



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**5th**  
**Of Easter**

**24th April**  
**2016**

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

### **GOOD NEWS: “THE JOY OF LOVE.”**

Last week, the result of the two Synods concerning Family Life was presented to the Church by Pope Francis in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation “Amoris Laetitia. The Exhortation begins with the phrase: “The joy of Love”.

The Exhortation is addressed to ‘Bishops, Priests and Deacons, consecrated Persons, Christian Married Couples and all the Ly Faithful, on love in the family.’ In other words to all of us.

I do not expect many people to read the exhortation in full, since much of it is addressed to those who will implement the suggestions contained within the document. The fact that it also a lengthy document will deter many from attempting it.

The following is taken from the introduction:

*The Synod process allowed for an examination of the situation of families in today’s world, and thus for a broader vision and a re-newed awareness of the importance of marriage and the family. The complexity of the issues that arose revealed the need for continued open discussion of a number of doctrinal, moral, spiritual, and pastoral questions. The thinking of pastors and theologians, if faithful to the Church, honest, realistic and creative, will help us to achieve greater clarity. The debates carried on in the media, in certain publications and even among the Church’s ministers, range from an immoderate desire for total change without sufficient reflection or grounding, to an attitude that would solve everything by applying general rules or deriving undue conclusions from particular theological considerations. #2.*

With the start of the Sacramental Preparation Programme for 2016 and the talk this week for Parents asking for Confirmation for their children, many would be saying, their parents were not involved in the preparation process. In their time for preparation, if there was preparation, the school was the main element. Now the parents are expected to be part of the preparation. This is reflected in the following passage from the Exhortation:

*The Bible also presents the family as the place where children are brought up in the faith. This is evident from the description of the Pass-over celebration (cf. Ex 12:26-27; Deut 6:20-25) and it later appears explicitly in the Jewish haggadah, the dialogue accompanying the rite of the Passover meal. One of the Psalms celebrates the proclamation of faith within families: “All that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us, we will not hide from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders which he has wrought. He established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers to teach to their children; that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children” (Ps 78:3-6). The family is thus the place where parents become their children’s first teachers in the faith. They learn this “trade”, passing it down from one person to another: “When in time to come your son asks you... You shall say to him...” (Ex 13:14). Thus succeeding generations can raise their song to the Lord: “young men and maidens together, old and young together!” (Ps 148:12). #16.*

*Parents have a serious responsibility for this work of education, as the Biblical sages often remind us (cf. Prov 3:11-12; 6:20-22; 13:1; 22:15; 23:13-14; 29:17). Children, for their part, are called to accept and practice the commandment: “Honour your father and your mother” (Ex 20:12). Here the verb “to honour” has to do with the fulfilment of family and social commitments; these are not to be disregarded under the pretence of religious motives (cf. Mk 7:11-13). “Whoever honours his father atones for sins, and whoever glorifies his mother is like one who lays up treasure” (Sir 3:3-4). #17.*

Please pray for the families who are engaged in the sacramental Preparation Programme this year. They are making quite lengthy commitment for some and they will only be able to continue with the help and encouragement of the other members of the parish.

**Sacramental Preparation** We have begun the Sacramental Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parents of the candidates will meet today after the 9.00am Mass, then next week the candidates and parents will have their own sessions. Please keep them in your prayers.

**Share The Dignity** “No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items.” Throughout April there will be a box at the two main doors of the Church for donations of new Sanitary items please no cash donations.

Share the Dignity provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most.

**For more information regarding Share the Dignity here is their website [www.sharethedignity.com.au](http://www.sharethedignity.com.au)  
Please contribute to this worthy cause.**

### **Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist**

We are in need of more ministers to assist us with either Reading at Mass or helping to distribute Holy Communion. For a reader it is essential that the person has not too strong an accent, and that they can be clearly heard. For this ministry there would be the need for a trial reading. For a Minister assisting with communion, what is required is someone who is steady on their feet, able to negotiate the steps up to the altar and someone with a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

In both cases, training will be made available. A yearly afternoon of reflection is a must for all ministers. Because you are working within the Eucharist, we would require you to complete a set of forms and you should obtain a Blue Card, the parish office can help you with these. If you are interested, contact Fr Roger.

**Rosary Group** will be holding a Novena on Wednesday evenings during the month of May to honour Mary. Start time will be the usual 6-30pm start.

**Help Wanted** We are in need of someone with Librarian Skills and/or Computer Skills to organise and catalogue the collection of books we have in the office. Once we have done this then the books can be borrowed by members of our community. If you can help please ring the Parish Office on 3818 0111

**Cleaning of the Church** If you are on the cleaning roster and cannot honour your commitment then could you please let the office or Pam Dodrill know. Rosters are in the Sacristy and there is one in the noticeboard on the outside of the Church.

