



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	5 th August	
1 st	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass - St Alphonsus Liguori	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
2 nd	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Mass	
					6.30pm	Rosary	
3 rd	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Dominic	7.00am	Mass	
4 th	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass	

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A** **30th July 2023**



Making Choices

On several occasions, Jesus talks about the end time. This reiteration implies that eternal life is of utmost importance for those who follow Jesus; and that they should seriously take heed. Using different images to talk about the kingdom, Jesus helps the crowds to visualize the growth of God's kingdom. Jesus began all three short parables, the hidden treasure, the pearls and the dragnet, with the same phrase: *'The kingdom of heaven is like...'*

The treasure is hidden in a field. The great pearls are covered, and the dragnet is deep under the water. All are covered by different materials, but when found, none of them loses its value. When the seeds sown in the field. They stay under the darkness of the soil, but when the conditions are right; the seeds grow. This implies that the sower would never lose hope, but always lives in hope. The treasure is hidden in the field. It stays in the darkness of weed and clay, but when found the treasure maintains its value. The pearls are kept in the owner's cupboard; they hide their brightness. All the parables have brought great joy to those who found them. In the same way, the word of God becomes the source of great joy for those who welcome it. The word purifies their hearts, cleanses their soul, disinfect their actions, changes their behaviour that makes their life shine. The parables conclude that darkness has one single purpose, and that is concealment. Darkness itself has a time limit; otherwise, the treasure and pearls would never be found. For us, darkness associates with bad behaviour. They to have a time limit at the 'harvest time' or the day of reckoning. The treasure and pearls would never lose their value; rather their value either remains the same; or even increases. Their value is great for those who truly know them; and has less value for those who fail to see it. This explains that those who know their true value have enough time for selling their

own things and purchasing them. The word of God has utmost value for those who truly love Jesus and has no value for those who anti his way of life.

Covering takes the role of protection. Soil covers the seeds from being eaten by birds and wild animals. In the case of a wild animal accidentally stepping on the pearls, the cover would protect them from being damaged or broken. The word of God protects those who love Jesus. The parables affirm that the treasure and the pearls are not found by accident, but rather by actively searching for it. And when found; it requires sacrifice to have it. Trading for the treasure is a must. There are actions to make, namely: searching, finding, hiding, selling and purchasing. These actions tell us that sacrifices always lead to something better, greater and more valuable than the sacrifices themselves. It is the actions to make choices, discern, and discard what is more in quantity, but less in value for something less in quantity, but greater quality. Indeed, there is only one: the Treasure. Jesus is the treasure. It is himself and his word. His treasure is hidden for those who are inactive to his word, but is the treasure for those who love him, and actively follow his way. Following him, one needs to give up one's own way of life to adopt his way of life. His way of life is summed up in one single command: Love God and love our neighbours. When we welcome his word into our hearts. The word is either active or inactive; but never dies.

The parable invites us to make choices: collect the good fish and discard the useless ones. If we do it now, there will be less pain; but if we refuse to do it now; at the end time, God's angels will separate the wicked from the just and the pain would be beyond imagination.

We pray to have the courage to make sacrifices for Jesus.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Thank you!

A sincere thank you to everyone who contributed to the SVDP Winter Appeal, which raised \$1886.05. Your donations will help vulnerable people in our community.



Dates for your Diary

- Thurs. 17th Aug, 7pm
- Sun. 20th Aug, 10am
- Sat. 26th Aug, 5pm
- Wed. 4th Oct, 6pm

- Parish Pastoral Council meeting in presbytery.
- 1st Communion & Multicultural Mass in School Hall, followed by lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.
- School Mass (in church), followed by potluck dinner in Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.
- Confirmation. Please note that the previous Confirmation date was cancelled as the Bishop is not available.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.”-Romans 8:28. Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God’s plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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Responsorial Psalm

Lord, I love your commands.

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 31st July – 6th August

Robert Jeffery, Helena Sadkowski, Frederick Smith, John McNulty, Erno Gross, Nicko Mamea (Baby), Dulcie Penny, Wesley Farnham, Luka Vuksic, Olivia De Ynchansti, Josephine Shirley Folkes.

Reading – The Transfiguration, 6th August 2023

1 st Reading	Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
2 nd Reading	2 Pet 1:16-19
Gospel	Mt 17:1-9



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 5 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 30th JULY 2023

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

WEEK 1 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 6th AUGUST 2023

Flowers	Cleaning	Yard
Samoan Community	Jim Walsh	n/a
1st 5pm Angela Vu	2nd 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 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. **Contact the parish office.**

100 years of ‘Service and Christianity’ Celebration



The local branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross is celebrating its centenary on 5 August 2023 at St Francis Xavier Church, 6 Church St Goodna with a Mass at 11.00am followed by a barbecue in the Parish hall. Present members, former members and families of past members are all invited to participate. RSVPs and/or enquiries to **Eddie Radke 0416051953** or **Mike Gregg 0419732586**.

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