



# ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC PARISH

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday				Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> November
31 <sup>st</sup>	Oct	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
1 <sup>st</sup>	Nov	Wed	9.00am Mass - All Saints	5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm Rosary	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup> November</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Nov	Thurs	9.00am Mass – All Souls	7.00am	Mass
			6.00pm Mass – All Souls	9.00am	Mass
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	Fri	9.00am Mass - Healing Mass		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Sat	8.30am Mass - Youth Mass		

## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 29<sup>th</sup> October 2023



### Shadow of Love

Love is what we all need; because it is the source of life. It plays a vital role in human relationships, and in nourishing our spiritual development. When we respond spontaneously to the voice of our heart; that love is true, selfless, unconditional love. When we listen to the voice of our mind; our love response is less from the heart, but rather more from the mind. That love involves reasons, conditional love. Selfish love happens when we are in favour of our own desires, and have little concern for the needs of others. It is the love of satisfying oneself; guided by human love. In contrast, unselfish love is the love for others; guided by God's love.

The ancient world had struggled hard to solve the problem of how to fulfil the rules of love. The Jewish law had many rules (613 rules) to observe. Applying these rules of love to real-life situations was a source of ongoing tension for everyone involved. Other problems were the issues of social norms of the land; and the interpretation of the law. Some legalists were very strict in their interpretation, placing law before people; while others were not so; and that would make the same set of laws differ from place to place. The Pharisees wanted Jesus to get involved in their disputes. They asked Jesus which commandment was the most important. Jesus replied that true love began from one's heart; because when God creates us; God has already put his love in our hearts. We should listen to its voice throughout our lives. If, somehow, our heart becomes hardened, that is the cause of all disputes. Jesus sums up their code of practice into two commandments. First, *'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind'*. The second command stems from the first,

*'Love your neighbour as yourself'*. This teaching places God at the centre of our lives. When God's love guides our relationships; everything flows smoothly. A heart that is filled with God's love will never go wrong in its relationships because it is guided by God's love. That heart is at home with God. The first commandment teaches that we don't love God with a portion of our heart, but with a whole heart. The heart becomes the power force that unites our mind; and together with our soul to the love of God. It is not part of a person, but the unity of the whole person. Any love that flows from that love is true and holy. Like our shadow when we stand under the sun; when our love for others is the shadow of God's love. We love our neighbour not with our own love, but with the radiance of God's grace within our heart. Only in that way, we can fulfil the law of love; and be able to love our neighbour as ourselves.

There are two kinds of love in our hearts: God's love and our own. God's love directs our love, and our love is purified by God's love. God's love alone satisfies our heart; other kinds of love only make our heart crave for more; and it will never be satisfied. Our heart is made for God's love, and that explains why our heart is always yearning for true and holy love. When God's love fills our heart, we live life to the full; and we welcome others into our lives because we recognize that they are our sisters and brothers in God's family. When a heart embraces things of this world; God's love disappears from that heart. For that reason, any heart that embraces things of this material world would not have God's love in its heart. Sharing material things with others; if it is not for God, then is to glorify oneself, for fame, and for recognition; and the world praises him. Lord, help us to love as you have shown us.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong**  
Parish Priest

## WEEKLY INFORMATION



### Seniors' Lunch

The Seniors' Lunch will be in conjunction with St Francis Xavier Primary school, and held on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 should be brought to the parish office. 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. **RSVP:** To Agnes Fryars at [agnesfryars4@gmail.com](mailto:agnesfryars4@gmail.com) 0418 247 135, or the parish office 07 3818 0111 [goodna@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:goodna@bne.catholic.net.au)

**WEEKLY INFORMATION**

**Dates for your diary**

18 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Sat	5.30pm	Potluck Dinner
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Nov	Thurs	10am	Seniors Lunch (Parish Hall)
29 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Wed	9am	Year 6 Final Mass (church)
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dec	Sat	10am	Construction of Nativity

**Responsorial Psalm**

I love you, Lord, my strength.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 All who love me keep my words,  
 and my Father will love them and we will  
 come to them  
 Alleluia!



**Potluck Dinner**

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November** the parish welcomes the school children from SFX Primary who will assist at the 5pm Mass. Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner in the parish hall. All are welcome, please bring a plate of food to share.

**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.

**Reading – 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday Ord. Time, 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Mal 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Thess 2:7-9, 13
Gospel	Mt 23:1-12

**Reborn in Eternal Life 30<sup>th</sup> October – 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Philip Brady, John Beston, Inban Thangavella, Emilia Stelet, Algi Malisaukas, Unasa Mesi Galo Esera, Daniel Lewis Jones, Martin Gilmartin, Maria Maierhofer, Nellie Anderson, Frank O'Dwyer.

**Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna**

The next Baptism will be 19<sup>th</sup> 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 5 ROSTERS - THIS WEEK – 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Flowers	Kisa Senio	Cleaning	Kisa Senio	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup>	5pm Julie Aiavao	2 <sup>nd</sup>	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

**WEEK 1 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

Flowers	Samoan Community	Cleaning	Jim Walsh	Yard	n/a
1 <sup>st</sup>	5pm Angela Vu	2 <sup>nd</sup>	5pm Ruby Vu	Ciborium	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald
Reading	7am Jane Brischetto	Reading	7am Louise Qualischefski		7am Joan Sitcheff
	9am Fruean Family		9am Teofilo Lauu		9am Uiki Vaoiva

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

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**Free All Saints Day Resources**

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team is delighted to share with you a collection of free resources to help celebrate All Saints' Day (1 November) and to inspire the young saints-to-be in your parish or community!



To access the Prayer Litany video, craft activities and more, visit [www.tinyurl.com/ebcfallsaintsdayresources](http://www.tinyurl.com/ebcfallsaintsdayresources)

**St Francis Xavier Primary School Goodna Kids who care**

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