Also in regards to cleaning of the Church our cleaners ask that you please do not bring chewing gum into the Church as it gets stuck in the carpet and once there it is almost impossible to remove. Popcorn is another food that is hard to eradicate as well.

**National Mass Attendance Count.** Beginning at the Vigil Mass on Saturday 30th April, we will be counting the number of people attending each Mass. This information is required for the Catholic Church of Australia. It usually coincides with the National Survey which will soon be undertaken.

**The Knights and Dames of the Order of St John,** The Sovereign Order of Malta invite all those in need of healing, be it physical, emotional or spiritual to our Order's **Lourdes Healing Mass.** Lourdes water will be distributed with anointing for all who seek healing. 10.00am May 7th St Paschal's 30 Warraba St, Wavell Heights.

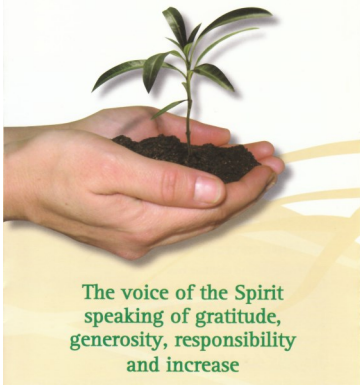
**“Women in Conversation”** First event for 2016 is “Impressions of Mary’ a luncheon, talk and exhibition. A select number of artists have been invited to create their own contemporary impression of Mary. These will be on display during the event. We will also have some artists attending.

The event is Wednesday 11th May at 11.30am to 1.30pm in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre (Cathedral Precinct). Tickets are \$30 each and include a buffet lunch, wine, tea and coffee.

For Group bookings over 4 there is a 10% discount. RSVP is by 6/5/2016.

**Marie is away from the Office from Friday 22nd April until Tuesday 3rd May.**

## 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)***

**April 24, 2016**

**5th Sunday of Easter**

*“I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another.” JOHN 13:34*

It is easy to love someone when they love us back. But it takes courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't

matter. It takes courage to “love my neighbour” when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone who doesn't look like me. Accessed on 19th April 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## ***Stewardship, A Disciples Response***

What is stewardship? It is the ability to share one's gifts of life, time, talent, and resources with others with no strings attached and no conditions. And people dare to share these gifts because they realize that they have these gifts that come from a good and gracious God who enriches our lives.

*Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

Three convictions underlie Stewardship:

1. Mature disciples make a conscious, firm decision, carried out in action, to be followers of Jesus Christ, no matter the cost to themselves.
2. This commitment is expressed in an entire way of life

*Stewardship is an expression of discipleship, with the power to change how we understand and live out our lives. Stewardship – A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

***A****s each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace. (1 Peter 4:10)*

Disciples who practice Stewardship:

Recognize God as  
the origin of life,  
the giver of freedom,  
the source of all they  
have and are and will be.

They are deeply aware of the truth that  
'The Lord's are the earth and its fullness and  
those who dwell in it' (Psalm 24:1).

They are grateful for what they have  
received and are eager to cultivate their gifts  
out of love for God and one another.

They know themselves to be recipients  
and caretakers of God's many gifts.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 24th 5th Sunday of Easter  
 Confirmation Talk 10.15am  
 Mon 25th Apr. Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
 IN ENGLISH. 6.00pm  
 Wed 27th Apr. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Fri 29th Baptism Prep 7.00pm  
 Sun 1st May 6th Sunday of Easter  
 Third Collection for Church Repairs next weekend

## Collections For Last Week

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

**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.

## 24th Apr. 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14: 21-27, Apoc 21: 1-5, 14-17; Jn 13:31-35

Psalm I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

## 1st May. 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15: 4-2, 22-29, Apoc 21: 10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29



### Services times this week:

**Saturday** Vigil Mass 6.00pm  
**Sunday** 7.30am Mass  
 9.00am Mass

### Weekdays

Monday 9.00am Mass ANZAC Day  
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass  
 Thursday 9.00am Mass  
 Friday 9.00am Mass  
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am  
**Benediction 4-30pm**

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 29th Apr. Michelle & Maria

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks) The current Roster is available from the Sacristy.

### 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, Eileen Monaghan, Betty Douglas. (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: 24-29 April

Kathleen Muellebner, Annie Galligan, Maurine Swords, Tony Fitzgerald, Matthew Klesnik, Desmond Duncan, Katharina Arbeiter, Noreen Cogan-Browne, Mary Hanley, Corrie Van Hoof, Candice Diepernik, Denis Hughes, Ivy O'Halloran, Bessie Ryan, William Hales, Stephen McGuire.

## 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 good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.