



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES						
Weekday					Saturday	18 th November
14 th	Nov	Tues	9.00am Mass		4.30pm	Reconciliation
15 th	Nov	Wed	9.00am Mass		5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm Rosary			
16 th	Nov	Thurs	9.00am Mass		Sunday	19th November
17 th	Nov	Fri	9.00am Mass – St Elizabeth of Hungary		7.00am	Mass
					9.00am	Mass

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th November 2023



Good Work

A wedding is an image of the heavenly kingdom. It is a symbol of joy and gladness. A wedding marks the beginning of a new family; a basic community is being formed. Guests invited to the wedding are friends;

and chosen for the occasion. The banquet's location and time is well informed. Guests who are well prepared for the wedding show their respect and gladness for the couple by dressing elegantly and waiting with joy for the day. Underprepared guests come probably out of obligation rather than celebration with joy. No matter how well prepared for the wedding, unexpected accidents are unavoidable. At the wedding at Cana, the host ran out of wine, and, at His mother Mary's request, Jesus changed water to the best wine. This time the bridegroom arrived late, and that caused the bridesmaid party to fall asleep. They were woken by the announcement of the coming of the bridegroom. The problem was not drowsiness, but the lack of preparation some bridesmaids had for the journey. The text says; some bridesmaids carried their lamps with extra oil; some carried lamps without extra oil. The two contrasting approaches are worth considering. The ones who carried extra oil showed they were well prepared for the trip, and also prepared for any unexpected events that may happen. The ones who carried no extra oil believed they had everything under control. Obviously, the bridesmaids would have had no control over the arrival time of the groom. And indeed, the groom was late in arriving, at a time that they didn't expect. This caused problems for those bridesmaids who believed they had everything under control. This overconfidence led to an unwise decision. By the time they realized they were in trouble; it was too late to get more oil. They asked to share oil with other maids. They told them to go and buy it themselves. It is not a selfish response because reality shows that we are able to share concrete, material things;

but not spiritual, invisible things. Getting oil in the middle of the night is a real challenge because shops might not open at midnight. Again, this business is not easy to take control. The parable seems to say whatever God has promised to mankind; it certainly will happen, and it is a trustworthy promise. Whatever human beings plan to do; the final outcome could swing either way. When the unwise maids arrived and knocked on the wedding hall, they heard a voice from inside saying, *'I do not know you'*. What a heartbreaking response. This response makes people believe that oil in this context is not a physical burning oil for the lamps, but rather the spiritual gifts that are necessary to make our hearts on fire for Jesus and for others.

Late coming for the wedding banquet caused trouble for both the host and the cook. Public places, and wedding halls, have rules to avoid chaos. The arrival time has finished and latecomers are not permitted. *'I do not know you'* implies there is no connection, no relationship between the insiders and outsiders at the wedding hall. This makes people believe that 'oil' is a personal relationship one has with God and that it is impossible to share it with others. A personal relationship with God is gained through daily prayers and devotion. It includes personal sacrifices and studies about God's love. The personal relationships one has with others is gained through acts of kindness, an act of charity, and forgiveness. We are able to do this through openness to receive God's grace, and that enables us to do good work. The parable is about the Second coming of Christ. In those who are prepared for the day, the 'lamp' of their life shines brightly, and they are welcome to enter the Heavenly Hall. In those who delay preparing for that day, the 'lamps' of their life are dull and dim, and would miss forever the opportunity to enter the Heavenly Hall.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION



The Seniors' Lunch will be in conjunction with St Francis Xavier Primary school, and 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 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 0418 247 135, or the parish office 07 3818 0111 goodna@bne.catholic.net.au



Potluck Dinner

On **Saturday 18th 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.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

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 (church)
2 nd	Dec	Sat	10am	Construction of Nativity
10 th	Dec	Sun	4pm	Farewell BBQ for Fr. Tuong
13 th	Dec	Wed	6.30pm	Mass of Reconciliation
23 rd	Dec	Sat	5pm	Mass – 4 th Sunday of Advent
24 th	Dec	Sun	7am	
			9am	
			7pm	Christmas Vigil
25 th	Dec	Mon	9am	Christmas Mass
26 th	Dec	Tues	9am	Mass – St Stephen
27 th	Dec	Wed	9am	Mass – St John
28 th	Dec	Thurs	9am	Mass - The Holy Innocents
29 th	Dec	Fri	9am	5 th Day of Christmas Octave
30 th	Dec	Sat	5pm	Mass – Holy Family
31 st	Dec	Sun	7am	
			9am	

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!



Farewell BBQ for Fr. Tuong

On **Sunday 10th December at 4pm** the parish will farewell Fr. Tuong as he moves on to well-earned retirement. We will be doing a sausage sizzle, but if you would like to bring something, please bring a desert to share. Those wishing to attend the BBQ should RSVP for catering purposes. A list will be available outside the church. Please bring a chair or blanket. Those wanting to donate towards a farewell gift, please put it in the collection clearly marked *“Fr. Tuong’s farewell”*.

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, Margo Jane Higgins.

Reborn in Eternal Life 13th – 19th November

Keith & Cecilia Leek, Doreen Lovell, Sergio Caro, Percival Power, John Gray, Patricia Randle, Malachy Makel, Stan Breuer, Bernadete Devlin, Patricia Bennett, Kevin Ballinger, Freda Crawford.

Reading – 33rd Sunday Ord. Time, 19th Nov.2023

1 st Reading	Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
2 nd Reading	1 Thess 5:1-6
Gospel	Mt 25:14-30



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be 17th December. 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 2 ROSTERS – THIS WEEK – 12th NOVEMBER 2023

Flowers	Noela Leituala	Cleaning	Tina & Princeton	Yard	n/a
1 st	5pm Huong Nguyen	2 nd	5pm Julie Aiavao	Ciborium	5pm Peter Aiavao
Reading	7am Paul Hodgkinson	Reading	7am Cameron Auld		7am Michael Miles
	9am So’oalo Family		9am Karoline Fonoti		9am Sosefo Masalu

WEEK 3 ROSTERS - NEXT WEEK – 19th NOVEMBER 2023

Flowers	Divine Mercy	Cleaning	Divine Mercy	Yard	Divine Mercy
1 st	5pm Darsha Ross	2 nd	5pm Suzanne Fitzgerald	Ciborium	5pm Christine Freeman
Reading	7am Robert Bryant	Reading	7am Theresa Greig		7am Cameron Auld
	9am Alefosio Family		9am Vaoiva Family		9am Donna So’oalo

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

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