



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Pentecost

Sunday

15th May

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: Perspectives on Pentecost

It would be a mistake to restrict Pentecost, or the descent of the Holy Spirit, to a one day wonder when a house in Jerusalem was rocked by a mighty wind and there were mysterious tongues of fire in the air.

The three readings in today's Mass widen our understanding of the Spirit's coming as they approach it from different perspectives. Luke's story in Acts of Pentecost day is most familiar to us since our liturgical calendar follows his timing of events. However, John's gospel tells of the infusion of the Holy Spirit as part of the Easter event ... on the evening of the first day of the new age. And today's second reading, St Paul tells the Corinthians of the various gifts of the Spirit to the community, like parts of the one body with different functions.

There were two great sending's or missions of divine power. Firstly, God the Father sent Jesus Christ ... 'As the Father sent me'. Then the risen Lord Jesus sent out his disciples ... 'so am I sending you.' In the breath of the risen Lord they received the same Spirit who had been the power of salvation in his own mission.

The coming of the Spirit marks the dynamic expansion of the mission to all races. So it suited Luke admirably to set the event in the context of the harvest festival of the fiftieth day. Pentecost means the fiftieth day.

The symbols in Luke's story are the mighty wind and the tongues of fire. The wind expresses the movement of God's creative power, recalling the breath of God over the primitive chaos in the story of creation.

The tongues express the proclamation of the message. They are of fire, which is the symbol of love and the agent of purification or judgement. Luke's concern in his composition of the story is the expansion of the mission of Jesus into the universal mission of the Church.

John sees the divine gift of the Spirit in the Easter context of the uplifting of Jesus in his dying and rising.

'And when I am lifted up from the earth I shall draw all men to myself.' (Jn 12:23)

'Jesus had promised much to all those who would be raised up in his rising. He promised that believers would discover fountains of living water within their own souls. As scripture says: 'from his breast shall flow fountains of living water.' And the evangelist explains that Jesus was speaking 'of the Spirit which those who believed in him were to receive; for there was no Spirit as yet because Jesus had not yet been glorified.' (Jn 7:38-39)

Jesus later explained that his going away would result in the coming of the Spirit: 'Unless I go the Advocate will not come to you; but if I do go, I will send him to you.' (Jn 16:7)

While Jesus lived in the flesh the Breath of God was confined to his own body. But when this body was broken in death then raised in glory, his Breath was released for all believers. And so John tells us that on the evening of the first day of the new age, the risen Lord, came to the disciples breathes the Spirit into them and sent them to complete his saving mission over sins.

In today's second reading, St Paul tells the Corinthians that there is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit. Whatever gifts are given they are to be regarded as forms of service to the whole community rather than as personal favours.

At Pentecost we celebrate the birthday of the Church.

With John we celebrate our involvement in the uplifting of Jesus by the gift of the Spirit to overcome sin.

With Luke we celebrate the dynamism of the Spirit seen in the preaching of the good news and the expansion of the kingdom on earth.

With Paul we celebrate the diversity of services in the whole community and the beautiful fruits of the Spirit in individual lives.

It is the birthday of the Church—our birthday.

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap

Farewell for Fr Paul will be held on Saturday 4th June at 1.00pm. The farewell will be a BBQ of which Fr Paul is really looking forward to. Any contributions towards a farewell gift please put in an envelope marked Fr Paul and put on the collection plate any weekend.

The condition of the Church found by cleaners is quite concerning.

It is not unusual for the cleaners on Friday morning finding used tissues, chewing gum and food particles lying around the pews. If you are wanting to keep your children amused during Mass, then feeding them biscuits may help you, but particles left behind are attractive to vermin. We often find evidence of rat and mice droppings in church and have to set traps. Please help us by not bringing food into the Church.

How would you like to find soiled tissues lying around your house after a visitor has left or chewing gum stuck to the bottom of your chairs? If you see someone doing anything which lowers the condition of the Church, please lovingly challenge them.

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.

Who's going to do it?

This is the story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was a very important venture to start in a parish. Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, in the end Nobody did it. Everybody got angry because Somebody should have done it, Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it because Nobody asked Anybody to do it.

Put it another way:

There were 573 churchgoers in a certain parish, of these 97 were elderly or infirm.

