

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 31st Jan 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 1st Feb. Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
 IN ENGLISH. 6.00pm  
 Wed 3rd Feb. Rosary 6.30pm  
 Thurs 4th Feb. Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm  
 Sat 6th Feb. Morning Mass 9.00am  
 Sun 7th Feb. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Benediction 4.30pm.

## Collections For Last Week

**First** ☺   
**Second** ☺   
 ☺ ↑ = Income up on last week.  
 ☹  = Income steady.  
 ☹ ↓ = Income down

**Welcome to our Community!** Have you moved into our parish lately? We would love to hear from you. Please give the Parish Office a call on 3818 0111. If you call at the information point after Mass, a member of the Parish Council will give you a welcome and information pack. We hope that you will enjoy your time in the parish and join in our activities.



**For the Sick and housebound.** If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest or to receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know and a visit can be arranged.

**31st Jan 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Jer 1:4-05, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30  
**Response: I will sing of your salvation.**  
**7th Feb 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Is 6:1-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11



### Services times this week:

**Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass**  
**9.00am Mass in School Hall**

### Weekdays

Monday No Mass  
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass  
 Thursday 9.00am Mass  
 Friday 9.00am Mass  
 Saturday **9.00am Mass**  
 Vigil 6.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am  
**Benediction 4.30pm**  
**Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm**

**Cleaning: 5th Feb. Sandra Doricott**  
 If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks)

### We Pray for the Sick:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Sr Helen Stanley, Breda O'Sullivan, Ellen Parker, Rose Logan, Edna May Tourney, Keith Auld, Kathy McMonagle, Kevin Ward, Matthew Berwick, John Ward, Allan Peterson, Kathleen Doherty. Rachel Scriben, Stan Brown, Carmon Z, Nancy McCarrick, Kath McGrath, Maria Vink, Claire Curry, Phil O'Dwyer, John Doherty, William Ryan, Hudson McHardy, Hini Habchi, Jamie Teal, Jaiden Madasferi, Maureen Shackleton, Macey Ingham, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Rebecca Habraken, Sr Carmel, Wendy Marshall.  
 (Some names have been removed from this list, so please contact us if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

### Anniversaries: 31 January—6 February

Mary McCrawley, Alfred Evans, Anastasia Marshall, Marie Stegink, Elvie Basubas, Johanna Schmidt, Sonny Folkes, John Mowry, Geraldine Keller, Thomas Finn, Peter Finlayson, Roger Bristow, Carmel Semioni, John Byrnes, Valda Avoub, Zofia Grun, Cathy Ross, Michael Hansen.

### LOOP SYSTEM



The church Sound System at St Francis Xavier's is fitted with a Loop System. If you wear a hearing-aid set the control to the "T" setting to obtain a clear sound.

**A gift in your Will** can provide support for the many ministries of your Parish and ensure a legacy of faith for future generations. A gift in your will is a wonderful way to express your Catholic faith. After you have provided for your loved ones, please consider a lasting memory to your parish. Booklets available from Parish Office.



Newsletters by Email.  
 If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to goodna@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am –4.00pm Closed Thursdays**

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**Parish Clergy: Fr Roger Burns PP. Fr Paul Chanh**

**Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges**

St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only . Meetings:  
Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**4th**  
**Sunday in**  
**Ordinary Time**

**31st January**  
**2016**

Embracing the suburbs of Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira, Carole Park, Collingwood Park, Ellen Grove. Gailes, Kruger, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Wacol and beyond.

### **GOOD NEWS: *Called to be a prophet.***

The first reading today began with the following:

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;  
before you came to birth I consecrated you;  
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.  
So now brace yourself for action.

It would be comfortable to just say that these words were addressed to the prophet Jeremiah, then we could get on with life and not worry. Sadly that is not the case. In the Scriptures, God speaks to us personally. Hence the words spoken to Jeremiah are also addressed to each and every baptised Christian.

