



**ST  
FRANCIS  
XAVIER  
CATHOLIC  
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday				Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> November
7 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
8 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Wed	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm Rosary	<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>
9 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Thurs	9.00am Mass – Lateran Basilica Dedication	7.00am	Mass
10 <sup>th</sup>	Nov	Fri	9.00am Mass – St Leo the Great	9.00am	Mass

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Year A**

**5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



**Emptiness**

The Scribes and Pharisees are right to occupy the chair of Moses. They have the authority to teach what Moses taught. Their

leadership role is legitimate, and their teaching is legally valid when they teach what Moses taught. Jesus told his audience, and the disciples, to show respect to those in leadership roles, and faithfully observe their teaching. However, when it comes to their behaviour; Jesus told the people not to learn from them because their way of life didn't reflect the spirit of their teaching. They were unfaithful to their word. They paid God lip-service; because their hearts were not for God. They told the people to observe God's law, but they themselves didn't. They preached about God's love; but failed to live up to the spirit of the Scriptures. They loved to project magnificent images of themselves in public; and enjoyed being recognized by others. *'Do not be guided by what they do'* implies their practice was hollow and empty. It revealed that they were poor spiritually, because their way of life didn't give glory to God, but they themselves embraced the glory of this world. Instead of their preaching and their way of life giving glory to God; they aimed to gain glory for themselves. They turned outwards, to the world, in the hope of gaining more fame and popularity. This way of life would negate their spiritual life, and the true meaning of life. Spiritual richness and humility always go together. A humble person would not seek public popularity, but rather live a humble life, and enjoy solitude, and tranquillity.

The phrase *'Occupy the chair of Moses'* means any preaching which reflects the spirit of the Hebrew Scriptures is acceptable and upheld. Apart from this authentic preaching; other preaching would be faulty,

unauthorised and unacceptable. Showing superiority over the people, trying to gain public attention, and expecting to be respected at Market Square becomes temptation. It is a clear sign of poor spirituality. Their way of life would not unite, but rather divide people into different classes in which they were the first. It certainly is not the way of the Gospel. Living the spirit of the Scriptures means one should live a life with simplicity, honesty and openness. At the same time, one should humbly accept his limitations. We are called not to lead, but to follow Jesus. Our wisdom and knowledge should help us accept our limitations before the vastness of God's love. We are called to live a life that makes others recognize that we are disciples of Jesus. We are not true disciples of Jesus if we fail to fulfil that call. Leading others to Jesus is our role, but making disciples of Jesus is the work of the Spirit. We pray to fulfil what we are called to do. We also pray to recognize that we are not made to understand God's mystery but to accept it with awe and wonder. This recognition plays a vital role in the second part of today's reading. It helps us to recognize that God is our Master, Lord and Teacher. Apart from God, we have no other master or teacher. We are all brothers and sisters, serving and loving God.

God alone is our true Master; we need to learn from, imitate him, and follow his way. All other claims are faulty and untrue. They don't teach the way of God, but rather the way of the world. Though they talk about God, it is not to glorify Him, but for their personal gain. Jesus tells us not to copy the hypocrite's way of life, because its way is contrary to God's way. Our teaching must be drawn from Jesus' teaching; our way of life must be guided by Jesus because he comes from God, the Son of God, and God himself.

**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**

In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
 You have one Father, your Father in heaven;  
 you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.  
 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 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Ord. Time, 12<sup>th</sup> Nov.2023**

1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Wis 6:12-16
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	1 Thess 4:13-18
Gospel	Mt 25:1-13

**Reborn in Eternal Life 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Rose Moylan, Catherine Teresa Richardson, John Beston, Florence Beattie, Brenda O'Malley, Maria McHugh, Irene Marsh, Alice Jesburg, Kathleen Mary Martin, Zupanc Rosalia.



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

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

**WEEK 2 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

<b>Flowers</b>	Noela Leituala	<b>Cleaning</b>	Tina & Princeton	<b>Yard</b>	n/a
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	5pm Huong Nguyen	<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	5pm Julie Aiavao	<b>Ciborium</b>	5pm Peter Aiavao
<b>Reading</b>	7am Paul Hodgkinson	<b>Reading</b>	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.

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**THE CATHOLIC LEADER**

will no longer be available through the parish office, as they are moving to a home-delivery, subscription-only service. However, if you subscribe now for 2024, you will receive your Catholic news free until this Christmas.

**Offer ends December 7.** To subscribe, fill out a subscription envelope (coming soon), or go to <https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe>

**Christmas Cards**



Christmas Cards are available for purchase at the Parish Office or after 7am Mass from the Piety Stall - \$10 per packet (10 cards in each packet). Proceeds go towards parish

hospitality.

**St Francis Xavier Primary School**  
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