



ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	30 th September	
26 th	Sep	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
27 th	Sep	Wed	9.00am Mass – St Vincent de Paul	5.00pm	Mass	
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday	1st October	
28 th	Sep	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass	
29 th	Sep	Fri	9.00am Mass– Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	9.00am	Mass	

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

24th September 2023



God's Generosity

The parable can be divided into two parts: the first part is not about a manager, but the landlord himself, who hires workers to work in his vineyard; and the second

part is about the generosity of the landlord, which is beyond all workers' expectation. Workers are hired at various times of the day. The first group begins at dawn, and during the day, more groups are employed at different times, and the last one begins late in the afternoon. Except for the first group of workers who agreed to work for one denarius for a day's work, the workers laboured with trust, and hope in the landlord, who promised them a 'fair wage'. No one knows what is the 'fair wage' because the landowner didn't specify the amount, and yet all the late ones are grateful for being employed at the late hours. The parable corresponds to Isaiah's teaching about the mystery of God's love and generosity. The prophet says: *'Our God is rich in forgiving, my ways not your ways... Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my thoughts above your thoughts,'* Is. 55:9.

The parable demonstrates the differences in terms of human relationships and interactions between the landowner and the workers. For the landowner, it is not his own benefit, but the happiness of the workers that is his first priority. He sees the workers' happiness as his own. He employs workers at different times of the day simply because 'No one hires us'. This phrase reveals the generosity of his heart. 'No one hires us', then come to me. He pays the same wages, regardless of their working hours, because he is generous. He pays the last arrivals first and the first arrivals last to reveal the heart of man. His justice is not based on the hours worked, but his love for the workers. His freedom of choice is beyond

everyone's expectations. The parable highlights the generosity of God. All are welcome to work for God and God loves them all equally. Our chronology makes no sense in the lord's vineyard, because our frame of reference for time applies to us, to the finite, not to the infinite. It is impossible to define first or second in infinity. The mention of employment at different times of the day is negated at the time of the payment. What counts is not when someone started, but their desire to respond to the call, and their willingness to work in the Lord's vineyard. We value workers differently in our modern society, and that divides the workers into different classes: blue-colour workers and white-colour workers. There is a huge difference in payment between the CEO and an ordinary worker, and that divides, not unites. The parable seems to say that greatness comes through service, and unity, not the hour nor the quantity of labour. The workers complain on the ground that those who work only a few hours would receive the same wage as those who labour all day long. This complaint reveals the heart of God and of man; the former is a generous heart, and the latter is in contrast, the wicked heart. God takes control of what to give, how much, and to whom. The wicked heart thinks of himself, one's own benefit, regardless of the pain and suffering of others. Complaining about working under the heat of the day makes no sense; because all endure to the same weather. People who have no employment suffer even more, simply their hope of being employed has faded away along with the day. Their worry about what to feed their hungry family increases hour by hour. Their employment at the last hour is their saving grace. It enlightens their hope of earning something for their family members, and they are grateful to the landowner.

Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults



For teenagers and adults wishing to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church, the RCIA program will start at Midday, Saturday 7th October, in the presbytery. Contact the office for more information.

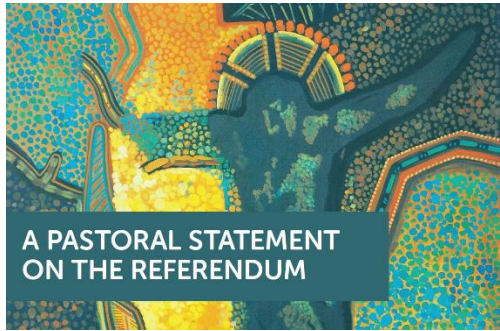
Confirmation Reminder



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

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Pastoral Statement on the Referendum



Archbishop Mark Coleridge has issued a Pastoral Statement on the Referendum, available via the Archdiocese website. You can also view a conversation between Archbishop Mark and Bishop Tim Norton SVD on the subject. To navigate to these resources, from the homepage click Menu>>Bishops>> Pastoral Letters & Messages.

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au.

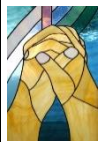
Responsorial Psalm

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.
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, Linda Hoad.

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 – 26th Sunday Ord. Time, 1st October 2023

1 st Reading	Ezek 18:25-28
2 nd Reading	Phil 2:1-11
Gospel	Mt 21:28-32



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



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 – 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

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

WEEK 1 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 1st OCTOBER 2023

Flowers	Samoan Community	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1st	5pm Angela Vu	2nd	5pm Eddie Radke	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald
Reading	7am Jane Brischetto	Reading	7am Louise Qualischefski		7am Joan Sitcheff
	9am Fruean Family		9am Sosefo Masalu		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

Going Deeper

An online series exploring the heart of the Catholic faith

Starts 8 September
REGISTRATIONS OPEN NOW

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Going Deeper is a ten-session online series about the heart of the Catholic faith. It explores different aspects of what it means to live a Catholic life, where participants can dive beneath the teachings and practices and instead ponder, 'what is this all for?' and is open for participation in groups or for individuals. The course starts 8th September, delivered entirely online. Visit the Going Deeper website to find out more and to register: www.goingdeeper.org.au



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