

OUR PARISH MASSES									
Week	day				Saturday	19 th August			
15 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Mass – The Assumption	4.30pm	Reconciliation			
			6.30pm	Mass	5.00pm	Mass			
16 th	Aug	Wed 9.00am Mass		Sunday 10.00am	20th August Multicultural Mass				
			6.30pm	Rosary		Il Mass in school hall,			
17 th	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Mass	followed by lunch outside. There is				
18 th	Aug	Fri	9.00am	Mass	no 7am or 9am Mass.				

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

13th August 2023



Lord, Save Me

After feeding the crowds, Jesus sent his disciples into the boat to sail to the other side of the lake. He then sent the crowds home by himself. It means Jesus has full control of the situation

without the help of his apostles. Any assistance from the apostles would be a bonus for them rather than for him. Jesus then went up into the hills by himself to pray. He spent time alone with his Father. He often has time with the Father alone, but sometimes he allows his disciples to accompany him. There is no record of his prayers because this time he is alone.

The apostles were in trouble on the high sea, battling with a heavy sea. Following Jesus means accepting to step into the 'trouble waters'. It is a symbol of life with turmoils and chaos. Jesus is the group leader, but when he was not with them; they must have someone acting as a group leader to coordinate for affairs of the group. Peter resurfaced as the group leader in Jesus' absence. When the apostles saw a figure approaching them from afar. They were terrified. Jesus addressed them saying, 'It is I, do not be afraid'. Peter then sought his approval, approaching on the water and coming to him. A big wave was approaching; it blocked his sight of Jesus. Peter got into trouble. At the top of his voice, Peter shouted, 'Lord, save me'. Jesus reached out to save him. Doing God's will, Peter is not free from trouble. In this case, the force of nature serves as an obstacle that stops Peter from seeing Jesus. Losing sight of God, we rely on our own something else. We rely on the world's power, wealth, and our own strength. Our strength is limited and is easily exhausted. Peter soon realizes that his friends couldn't help him; his experience couldn't save him. Without God, he has no hope. He turns God for help. Sure enough, God is always ready to save to those

who call upon him; no matter what. Without God, we are suffocated in our own business of life and drown in our own sin.

The text tells us that the power of darkness is following us everywhere like a shadow of that person. It creates chaos and takes advantage of human weakness by instilling fear into our hearts. They do that by hiding behind the force of nature to do the work. The other element is darkness itself. Darkness and insecurity go shoulder to shoulder; while insecurity is married to fear. God's power removes fear; it restores peace and joy. God's power quells all personal troubles. A true follower of Jesus requires having faith, and trust in him. Faith and sacrifice are the ways of the apostles. No sacrifice means following an empty word. Evil spirits can't defeat Jesus, but they hope to win the hearts of Jesus' disciples. In our struggles to be faithful to Jesus, there will be chaos and struggle, and that is what sacrifice involves. Peter struggles to keep afloat but fails; and in his desperation, he calls out to Jesus for help. Jesus saves him from drowning. He enters the boat safely; and the men in the boat bow down confessing, 'Truly, you are the Son of God'. Just twelve hours earlier, Jesus fed the five thousand from five loaves and two fish; the apostles took part in the distribution of the food. They recognised the amazing miracle, but failed to recognize that Jesus is the Son of God. Distributing food for the crowds is helping Jesus to feed others; being caught in the midst of the storm is a personal experience. This near-death experience is a personal one, and that makes their hearts closer to Jesus. To be able to confess that Jesus is the Son of God one needs to have a personal experience. 'Lord save me' is what we need to remember always. 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

Thurs. 17th Aug, 7pm Parish Pastoral Council meeting in presbytery.

Sun. 20th Aug, 10am 1st Communion & Multicultural Mass in School Hall, followed

by lunch. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.

Sat. 26th Aug, 5pm School Mass (in church), followed by potluck dinner in Parish Hall. Please bring a plate of food to share. All welcome.

Wed. 4th Oct, 6pm Confirmation. Please note that the previous Confirmation

date was cancelled as the Bishop is not available.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. 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

14th - 20th August

Graham Huth, Joan Ellen Bell, Herbie Poek, Therese Waddington, Lucia Ceraldi, Patricia Lourigan, James Roddin, Valentine Martin Moroney, Ursula Franciska Rennett, Barbara Davidson, Sr. Mary Theodore Lee.

Reading – 20 th S	Reading – 20 th Sunday Ord. Time, 20 th August 2023					
1 st Reading	Is 56:1, 6-7					
2 nd Reading	Rom 11:13-15, 29-32					
Gospel	Mt 15:21-28					



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 Mari Robbin, Edward (Ned) Wallace, Anthony Furlong, Maria Nguyễn Thi Tinh, Antonia Campomayor.

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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 – 13 th 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	Ġ	7am	Michael Miles	
	9am	So'oalo Family		9am	Karoline Fonoti		9am	Sosefo Masalu	
WEEK 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK - 20th AUGUST 2023									

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Flowers	Divine Mercy		Cleaning	Divine	e Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy		
1 st	5pm	Darsha Ross	2 nd	5pm	Suzanne Fitzgerald	Ciborium	5pm	Christine Freeman	
Reading	7am	n/a	Reading	7am	n/a	ė.	7am	n/a	
	10am	SFX Youth Group	_	10am	SFX Youth Group		10am	Elaine Walters	
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								Kellie Jacobsen	

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 26-27 CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN **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

St Francis Xavier Primary School Kids who care

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