




**ST
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CATHOLIC
PARISH**


OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	23 rd September	
19 th	Sep	Tues	9.00am	Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
20 th	Sep	Wed	9.00am	Mass – Sts A. Tae-gon & P. Ha-sang	5.00pm	Mass
				6.30pm		Sunday 24th September
21 st	Sep	Thurs	9.00am	Mass – St Matthew	7.00am	Mass
22 nd	Sep	Fri	9.00am	Mass	9.00am	Mass

Welcome Back Fr. Tuong!

24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Year A	17 th September 2023
 <p>No Tally</p> <p>Peter asks Jesus how many times he needs to forgive his brother if he wrongs him. Peter thinks seven times is generous enough. Peter raises a real-life issue; when living together, hurt and pain, disappointment and disagreement, and broken relationships happen repeatedly. These wrongs can be either by word or action, either with intention and without intention, and they are not easy to avoid. Peter also knows that when hurt and disagreement happens; forgiveness is the way to re-establish a broken relationship. Peter also knows that forgiveness is the way of God, and vengeance and retaliation is the way of man. Peter thinks that forgiving each other more than once, seven times he said, and would be generous enough. Jesus surprises Peter by saying to him, <i>'When you forgive, you have better not count, don't keep any record.'</i> In other words, Jesus tells Peter that there is no limit to forgiving. This teaching shows that true love is limitless. Forgiveness is itself love. It reveals the inner strength of that person. The will to forgive is stronger than the hurt and pain a person has endured. The hardest battle of all is to win oneself. One needs to convince oneself that forgiveness is a noble thing to do. It is an act of freeing oneself from self-pity. An act of forgiveness is not a favour, and therefore there is no need to repay the favour.</p> <p>The question that Peter raises relates to two individuals. It is the wrongdoing between the two brothers. The word brother here includes both the known and unknown. It is easier to forgive a person who you don't know than a person who you know well. It is the feeling of betrayal that prolongs the hurt. A stranger may upset us once and we don't meet them again. The case that Peter raises seems to suggest that the offender is not a stranger, but rather, one who is known, because offenses are repeated. Jesus takes his question and generalises his teaching about the power of forgiveness. His teaching suggests that everyone, young and old, has the</p>	<p>power to forgive. We all make mistakes and have forgiven. We all need to forgive. Underestimating the power of forgiveness brings not joy but misery. We are called to live a life of joy and peace, not anger and isolation.</p> <p>In his parable, Jesus talks about a debtor who owes his king an enormous sum that is beyond his ability to pay. The king cancels his debt when he appeals to the king. This man shows no pity on his creditor when he begs for mercy. Hearing of this wickedness to his brother, the king was furious. He ordered the first man to see him. The king told the man, <i>'I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you'</i>. In his anger, the king put him in jail till he paid all the debt.</p> <p>The parable makes it very clear, that forgiveness is not an option but it is a duty, an obligation that everyone must do because we are all indebted to each other, namely: farmers, traders, drivers, entertainers, writers, firefighters, nurses, doctors, etc. We are all in debt to our king, the King of the universe who gives us life, health, and memory; talent, intelligence and wisdom. When we refuse to forgive each other; we choose to disobey the king of the universe. We chose to live an ungrateful life. Peter's way shows that he is grateful to his brothers and certainly grateful to his Master. Jesus is his supreme leader, who gives him faith and promises to give him a life full of hope, and eternal life to come. Peter knows that forgiveness has the power to set him free from the feeling of resentment. It sets his heart free and gives him peace. It is the inner joy that makes his life more enjoyable. Unforgiveness means self- imprisonment, unhappiness, and misery, and what Peter tries to avoid.</p> <p>We pray to love the sacrament of Reconciliation.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Fr Vudinh Tuong Parish Priest</p>


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 office for more information.

Confirmation Reminder



There will be a final practice held on Saturday 30th September at 3.30pm. The Celebration of Confirmation will be held on Wednesday 4th Oct at 6pm.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship: everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't 'owners' of anything, we are merely 'stewards' of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God, daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Accessed on September 4, 2023 from www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections.

Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.
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 18th – 24th September

Frances Elmore, Roderick William Burns, Neil Cansdale, Vanessa Marsh, Dorothy Phyllis O'Dwyer, Betty Allison, Maria Nguyen Thi Trinh.

Reading – 25th Sunday Ord. Time, 24th September 2023

1 st Reading	Is 55:6-9
2 nd Reading	Phil 1:20-24, 27
Gospel	Mt 20:1-16



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 3 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 17th SEPTEMBER 2023

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 Robert Bryant	Reading	7am Anna Timu		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Alefosio Family		9am Vaoiva Family		9am Donna So'oalo

WEEK 4 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

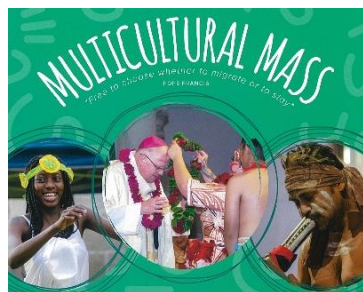
Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Almaz Okbamichael	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Bruce Larter	2 nd	5pm Owen Ross	Ciborium	5pm Julie Aiavao
Reading	7am Joan Sitcheff	Reading	7am Anna Timu		7am Kolio Timu
	9am Kisa Senio		9am Paulo Lauvao		9am Elaine Walters

Ministers should arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass, or their role will be reassigned on the day.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass

Come and join in the annual Multicultural Mass at the Cathedral of St Stephen followed by food and cultural presentations on the Cathedral grounds. The liturgy, with participation by some of the many cultures that make up the Archdiocese, is one of the most vibrant to be witnessed throughout the year. The Mass is a joint effort by the Centre for Multicultural Pastoral Care, the Community Chaplains of the Archdiocese and the various communities they minister to. **Date:** Sunday September 24, 2020. **Time:** 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm. **Where:** Cathedral of St Stephen 249 Elizabeth Street Brisbane QLD



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