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FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday				Saturday	7 <sup>th</sup> October
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Oct	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Wed	9.00am Mass – St Francis of Assisi 6.00pm Confirmation	5.00pm	Mass
5 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Thurs	9.00am Mass	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> October</b>
6 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Fri	9.00am Mass – Healing Mass	7.00am	Mass
7 <sup>th</sup>	Oct	Sat	9.00am Mass – Our Lady of the Rosary	9.00am	Mass

**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **Year A** **1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**



**Make A U-Turn**

Not all sets of traffic lights allow to make a U-turn; for

safety reasons, only a set of traffic lights with the sign saying, U-turn Permitted, allows a driver to make a U-turn. Making a U-Turn means doing a complete change to the opposite direction. Making a U-turn or changing direction because the current one is leading in the wrong direction. Making a simple or ordinary decision is easy, but when it comes to an important one, it is much harder to make, because it may change a person's way of life. Without proper consideration, the commitment may be immature.

Both the sons in today's Gospel have changed their minds after answering to their father. The father has two sons. He asks the first son to work in his vineyard. He answered 'No' to his father, but later on changed his mind, and went. The father says the same thing to his second son. He answered 'Yes' but later on changed his mind, and did not go. Both the sons changed their minds.

A call to work in the Lord's vineyard is an important call; because it involves a whole person and lasts a lifetime. Both the sons had made an instant response to the father; they later reflected on it and changed their minds. When dealing with an important matter, our mind would not rest until it finds a workable solution. It is either confirming the commitment that had been made or denying it. Both the sons have reflected on the promises they had made to the father, and the outcomes were different. Making a change requires accepting that the current way of life is wrong, and then looking for an opportunity to change. The chief priests and the elders believe they are right, and there is no need for them to change. Changing is for others, not for them.

They are so certain that leaves no room for an alternative. They are blinded to the point, that except them, all others are wrong, including John the Baptist and Jesus.

Faithfulness to Jesus is what we would like to do, but from time to time we are mistaken by our own desire, thinking that our will is also God's. We are acting very much like the chief priests and the elders. As a result, one moment we act very much like the first son; at others we act like the second son.

We confess Jesus is our Lord and God, and yet every time we sin, we do the opposite. Like the sons, we need to ponder upon the teaching of Jesus, and with God's grace, we make corrections, and change the course of action based on Jesus' teaching. We need to remind ourselves any idea that contradicts Jesus' teaching needs to be abolished. We need to accept our weaknesses and limitations; and make a sharp U-turn to turn back to God.

Making a spiritual U-turn often comes after a personal tragedy. It is either in extreme poverty or poor health or being rejected by our society. They are not there for us to mourn, but to realize that following the way of the world will come to a dead end. This competitive world often treats others not with love but with scorn; while God's way is love and mercy.

The parable highlights that our loving God always gives us a second chance for us to make a U-turn, the road that leads us to God is humility and obedience. Our sins deny God's love, but our humbleness leads us to God, and that is the road that Jesus calls us to trot.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong  
Parish Priest**

If you are experiencing any symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, please stay home and contact your health care provider for advice

## 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](http://www.brisbanecatholic.org.au).

### Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;  
 I know them,  
 and they follow me  
 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 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> October

Francis McCormack, Valerie Solomon, Robert Mark Ives, Linda Carmel McVie, Janice May Nugent, Frankie Gibillard, Avril Janette Abbott.

### Reading – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ord. Time, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Is 5:1-7
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Phil 4:6-9
Gospel	Mt 21:33-43



### Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 15<sup>th</sup> 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 1 ROSTERS – THIS WEEK – 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Flowers	Samoan Community	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup>	5pm Angela Vu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	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

## WEEK 2 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2023

Flowers	Noela Leituala	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup>	5pm Huong Nguyen	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm Eddie Radke	Ciborium	5pm Moi Radke
Reading	7am Paul Hodgkinson	Reading	7am Cameron Auld		7am Michael Miles
	9am So'oalo Family		9am Karoline Fonoti		9am Sosefo Masalu

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** 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 8<sup>th</sup> September, delivered entirely online. Visit the Going Deeper website to find out more and to register: [www.goingdeeper.org.au](http://www.goingdeeper.org.au)

### Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council will meet at 7pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October in the Presbytery.

### Collection Envelope #18

One of the collection envelopes (Number 18) is currently unallocated. Could the family using this number please contact the parish office or a Mass Coordinator, so that this envelope can be entered into the accounting system.



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