

ST **FRANCIS XAVIER** CATHOLIC PARISH

| OUR PARISH MASSES | | | | | | | | |
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| Week | day | | | Saturday | 26 th August | | | |
| 22 nd | Aug | Tues | 9.00am Mass – Queenship of Mary | 4.30pm | Reconciliation | | | |
| 23 rd | Aug | Wed | 9.00am Communion Service | 5.00pm | Mass | | | |
| _ | | | 6.30pm Rosary | Sunday | 27 th August | | | |
| 24 th | Aug | Thurs | 9.00am Communion Service | 7.00am | Mass | | | |
| 25 th | Aug | Fri | 9.00am Communion Service | 9.00am | Mass | | | |



Welcome to the Multicultural Mass & Congratulations to those receiving 1st Communion!

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

20th August 2023



Exploration

Jesus and his disciples entered the regions of Tyre and Sidon. For them, the customs and cultures of the area are unfamiliar. In his homeland, Jesus already has experienced several traps and tricks plotted by his opponents -

Scribes and Pharisees. Entering onto unfamiliar ground, a woman came to meet him asking for a miracle. She was very persistent in her request. It is reasonable that this raised the alarm for Jesus: whether the request was genuine or was it a trap designed to cause trouble. Jesus refused to get involved, ignoring her request for help. His disciples pleaded with him to help her, not because they loved the woman, but because they actually want to avoid the nuisance of her yelling at them. Jesus replied not to the woman, but instead, he speaks to his disciples, that his first priority saving mission is for the lost sheep of the House of Israel. This statement is an exploratory question. If the woman was one of the lost sheep of the House of Israel, she would have said so. Her quiet response implied she was not one of them. Hearing what Jesus said to the apostles, the woman didn't go away, but instead, she came closer to Jesus, and this time she was on her knees. She also changed both her language and tone. Before, she addressed Jesus as 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me'. She now addressed him 'Lord, help me'. This time Jesus talked to her. 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs'.

Addressing a person as a house-dog is a great insult. We may think Jesus' response is rude and the woman should get even. Surprisingly, the woman takes it in a calm manner. She didn't get angry but came closer. Children's

food and a house dog both belong to the same family. The woman didn't think that the statement implied directly to her, but rather, was a generality. Further, the word 'dog' doesn't apply to her because this woman is not the lost sheep of the House of Israel. It probably also implies that the dog bonds to its master, and the woman shows, Jesus has a special place in her heart.

Someone explains that, at that time, the term 'dogs' implies all Gentiles. If that was the case, then Jesus' remark could be understood as another exploratory remark. Jesus wants the woman to reveal her background and that she actually is a gentile. Her response reveals three important points. First, she is not a lost sheep of the House of Israel. Second her request is not a trap, but she is genuine in her pleading. Third, and most importantly, she has a solid faith in Jesus. We are very sure of this because she firmly believes in Jesus' word. Jesus didn't do anything significant or perform a miracle on the spot. He simply told her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted'. She believed in his word; and went home happy and indeed, when she reached home, the good news was: her daughter is indeed well, and healthy.

The woman shows she loves her daughter dearly and would go the extra mile to save her. The story also confirms that Jesus' ministry is for everyone who genuinely loves and has faith in him, and the Gentiles are included. It also affirms that we can pray on others' behalf. In this case, it is the mother who prays for her daughter who was sick.

We are encouraged to pray for others and the need of the Fr Vudinh Tuong world. **Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

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Scam Emails & Text Messages

Parishioners continue to report scam text messages & emails. The messages are generated as an SMS or sent from a gobbedlygook email address. 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. Hitting the delete button is the best way to deal with these pests and scam artists.

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

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

O God, let all the nations praise you!

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

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

21st - 27th August

Anthony Paul Folkes, John McGrath, Ralph Norman Hall, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Patricia Fitzgerald, Brian Joseph Eustace, James Stirling, Bill Catlow.

| Reading – 21 st Sunday Ord. Time, 27 th August 2023 | | | | | | |
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| 1 st Reading | Is 22:19-23 | | | | | |
| 2 nd Reading | Rom 11:33-36 | | | | | |
| Gospel | Mt 16:13-20 | | | | | |



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, Antonia Campomayor.

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 – 20 th AUGUST 2023 | | | | | | | | |
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| Flowers | Divine Mercy | | Cleaning | Divine 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 | Ġ. | 7am | n/a |
| | 10am | SFX Youth Group | _ | 10am | SFX Youth Group | | 10am | Elaine Walters |
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| WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 27" AUGUST 2023 | | | | | | | | |
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| Flowers | Tien & Nhu | | Cleaning | Tien & Nhu | | Yard | n/a | |
| 1 st | 5pm | SFX School | 2 nd | 5pm | SFX School | 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

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.

Annual Leave

Fr. Tuong will be away from 23rd August to 15th September. During his absence, we will welcome back Fr. Roger.

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



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