Being a prophet is not about predicting the future or being able to forecast what the winning number will be on the next Lotto or Powerball. In England each week before the prize draw of the English Lotto, a lady called Mystic Meg would forecast which numbers would be drawn that week. No one seemed to question when looking back, she had not forecast the correct numbers.

Let us leave the prediction of the future to God because ultimately he is the one in control. What we can say about the future, however is that when this earthly life is ended, we will enter into an eternal life. What shape that life will have, we have been told repeatedly by Jesus depends upon how we live out our lives here on earth.

The Jewish people of the Old Testament, had a very simplistic way of viewing the future and also the present. Being good resulted in blessings from God, being bad would result in punishment and even ill health. These views are often reiterated by some parts of the Pentecostal Church. Good will provide good living with a good salary, promotion and wealth on earth. If it were only so simple. That way of thinking results in viewing poor income or positions of power, or physical illness as being a result of sin or wrongdoing.

We have a generous and loving God, who does not inflict people with disease or poverty. The people that we find Jesus often associating with were the poor and lowly, those on the fringes of society. These people were looked down on by the pious Jews.

Jesus walked among all mankind, those who were seen as being respectable and those who were not, those in good health and those who were diseased. Position, appearance, colour of skin or race meant nothing to him, all were equal.

Being a true prophet, means that we follow Jesus’ example. We view the world, through his eyes, which are the eyes of the Father, we judge what we see, in accordance with the will of the Father and the example give by Jesus himself. Then we proclaim what we see as either being good (in accordance with the will of God) sinful or evil (not in accordance with the will of God).

Sometimes being a prophet means that we not only speak out against what is wrong, but do something about it. In Pope Francis we have a good example of this. His voice has spoken about many injustices in our world. Then he has demonstrated his belief by doing some physical act, such as washing the feet of a Muslim girl, or hugging a child with a terminal disease. By publically asking forgiveness for the wrongs of the Church and then insisting that the Church changes.

**Q. Are you willing to be a prophet, since you have been called to be one?**

**Fr Paul on Holiday:** We wish Fr Paul all the best as he begins his holiday this week, He will be away for the whole of February. Fr Paul has announced that he is leaving the parish. When we are informed by the Archbishop of the move we will give you more details.

**Catholic Mission** are looking to expand their pool of volunteers who serve as Mission Ambassadors in 2016. Being a Mission Ambassador is your chance to make a difference. These are the people who go into local parishes, on nominated weekends, and help raise awareness of, and funds for, the valuable work performed by missionary Priests, Brothers and Sisters around the world. CONTACT: [ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au) or text David McGovern on 0431 481 731

**Children's Liturgy Help!** For a number of years, Makerita Lavemai has led our Children's Liturgy at the 9.00am Mass on Sundays. This is an important ministry and a valuable teaching instrument for the children. We are looking for someone to help Makertia with this ministry. We need two adults to be present, to fulfil the Safeguarding Principles laid down by the Archdiocese. The adults have to be in possession of a Blue Card unless they have a child in the session. We can provide the forms and assist in the application of a card.

**Can you help?** Please contact either Makerita or the Parish office.

**Opportunities for Service or Ministry.** There are many opportunities for parishioners to be involved in the parish outside of the celebration of the Eucharist. Sharing your time, talents and treasure are all part of being a member of the Church. For the older members of our community, there are opportunities to gather together in the parish centre for social events. If you would like to help organise any event, again let us know at the Parish Office.

**Jubilee of Mercy:** On the Fourth Sunday of Lent, last Year, Pope Francis announced that beginning on 8th December, the Church would enter into a Jubilee Year of Mercy.

Mercy is a word we will be hearing a lot about in the year ahead. The Archbishop's Pastoral letter for Lent this year is entitled: A Door Wide Open, refers to the door at St Peter's in Rome and also the door at St Stephen's Cathedral, through which pilgrims will pass during this Year of Mercy. Below is the opening two paragraphs of the Pope's Pastoral Letter accompanying the Bull of induction of the Jubilee Year.

