



**ST
FRANCIS
XAVIER
CATHOLIC
PARISH**

OUR PARISH MASSES					
Weekday				Saturday	2 nd December
28 th	Nov	Tues	9.00am Mass	4.30pm	Reconciliation
29 th	Nov	Wed	9.00am Mass	5.00pm	Mass
			6.30pm Rosary	Sunday	3rd December
30 th	Nov	Thurs	9.00am Mass – St Andrew	7.00am	Mass
1 st	Dec	Fri	9.00am Mass – Healing Mass	9.00am	Mass

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

Year A

26th November 2023



God's Kingdom

Jesus is both emperor and king. He is the emperor because he is a descendant of King David. He is

King of the universe because he has conquered forever the power of sin and death. The Temple authority had no problem accepting Jesus as a descendant of David, but they condemned him for blasphemy when he made a claim to be God's Son. Jesus chose to empty himself on the cross to save us, and that caused many to fail to see him as the Eternal King. He chose to die through violence and humiliation on the cross, which made many believe that he was not a saviour, but rather a criminal. Those who, with the eyes of faith, were able to see beyond the cross would hope to meet the Eternal King again. It began at the inscription placed above his head, which said, '*Jesus the Nazarene, King of the Jews*' (v.38). The inscription was written in different languages: Greek, Latin, and Hebrew; all official and popular languages at the time, indicating Jesus was the universal king. When this inscription was on the lips of those who mocked and humiliated him; they would not see him as their king; but when it was in the hearts of those who loved him dearly, and firmly believed in his words, their hope of meeting him again became reality three days after he was nailed to the cross. His Resurrection brought them everlasting joy. The simple but powerful message '*He is risen*' spread like fire, bringing immense joy for his followers; and fear to those who crucified him. The cross presents the reality of life; that besides glory and power, every earthly king has his own cross to bear, and all earthly kings die with their dreams unfulfilled.

An earthly kingdom is not the kind of kingdom the Eternal King would like to establish. Jesus defined his kingdom with mercy, forgiveness, and boundless love. It is demonstrated through his prayer: '*Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing,*' (v.34). And the power to forgive sin when a repentant thief asked of him: '*Truly, you will be with me today in paradise,*' (v.43). The

dialogue between Jesus and the repentant thief confirmed that physical life has an end; while eternal life that Jesus gives has no end. It is confirmed by the reality of his rise from death. His resurrection reveals His Eternal Kingdom, and that kingdom would be above all other earthly kingdoms. Jesus is the king of the universe, and his kingdom lasts forever.

Jesus chose the cross, and the authority and soldiers challenged him to come down from the cross for them to believe. Faith in Jesus must flow from the inner, from the depth of one's heart, not from outer, miracle, or military power. One of the thieves; looked at Jesus but failed to see him as God's Son. On his lips, he asked Jesus to save him, but his heart had no love for him. Because of the absence of love, Jesus kept silent. The other thief, in his agony, looked deep into his heart; and recognized how wrong he was. He looked at Jesus and saw how righteous Jesus was. He turned to Jesus, publicly confessed his sin, loved him, and asked for forgiveness. Jesus pardoned his sin and gave him the promise of paradise. This promise affirms that Jesus opens his kingdom for all who repent, love him, and confess their sin, even at the last minute.

The dialogue between Pilate and Jesus at his trial revealed that some expected Jesus as king of Israel. Pilate himself asked Jesus, '*Are you the king of Israel?*' (v.3). Jesus asked him if it was his own idea, or if he had heard others talk about his kingship. Pilate refused to reveal his inner life, Jesus calmed him, saying: '*My kingdom is not of this world*' (Jn 18.36). Pilate probably could not make sense of what Jesus was talking about, but he believed Jesus caused no threat to his power and the Roman Empire. Again, when Pilate made the claim that he had the power to judge or release Jesus. In his reply, Jesus told Pilate that his power was given to him from on high, not the Roman Empire. In both instances, Pilate failed to understand what Jesus had to offer.

**Fr Vudinh Tuong
Parish Priest**

WEEKLY INFORMATION

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal



The St Francis Xavier Chapter of St Vincent de Paul will hold their Christmas Appeal on the **2nd and 3rd of December**. Proceeds provide food, living expenses and crisis support to vulnerable people living in our area.

Donations can also be made via direct deposit: Account Name: St Vincent de Paul Society, BSB 064 786, Account Number: 1000 26711. Ref: Your surname. Email sfx4300@svdpqld.org.au for a receipt.

WEEKLY INFORMATION

Dates for your diary

2 nd	Dec	Sat	10am	Construction of Nativity
2 nd / 3 rd	Dec	Sat/ Sun	Weekend Masses	SVDP Christmas Appeal
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	
			6.30pm	
			7pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
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

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!
Alleluia!



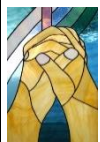
Farewell BBQ for Fr. Tuong

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".

Please note that the parish office will be closed from the close of business on Friday 22 December 2023 and reopen on Tuesday 2 January 2024.

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, Margo Jane Higgins, Cameron Auld.

Reborn in Eternal Life 27th November – 3rd December

Condi Fryars, Jane Keane, Maria Egida Giollo, Bernadette Oddie, Francis Locke, David William Laird, Ian Grayson, Leona Merle McNamara, Amalia Landaverde, Elsie Alindogan, Elizabeth McGettigan, Mary Gallagher, Glenis Nugent, Edward Doyle, Audrey McCoy, Josephine Hurray, Ann Everett.

Reading – 1st Sunday of Advent, 3rd Dec. 2023

1 st Reading	Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8
2 nd Reading	1 Cor 1:3-9
Gospel	Mk 13:33-37

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 Kathleen Gurdon (née McCarthy), Jacqueline Panaotie, Frances Stubbs, Marion Mahoney.

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 – 26th NOVEMBER 2023

Flowers	Tien & Nhu		Cleaning	Tien & Nhu		Yard	n/a	
1st	5pm	Bruce Larter	2nd	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 1 ROSTERS – NEXT WEEK – 3rd DECEMBER 2023

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

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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