



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday				Saturday	28 th October	
24 th	Oct	Tues	9.00am Mass – Mercy Day (school hall)	4.30pm	Reconciliation	
25 th	Oct	Wed	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Mass	
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday	29th October	
26 th	Oct	Thurs	9.00am Mass	7.00am	Mass	
27 th	Oct	Fri	9.00am Mass	9.00am	Mass	

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

22nd October 2023



Recognition

As social beings, we have all experienced some form of public nuisance. It is caused either by carelessness or by rivalry of one who purposely wants to humiliate us in public. Jesus has plenty of

this kind of public harassment from his opponents: the Pharisees, the Scribes, and the Elders. Most of the time, Jesus chooses to ignore it and goes on with his own mission; but there are times, when it is unavoidable. Today's parable is one of his responses to their question. The Pharisees missed no opportunity to discredit Jesus in public. They joined forces with their rivals, the Herodians, to trap him. On the one hand, the Pharisees discouraged their people from paying taxes to the Romans, but on the other hand, they worked with them as a necessity for the sake of their people. Their rivals, the Herodians, were loyal to the Roman Empire. The two worked out a strategy: a question that they believed would have no way out, whichever answer Jesus gave - either 'Yes' or 'No'. Jesus recognized their evil intentions. He told them, *'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me?'* He called them 'hypocrites' simply because of their dishonesty; they paid him lip service, praising him as an honest man, afraid of no one before testing him,

'Tell us your opinion. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?'

If Jesus' answer was 'No', the Herodians could charge him with stirring up a political revolution against the Roman Empire. If the answer was 'Yes', the Pharisees could charge him as a collaborator of the Roman Empire. In responding to their challenge, Jesus asked them to show

him the money they pay tax with. They gave him a denarius. Jesus knew the image of Caesar which was imprinted on the denarius, but he wanted them to say aloud the name 'Caesar'. Jesus asked them, *'Whose head is this?'* They replied, *'Caesar'*. This implied that they belonged to Caesar, servants of Caesar. Jesus said to them, *'Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God'*. His answer shattered their hope of catching him off-guard. His reply makes clear two distinct kingdoms: Caesar represents the power of this world; God represents the power of God's kingdom. Those who proclaim the power of Caesar; belong to this world. Those who proclaim the power of God; belong to God. Furthermore, his reply has one application and one implication. The application is to those who proclaimed the power of Caesar: they belonged to Caesar. The implication is to those who proclaim the power of God: they belong to God. The name and title, 'Caesar' originated from Julius Caesar. Octavius, Caesar's nephew, was a successful emperor. He brought peace and prosperity to the region; people praised him as divine. In this sense, Caesar, whose image was imprinted on the coin, became the symbol of power and wealth: an idol god. Those who love power and wealth belong to him. They are disciples of an idol god. Those who love God belong to God; and become children of God. The deeper implication of his reply is mysteriously hidden from those who have no love for God. It implies when we finish our earthly journey; that what belongs to 'Caesar' remains on this earth. They don't belong to eternity. What belongs to eternity belongs to God; that is Jesus' teaching and the love we have for others in His Name.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



The Future of Goodna Parish

South Country Dean, Very Rev Fr Stephen Bliss OFM PP, and Vicar for Clergy, Very Rev Fr Daniel Ryan would like to invite all parishioners to a meeting to discuss the future of the Goodna Parish. The meeting will be held in the parish hall, on **Wednesday the 25th October, at 7pm.**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

24 th	Oct	Tues	9am	Mercy Day Mass (School Hall)
25 th	Oct	Wed	7pm	Parish Meeting with Dean & Vicar
2 nd	Nov	Thurs	9am	All Souls
			6pm	
4 th	Nov	Sat	8.30am	Youth Mass
18 th	Nov	Sat	5.30pm	Potluck Dinner
23 rd	Nov	Thurs	10am	Seniors Lunch (Parish Hall)
29 th	Nov	Wed	9am	Year 6 Final Mass (in church)
2 nd	Dec	Sat	10am	Construction of Nativity

Responsorial Psalm

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
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 23rd – 29th October

Cho Hoang, Peter John Burns, Raymond Dennis Johnson, Veronic Mary Murphy, Gerard Laird, Antonia Pua, Margaret Helena Steiner, David William Laird, Charles Hicks.

Reading – 30th Sunday Ord. Time, 29nd October 2023

1 st Reading	Ex 22:20-26
2 nd Reading	1 Thess 1:5-10
Gospel	Mt 22:34-40



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 19th November. 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 Mark Manning, Kathleen Gurdon (née McCarthy), Jacqueline Panaotie, Frances Stubbs.



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 – 22nd OCTOBER 2023

Flowers	Tien & Nhu	Cleaning	Tien & Nhu	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

WEEK 5 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 29th OCTOBER 2023

Flowers	Kisa Senio	Cleaning	Kisa Senio	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Julie Aiavao	2 nd	5pm Lina Kalolo	Ciborium	5pm Ipolito Kalolo
Reading	7am Eddie Radke	Reading	7am Moi Radke		7am Amelia Teomatavui
	9am Leituala Family		9am Sosefo Masalu		9am Angela Vaoiva

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

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Seniors' Lunch



The parish will be hosting a Seniors' Lunch in conjunction with St Francis Xavier Primary school. The lunch will be held on **Thursday 23rd November at 10.00am** (for 10.30am start) in the parish hall. We will be taking names after all Masses from 4-5 November until 18-19

November. **Raffle donations:** All monies collected on the day are used to provide the food and whatever else we need. We do not ask the parish for any money. Please come and support us.

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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