That leaves 467 to do all the work. Of this 467, 143 are at work all day.

That leaves 333 to do all the work. Of this 333, 121 have children at home plus housework.

That leaves 212 to do all the work. Of this 212, 87 live too far away and have no transport.

That leaves 125 to do all the work. Of this 125, 81 can't be bothered to do anything

That leaves 44 to do all the work. Of this 44, 42 are already doing something, and that leaves you and me!

And of course: Anybody.

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.

Marian Valley Canungra All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness of Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on Saturday 21st May 2016 commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch avail). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet—Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Robert McGuckin, Bishop of Toowoomba. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave from St Francis Xavier Goodna at 8.00am. Fare \$20—bookings and info Ann 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594

Annual St Dymphna's Day Celebrations to be held on Saturday 28th May in **St Patricks Church 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley**. A Healing Mass with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at 10.00am. Principal Celebrant: Bishop Joseph Oudeman. Enquiries: Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care Ph.: 3252 5461 Email: cppc@bne.catholic.net.au Website: www.cppc.net.au

Humour A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late.' While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late... But please don't shove me either!'

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)

Pentecost Sunday 15th May 2016

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.” JOHN 14:26

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to put the right words in our mouths when challenged about our faith.

(Accessed on 28 April 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

‘With Paul we celebrate the diversity of services in the whole community and the beautiful fruits of the Spirit in individual lives.’

Thank You to all Volunteers!

This past week Queensland has been celebrating Volunteers’ Week. A tribute to the many people in our communities who give up their time and use the gifts that God has given them for the benefit of others without expecting monetary gain.

Our parish like all communities relies heavily on the generosity of many individuals doing a variety of jobs, without whom the parish would be a poor sad being.

There would not be enough room on this page to list the people individually. Yet mentioning some of their work begins to pay tribute to them. Starting with the Church, we have ministers of the Word and Communion Ministers, people who greet parishioners at the door handing out newsletters, the collectors. Music plays a large part in our Sunday Masses, the leaders of the singing, members of the choir and of course the musician who share their talents with us.

Each week the church is cleaned and flowers are arranged, the altar is set up and someone clears up after the mass is completed.

Our Sacramental Preparation and the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Baptism Preparation sessions, require parishioners to journey with the people, who are preparing to receive the sacraments.

There are other hidden jobs which few observe being done, such as cleaning the toilets after the weekend and folding newsletters on Fridays.

Each year we have a number of events for the elderly, and a number of ladies provide hospitality in the form of refreshments. After significant Parish celebrations, again the ladies provide refreshments.

Outside of the parish, in many community activities, parishioners can be found. St Vincent de Paul and other care activities, improve the lifestyle of many.

Prison and hospital visiting requires training and accreditation, parishioners are involved .

Being active through the Parents and Friends of the School, brings much needed financial help to school projects.

Community groups, are benefiting from the efforts of many parishioners. In this way, the community is being evangelized by the parishioners who share their time and talent.

TO ALL WHO VOLUNTEER IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE COMMUNITY—A BIG THANK YOU!

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 15th May Pentecost Sunday.
 Sacramental Preparation 10.15am
 Mon 16th May Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 In English 6.00pm
 Wed 18th May Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 22nd May Trinity Sunday.

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.

15th May . Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7; Jn 20:19-23

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

22nd May . The Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31; Rom 5:1-5; Jn 16:12-15



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 Vigil 6.00pm
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 20th May Mitch & Pam Dodrill

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: 15-21 May

Kathleen Schabe, Edward Galligan, David Newman, Annie Attwood, Jolan Holka, Rose Stinchcombe, Allen Maybanks, Alan Wilshire, Patrick Moloney, Michael Ryan, Stanislav Chrzescijnski, Alfred Lister, Souphalacj Manavanh, Robert Leary, Eileen O'Neill, Marcello Pedrolini, John Kasproviski, James Watson, Fr John McGrath, Tont Ryan, William Van den Heuvel, Frank Rilarto, Cornelia Hedrick, Ivan Fuller, Alice Hales, Vivian Clarke, Vera Eustae, Albert Brugger, Francis McGreevy, Olwen Locke, Fred Law

Recently Deceased:

Bryan Michael Hodgkinson, Lenore Isabel Larter



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.

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