



## St Francis Xavier Parish

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**6th**  
**Of Easter**

**1st May**  
**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 Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you."

When we received the Sacrament of Confirmation, God blessed us with an infilling of the Holy Spirit. This is the second time that God poured into us his gift of the Spirit, the first being at our Baptism. Given the gift of faith and being made a child of God, a mark was placed on our soul claiming us for God.

At Confirmation, we were granted new gifts of God's Spirit:

**Wisdom** (which helps people value the things of heaven).

Have a bit of sense, knowing what God is doing in our lives.

**Understanding** (which helps a person to grasp the truths of religion). Gives us the ability to understand things about our faith, such as how can bread and wine also be the Body and Blood of Christ., or that there is a heaven awaiting for us when we die.

**Counsel** (which helps one see and correctly choose the best practical approach in serving God). Through counsel we know the best way to act in the world, those actions that lead us closer to God and nearer to heaven.

**Fortitude** (which steels a person's resolve in overcoming obstacles to living the faith). Helps us when the going is tough as sort of spiritual stamina, helps us to keep going when we feel that we can't take another step.

**Knowledge** (which helps one see the path to follow and the dangers to one's faith).

Teaches us the truth about our faith, and helps us to recognize those times when we are on dangerous ground.

**Piety** (which fills a person with confidence in God and an eagerness to serve him). Helps us to know God and results in us wanting to do things for him, not just because we have to but because we want to.

**Fear of the Lord** (which makes a person keenly aware of God's sovereignty and the respect due to him and his laws. Not fear in the way we would want to hide from him if we feel we have done something wrong, but an understanding of who God is, and a knowledge that his laws or commandments are important for us, so we respect and live by them.

These gifts are not meant to be trophies that we keep in a cabinet for display or gifts we keep wrapped up in case they become soiled in some way. They are gifts given to us by God for our everyday use.

There is no danger that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will wear out. On the contrary, the more we use them more they will develop and the richer we will be by their use. Each day we should rely on the Gifts of the Spirit to guide us. The gift of knowledge, does not mean that we become super-intelligent, but it means that we will know when our actions may lead us away from Christ. Sometimes we refer to our conscience as being what guides us to decide between right and wrong. I would prefer to say that God's Spirit dwelling within us is the motivating force, or it should be. A conscience is only able to lead us to the truth, if it has been formed by the teaching of Christ and the church. Otherwise it is not our conscience that is leading us but our desires.

At this time a group of our young people are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and First Eucharist. This is in a sense a turning point in their lives. When they receive the sacraments, they will be able to be empowered by the sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion) and they will be called to live out their calling as sons and daughters of God, by using the gifts of the Holy Spirit in service of God and neighbour.

We are all called to engage in the mission of Jesus, to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth, and to do this we need the Holy Spirit active in our lives.

Please pray for the young people who are preparing for their Confirmation, as they begin their meetings today.

**Fr Paul Leaving:** Thursday afternoon, we were informed that Fr Paul will be taking up his new appointment as chaplain to two Aged Care Facilities operated by The Knights of the Southern Cross. Fr Paul will be celebrating the 6.00pm and 7.30am Masses, this weekend and then leaving the parish.

We will of course be organising a farewell for Fr Paul, once arrangements have been made you will be informed. **As a consequence, there will be no Benediction this weekend and no Mass on Monday morning. We wish Fr Paul many blessings in his new appointment and thank him for his service here in Goodna.**

**Sacramental Preparation 2016** The preparation for the Sacrament of confirmation has begun, this means that we will not be accepting enrolments for the Sacrament of Confirmation. If your child has already been confirmed then the Course for the sacrament of First Eucharist is available in July. Young people who have been confirmed and received their First Eucharist can enrol for the sacrament of Penance in October.

### **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

**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.

**“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.

**Flower Arranging Workshop by James Robertson.** Create a beautiful arrangement of flowers as a mothers day gift. An opportunity to learn more about artistic floral arrangements for your parish **church** or your home ... including basic principles of flower arranging, wiring etc. Everyone will be doing their own arrangement to take home, as well as group work on larger arrangements.

**Saturday 7th May 2016 - 9.30am - 12.00 noon** At Corinda Graceville Parish Centre, 19 Randolph St. Graceville  
Cost: - \$50 per person [Includes all materials – flowers, oasis & an arrangement to take home.]

James is an interior designer with a great flare for floral artistry. His previous workshop was a wonderful success, and very entertaining for all who attended. This is an adult workshop but would be suitable for a parent to bring an older child [grade 4 up]. **RSVP:** - Anne Delsorte 33798635 or Christine Hodgkinson 0402494401

**Parish Youth Group** Last Sunday at the meeting of parents involved in the Sacramental Programme, I made a suggestion that we could start a Parish Youth Group. The group would be able to meet after the Sacramental session at 11.30am on Sundays. One parent has declared an interest in forming a group. We would welcome anyone who has had experience in running a Parish Youth Group or any parent interested in helping. As with all volunteers, there are forms which have to be completed and regulations laid down by the Archdiocese. **If YOU can help please contact Fr Roger.**

## Spirituality for Life



The voice of the Spirit speaking of gratitude, generosity, responsibility and increase



*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)

**May 1 2016**

**6th Sunday of Easter** “...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.” JOHN 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time

worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust He has a better plan for you. Accessed on 26th April 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

## **Stewards of the Church – Eucharistic Stewardship**

What do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering? Their lives and Christian disciples . . . Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, “...if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness.” (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 6) *Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

**B**ecause the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Geez, there are times I come out of Mass and can’t even remember a thing about what happened. It’s almost like driving to work sometimes. I know I got in my car and left home. I got to the office, but it was like I was on auto-pilot the whole time.

But I do notice that I feel most prayerful when I am singing at Mass. Why? Well, because I was actually paying attention to what I was saying, and of course our singing is a form of prayer.

So I started paying more attention to what I was praying, and saying it deliberately – with meaning. And I started paying attention to what Father was praying. And I found the words of the Eucharist are enormously powerful, when I listen to them and pray them with the presider! And I realize that we are standing before God and addressing God with these words.

It is an effort, and I am not entirely successful, but it makes my worship meaningful – and helps me to live out the Christian life the other 167 hours in the week.

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Questions:

Do we pay attention to what we are actually praying for at Mass?

What are you praying for?

Do we pay attention to what we are actually thanking God for at Mass?

What are you thanking God for?

The Eucharist becomes the sign and symbol of stewardship for the individual Christian and the Church. In the Eucharist, Jesus renews the covenant with us, but we in turn renew our covenant with Jesus and one another. In Eucharist, we bring our lives, our gifts, our resources, to the altar, and they too must be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

*Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 1st May 6th Sunday of Easter  
 Third Collection for Church Repairs  
 Sacramental Preparation 10.15am  
 Mon 2nd May Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm  
 Wed 4th May Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Thurs 5th May Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm  
 Sun 8th May The Ascension of the Lord.

## 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.

## 1st May 6th Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm: O God, let all the nations praise you!

## 8th May The Ascension of the Lord.

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Lk 24:46-53



### Services times this week:

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

### 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

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 6th May 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: 30 April—7 May

John Lawton, Christina Richardson, Rudolf Farkas, Richard Alcock, Trevor Spence, James Loughnane, Tracey Mikaele, Glen Latimer, Ernest Bolton, Robert Weir, Franciszek Podolak, Desmon Hannan, Esther Mikklesen, Mary Roddin, Stanislays Gorbacz, Nqac Vin Dihn, Elaine Wilson, Mary Vella, Barry Lawson, Gerardus Meuleman.

## 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.