



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES							
Weekday					Saturday	12 th August	
8 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass - St Mary of the Cross	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
9 th	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Mass	5.00pm	Mass	
			6.30pm	Rosary			
10 th	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Lawrence	Sunday 13 th August		
11 th	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass – St Clare	7.00am	Mass	
					9.00am	Mass	

The Transfiguration of the Lord

Year A

6th August 2023



Holy Fear

Jesus asked the apostles, what do people say about the Son of Man? They replied: "Some say, you are a great prophet; others say you are Elijah, and others again, Jeremiah or one of the prophets," Mt 16:13-14. Each of these sayings fails to reveal Jesus' true identity. Up in the mountain, for the first time, Peter, James and John; have experienced Jesus' holy splendour, and that is his true identity. This magnificent splendour overwhelms them. The Jesus, whom they know, now has transfigured. His face is brightened like the sun; his clothes are whitened. His voice is as loud as thunder which captures their spirit. There are several elements which always accompany God, wherever, and whenever God appears. It involves both nature and humans. Nature provides mountains, brightness, cloud, and a voice like thunder. On the human part, there is a surprise, the feeling of awe, and afterwards the wonder of understanding.

Nature becomes the tool to show God's glory. A mountain implies the greatness, the height, and the depth of God. For God, the cloud serves as God's throne. Cloud comes and goes and constantly changes its shapes. This represents the mystery of God, who, we sometimes feel is very close, while other times is hidden. For us, the cloud becomes a shield of protection; it lessens the effect of ultraviolet rays. Cloud also controls the atmosphere's temperature. For the apostles, the cloud protects their eyes from blindness. The brightness comes not from the sun's rays, but rather from Jesus himself. It shines not just from his face but his clothing, into the surrounding area. This brightness pervades not just the apostles' faces, but even breaks through their minds; and as well as their hearts. Moses' face was shining after encountering the Lord, and so do the apostles. This mysterious brightness is hidden, but revealed up on the mountain for the chosen ones. It is too bright for them to see Jesus directly, but must face down to avoid its greatness. It

tells us that, we humans are unable to face God face to face, unless, to a certain degree, God allows that person to know God. Apart from Jesus, no human has ever been given that privilege. Peter, on behalf of the apostles, proposes to build the three tents. Jesus ignores his request; but tells them to go down. It is ignored because this genuine, noble proposal is made at the wrong time, and the wrong place. It is spoken without knowledge as the text says. Obviously, remaining up in the mountain would mean avoiding the cross, or at least delaying the Father's will which is not what Jesus would do. This reason alone makes us believe that the proposal doesn't come from God but from man. On the way down, Jesus reminds the apostles that His Passion is necessary for mankind. The voice sounds like thunder representing the powerful and greatness of God. It also reveals that nature always submits, and serves its Creator. Jesus talks to Elijah and Moses; which indicates that Jesus is the bridge between the Old and the New Testament. It means that Jesus alone would perfect God's Covenant to save us with His own life and blood. The fear of the apostles is a holy fear. A holy fear is the fear of not loving God as much as one would desire. It also reveals that we are very fragile, and weak, and in need of healing. Jesus touches the apostles to heal them, removing fear from their hearts. On their way down, Jesus told the apostles to tell no one about the mountain experience until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. This reveals that the apostles would not fully understand the true Jesus' identity until after he rose from death. The discussion among them about what *'rising from the dead'* could mean reveals, that the mystery of life; death; and resurrection is beyond human reasoning. We humans have no say in these mysteries. They are all God's gifts to us. We take them and enjoy what we receive.

We pray to be faithful to Jesus' voice as the Father told us, *'Listen to Him.'*

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Multicultural Mass



St Francis Xavier Parish proudly invites you to join us as we celebrate the cultural diversity of our parish. The Eucharist celebration will be held at 10am, 20th August in the school hall and will include liturgical elements from around the world. Lunch will be straight afterwards, and you are invited to bring a plate of food to share.

Potluck Dinner

On Saturday 26th August the parish welcomes the school children from SFX Primary who will assist at the 5pm Mass. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. All are welcome, please bring a plate of food to share.



WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your Diary

Tues. 15 th Aug	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (9am & 6.30pm)
Thurs. 17 th Aug, 7pm	Parish Pastoral Council meeting in presbytery.
Sun. 20 th Aug, 10am	1 st Communion & Multicultural Mass in School Hall, followed by lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.
Sat. 26 th Aug, 5pm	School Mass (in church), followed by potluck dinner in Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.
Wed. 4 th Oct, 6pm	Confirmation. Please note that the previous Confirmation date was cancelled as the Bishop is not available.


Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him.
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.

Reading – 19 th Sunday Ord. Time, 13 th August 2023	
1 st Reading	1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13
2 nd Reading	Rom 9:1-5
Gospel	Mt 14:22-23

Reborn in Eternal Life 7th -13th August
Vince Hanley, Lea Ann Howarth, George Staunton Moylan, John Chew, Florence Sharkey, James Beresford, Kevin Norman.



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 1 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 6th AUGUST 2023

Flowers	Samoan Community	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Angela Vu	2 nd	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

WEEK 2 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 13th AUGUST 2023

Flowers	Noela Leituala	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Huong Nguyen	2 nd	5pm Julie Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm Peter Aiavao
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


RCIA 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 information contact the parish office.**

Holy Land Tour Two places are currently available for an upcoming Holy Land tour. The tour leaves on 16th September 2023. Contact Peter Schuptar 0408 178 687 or Cameron Auld 0437 530 784.



2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN 26-27 August

This campaign is all about raising funds to support the good work we do right here in our own Archdiocese. The funds we raise will: support the journey of seminarians at **Holy Spirit Seminary**; provide for our unwell and **retired priests**; help those in **our community** who are in need through Centacare services, and support the Mary MacKillop **School Access Fund**. www.catholiccampaign.com.au



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