



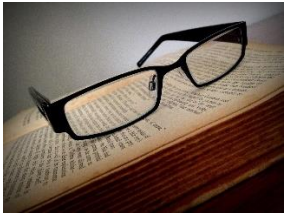
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES								
Weekday						Saturday	2 nd September	
29 th	Aug	Tues	9.00am	Communion Service			4.30pm	Reconciliation
30 th	Aug	Wed	9.00am	Communion Service			5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm	Rosary			Sunday	3rd September
31 st	Aug	Thurs	9.00am	Communion Service			7.00am	Mass
1 st	Sep	Fri	9.00am	Communion Service			9.00am	Mass
Welcome Fr. Roger!								

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

27th August 2023



Heavenly Wisdom

People have various opinions of Jesus, *'some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets'* (Mat 16:13). Jesus asked his own

disciples: Who do they say their Master is? The apostles should have known him better than the rest because they have been with him always during his public ministry. Peter, on behalf of the group answers, *'You are the Christ, the Son of the living God'*. Jesus told him that *'It was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven.'* We have here earthly wisdom and heavenly wisdom. Human wisdom comes from humans. It is the work of a mind and it is not hard to know. The work of the mind is understandable; because it is within the sphere of human knowledge. All human knowledge arises from observation. We may all observe the same thing, but we make different conclusions. It is not wrong to say that all human perception contains hidden errors caused by one's frame of reference and imperfect observation. Our eyes have no problem capturing a whole picture, but we often fail to see the detail. Most of the time, it is the detail that makes things differ from each other. This observation is illustrated in the way in which people encountered Jesus in his public teaching. They all heard of him, all enjoyed his miracles, and yet all failed to see his true identity.

Heavenly wisdom is not something one can gain from human observation or perception. It is a special gift God is given to those God chooses to reveal to. Jesus told Peter this when he confessed that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Peter's opinion about Jesus comes not from observation or witnessing his miracles, but rather it is a

special grace that God the Father gives him. God's Spirit works in him and yet he may not recognize it. Peter himself probably didn't know that what he said about Jesus was heavenly wisdom, or that was given to him by the Father.

Jesus poses his question for a specific purpose and that purpose was hidden from the disciples. Jesus probably has wondered for some time whether would Peter be the right candidate for the leader of the group when he is not around. Jesus wants an affirmation from the Father, that his opinion about Peter would be aligned to the Father. Peter's answer confirms that Peter is the chosen one. The Father has chosen him, and it is evident in his public confession, that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Hearing what Peter has said, Jesus has no doubt; but affirms him the twofold offices: Group leader and Head of his future Church on earth. Jesus also tells Peter that the Church he leads would not avoid challenges from the power of darkness. It may cause the Church to shake, but not break. Jesus affirms to Peter that, despite all adversaries, the Church continues to stand firm because it is built on the rock. It is the Rock that Peter and his successors would draw strength from: Christ himself, who has defeated the power of darkness manifested through death. Jesus has risen from death and gives eternal life to those who follow his way. Like Jesus, the Church is the pilgrim Church, and on her way, she will meet the power of darkness which is hidden in earthly wisdom. But remember: *'The gates of the underworld can never hold out against it,'* (Mat 16:18). It is the great hope we all embrace.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION



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THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION

Your support helps our retired and infirm priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting human need with the merciful love of God. As their number grows greater, so too does the need to boost the Foundation which makes care for them possible.



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Annual Catholic Campaign

This campaign is 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**.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your Diary

Wed. 4th Oct, 6pm Confirmation. Please note that the previous Confirmation date was cancelled as the Bishop is not available.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

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 office for more information.

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 – 22nd Sunday Ord. Time, 3rd September 2023

1 st Reading	Jer 20:7-9
2 nd Reading	Rom 12:1-2
Gospel	Mt 16:21-27

Reborn in Eternal Life 28th August – 3rd September

Stefan Janczuk, Gus De Glas, Valdas Grigutis, Janina Mvkolaitiene, John (Jack) Neden, Jim O'Hagan, Mary Preddey, Finbar Cogan, Francesco Piotto, William Milner, Taua'e Puia'i Vaimoana Esera.

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, 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 4 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 27th AUGUST 2023

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

WEEK 1 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 3rd SEPTEMBER 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 Teofilo Lulu		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

Women's Retreat



How do women of faith remain in Jesus and bear fruit? By staying connected. In the midst of our fast-paced lives, it is crucial to carve out moments of stillness and create space to hear the whispers of God. This weekend retreat, facilitated by the team at Evangelisation Brisbane, will provide an opportunity to remain, abide and stay with God who created you and longs to spend time with you. **When:** 6pm Friday 8 September to 1pm Sunday 10 September. **Where:** Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, 267 Wellington St, Ormiston. **Cost:** \$425 live in / \$230 live out. **RSVP:** Monday 4 September. Register today for a weekend of encounter, encouragement, and restoration at <https://tinyurl.com/abide23>

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