants. For

a good and honest person, night time is a time for family and resting, relaxation, and recharging energy. S/he is able to do it because her/his mind and heart are clear and bright. At a spiritual level, night time is a time for reflection on how the day has gone, and also a time to give thanks to God for the gifts one has received.

For a dishonest person, night time is a time for carrying out evil activities, stealing, and killing. Dishonest people love to hide their faces, for fear of being exposed to the light. They live in fear. Both their faces and evil acts are being concealed, but not for long, because nothing is covered forever. One day, it will be discovered, and that is also the time of judgement. Darkness in this context is not just simply the absence of the sun, but rather the darkness of a person's mind and heart. At the spiritual level, darkness is the absence of truth, peace and justice. It is the denial of God's love and mercy. Recognizing the darnel in our life requires wisdom; otherwise, we can mistake darnel for wheat or evil for goodness. They seem to be good in their appearance, but underneath the sugar coating; there is hidden bitterness.

Jesus tells his disciples at the end of the parable that the landlord is God; the good seed is people. The enemy is evil and the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Light, and goodness are the way of God. Badness, and darkness are the way of evil. The parable tells us that at the present time, both goodness and badness co-exist in the world, but in the end; they don't come to the same end. Each goes to a different end. Goodness is joined to the Eternal Goodness; while badness follows the power of darkness.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



Congratulations!

St Ann's school in Redbank Plains will celebrate the Feast Day of their Patron Saint on the 26th July. St Ann's school began its journey in 2020, and continues to grow each year. Their feast day celebrates the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne, and is celebrated on the same day in both Catholic and Anglican denominations.



Congratulations!

Massive congratulations to Phillip Vaoiva who has been selected in the Australian Schoolboys Rugby Union Team. Phillip was selected after a very successful representation for Queensland at the Rugby Championships over the holidays. We are extremely proud of you!

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

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

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, 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 24th – 30th July

Petronele Bernotas, Arsenio Amo Snr., Patrick Joseph Galligan, Christa Henty, Annie Catherine Kelty, Geoffrey Wise, Theo Broekman, Ken Mahoney, Bernard Bradley, Angela Ryan, Mary Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Kathleen Van Bael.

Reading – 17th Sun. Ordinary Time, 30th July 2023

1 st Reading	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12
2 nd Reading	Rom 8:28-30
Gospel	Mt 13:44-52



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 4 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 23rd JULY 2023

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

WEEK 5 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 30th JULY 2023

Flowers	Kisa Senio	Cleaning	Kisa Senio	Yard	n/a
1st Reading	5pm Ipolito Kazolo	2nd Reading	5pm Lina Kazolo	Ciborium	5pm Peter Aiavao
	7am Eddie Radke		7am Moi Radke		7am Amelia Teomatavui
	9am Leituala Family		9am Falaniko Family		9am Angela Vaoiva

Ministers should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass, or their role will be reassigned on the day.

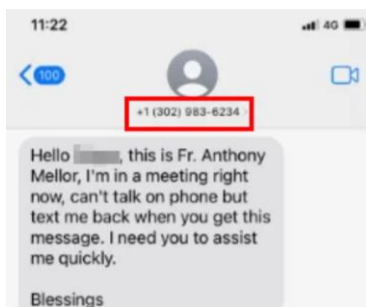
WEEKLY INFORMATION

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.



Scam Emails & Text Messages

Archdiocesan priests are the flavour of the month for spammers. Northside and Southside clergy have all been picked upon. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedygook email address (e.g churchcare0147@gmail.com). **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.

St Francis Xavier Primary School Goodna Kids who care

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