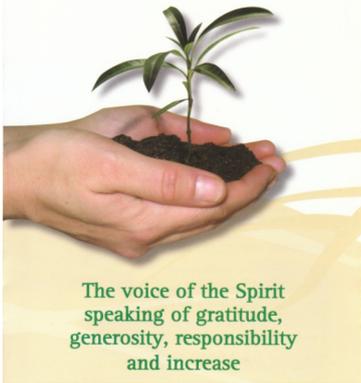
### ***MISERICORDIAE VULTUS***

1. Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy. These words might well sum up the mystery of the Christian faith. Mercy has become living and visible in Jesus of Nazareth, reaching its culmination in him. The Father "rich in mercy" (*Eph 2:4*), after having revealed his name to Moses as "a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (*Ex 34:6*), has never ceased to show, in various ways throughout history, his divine nature. In the "fullness of time" (*Gal 4:4*), when everything had been arranged according to his plan of salvation, he sent his only Son into the world, born of the Virgin Mary, to reveal his love for us in a definitive way. Whoever sees Jesus see the Father (cf *Jn 14:9*). Jesus of Nazareth, by his words, actions, and his entire person reveals the mercy of God.
2. We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy. It is a wellspring of joy, serenity, and peace. Our salvation depends on it. Mercy: the word reveals the mystery of the Most Holy Trinity. Mercy: the ultimate and supreme act by which God comes to meet us. Mercy: the fundamental law that dwells in the heart of every person who looks sincerely into the eyes of his brothers and sisters on the path of life. Mercy: the bridge that connects God and man, opening our hearts to a hope of being loved forever despite our sinfulness.

We certainly will be relying on God's mercy when we stand before him in judgement. Can we expect to benefit from his mercy, if we ourselves have not practised mercy here in our lifetime. Mercy is about relationships, it is a two way process, offering mercy to those who have wronged us, and asking for mercy from those we wrong.

*One of the practices suggested in connection with the Year of Mercy, is the use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Archbishop Mark has written: 'Through the Jubilee Year, I suggest we call it the Sacrament of Mercy. Of course the Eucharist is the supreme sacrament of mercy, but the Lord has given us another powerful moment when we can stand as children of God before the truth of sin in our life and before the far greater truth of God's forgiveness of sin. That's the Sacrament of Mercy, which is fundamental to the journey of the Jubilee.'*

## Spirituality for Life



*Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”*  
(1 Peter 4:10)

January 31, 2016

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous.”* (1 Corinthians 13:4)

Do you get jealous? Do you focus more on the things that other people have than on the gifts that God has given to you? Are you pompous? Do you acquire more possessions to impress others? At times we are all guilty of these things. Pray for more humility. Pray to become less self-centered and more God-centered. Accessed on 16th January 2016, from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>).

## **STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH: COMMUNITY AND STEWARDSHIP**

How is the Church built up?

In a sense there are as many answers to that question as there are individual members with individual vocations.

But the overarching answer for all is this:

Through personal participation in and support of the Church’s mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

*Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

*Live in a manner worthy of the call you received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, . . . (Ephesians 4:1-4).*

Giving my time and money to various charities makes me feel a real part of a community. Think of how powerfully we can transform our neighborhood, our cities, our nation, our world, if all of us shared an hour of our time or an hours worth of our money! We’d do serious damage to hunger, disease, sadness, loneliness, and oppression.

Already, the generosity of a small percentage does some significant things to alleviate all these ills. Catholic Relief Services, St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Community Services, and many other agencies are leading the effort. This is what inspires me so about stewardship!

We have the power to change the world by working together. Working together we can make our neighborhoods, cities, nations, and the world a community imitating the love of Jesus.

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### Questions

What benefits have you received from sharing time with the Church?

How have you benefited by sharing your treasure with the Church and community?

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As a community of people involved in different ministries, do we dare to try to find ways to challenge people to be disciples of Jesus, people of faith, people who will share their gifts with us? Could we not make this the primary commitment in all our ministries by preaching the challenge of faith? *Archbishop Thomas Murphy (South Sound Catholic Leadership Summit)*