



St Francis Xavier Parish

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**The Most
Holy Trinity**

**22nd 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:

Some four hundred years before Christ, the philosopher Plato came up with two questions which he could not answer.

'If there is only one God, what does he think about, for if God is an intelligent being he must think about something?'

And question number two: "if there is only one God, whom does he love? And to be happy one must love.

Not all the brains in Greece combined could offer Plato any answers. Only the revelation of the Trinitarian life of God provided a solution to the questions about divine intelligence and divine will.

God is not an abstract theory but the author of a story that involves me.

God is not a static principle, but is ever moving towards us.

God is not a cold, rugged individualist, but a community of knowing and loving.

God is not distant and isolated but is a family bound in warm unity.

God is not aloof, unknown and unsociable: no, the Trinitarian God is creator-provider, word and lover.

An early theologian, John of Damascus, wrote of God in beautiful imagery:

"Think of the Father as a spring of life, of the son as the river flowing from that spring, and of the Holy Spirit as the sea: for the spring, the river and the sea are all one nature. Think of the Father as a root, of the Son as a branch, and of the Holy Spirit as a fruit: for the substance in these three is one.

Think of the Father as the sun, the Son as the rays and the Holy Spirit as the heat.

In the movements of the ocean I see the incoming tide visiting our shore like the Word coming in our flesh. And in the outgoing tide, returning to the ocean, I see the drawing of the Holy Spirit in love's return to the Father's bosom.

Simpler still is the natural rhythm of our breathing. Like the movements of the sea, our breathing is the twofold movement of taking and returning.

From the all-present air (God the Father), we take in our breath (as we receive the Son who is sent to us).

We hold that gift of air. We make it our own for a while and let it work for our bodies. Then when its work is done we return it to its great source. The longer we hold it the more it strains to return.

If our intake of air represents the receiving of the Son, then our return of breath represents the Spirit returning to the Father.

It is a simple way to quieten our racing minds, to pray to the rhythm of the Blessed Trinity in our breathing.

Draw in breath ... and name it Jesus.

Hold it as long as you need to us it.

Then let it return to its source, now naming it as Spirit.

In and out ... Jesus and Spirit.

Sent and returning ... Jesus and Spirit.

Farewell for Fr Paul will be held on Saturday 4th June at 1.00pm. The farewell will be a BBQ of rissoles and sausages with salad which will be supplied by the Parish, please bring your own drinks and dessert. With dessert only enough for you and your family will be sufficient.

Any contributions towards a farewell gift please put in an envelope marked Fr Paul and put on the collection plate any weekend. If you are attending the farewell could you please put your name on the list in the pergola.

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.

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

Share the Dignity: This is from Cindy Hayer in the Archdiocese's offices

Just wanted to say a huge thank you everyone that donated to share the Dignity cause during the month of April.

We, as the Archdiocese so this includes the precinct area, 23 parishes that participated and various Centacare agencies collected 1690 sanitary items, \$1652 in money and 6 full boxes of toiletries. All of this will go to people very much in need.

There will be another appeal in August and this time Cindy hopes for us to be able to donate cash as well as goods next time.

Centenary Celebrations Banyo Nundah Parish is celebrating 100 years on 29th May commencing with Mass at 9.30am in Corpus Christi Church, Nundah, with Archbishop Mark Coleridge presiding. This will be followed by a day of festivities, multi-cultural food "FEASTIVAL", entertainment historical display, pipe organ recital, drawing of Centenary Raffle.

Past parishioners and friends are welcome to join us.

For further details ph. Parish Office 3266 1444

Marriage Encounter 3-5 June 2016 Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend for married couples at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD (on Brisbane's bayside)

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph (07) 3342 1456, dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Watch our new video—YouTube: <https://youtu.be/5Hdl2ZDxZXc>

Church Cleaners could you please contact either Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594 or Marie in the office with contact details.

Humour I had been teaching my three year old daughter, Caitlin, the Lord's Prayer. For several evenings at bedtime, she would repeat after me the lines from the prayer. Finally, she decided to go solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer: "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "**but deliver us some E-mail. Amen**".

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 22, 2016 The Most Holy Trinity Sunday

“But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth...” JOHN 16:13
Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine to ask the Holy Spirit to help guide our thoughts and actions. (Accessed on 20 May 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

THE CALL — RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now – at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances. There can be no delay.

Stewardship – A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

Jesus told (the rich young man), “If you seek perfection, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor. You will then have treasure in heaven. Afterward come back and follow me.” Hearing these words, the young man went away sad, for his possessions were many. (Matthew 19, 21-22)

A big stumbling block for me was ‘impulse buying.’ It wasn't buying stuff on TV, but it was walking through the big ‘warehouse stores’ (you know the ones). I had my shopping list (which my spouse had generously put together for me). But there were always so many things that would be *nice* to have! I'd inevitably end up spending about a hundred dollars more than I had planned. And I wouldn't use what I bought very much (and sometimes never!) My spouse says that the road to bankruptcy is paved with impulse buying. I've learned though that the road to generosity is easily followed when it is mapped out – when it is planned. So, though I still feel the desire for things I want (but don't need) now I stick to my shopping list, just like I plan my giving to the Church and charity.

Questions:

When you hear the above Gospel reading, do you feel called to ‘give it all away’?

Do you feel called to give up anything?

Have you ever heard these words and actually given something away that was keeping you from following God?

Satan assembles his junior apprentices looking for fresh ideas of how to populate hell.

One apprentice raises his hand and suggests, “I have an idea. Tell them there is no heaven.” Satan isn't happy with that. He says sarcastically “We've tried that, much as we try to tell people there is no God, but people understand in the deep recesses of their stupid heart that there is, so forget it.” A second apprentice raises his hand and says “Well, tell them there is no hell.”

Satan says, “We've tried that too, and it won't work. Sooner or later people realize that mass murderers can't wind up in the same place as Mother Teresa.” Finally, a third apprentice raises his hand and says slowly, “Then tell them - there is no hurry.” And Satan smiled.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 22nd May Most Holy Trinity.
 Sacramental Preparation 10.15am
 Mon 23rd May Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 In English 6.00pm
 Wed 25th May Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 27th May Baptism Preparation 7.00pm
 Sun 29th May Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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.

22nd May The Most Holy Trinity

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

Psalm: O Lord, our God, how wonderful your name in all the earth!

29th May The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gen 14:18-20; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Lk 9:11-17.



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: 27th Julia & Emily

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: 22-28 May

Clare Forbes, Cecilia Galligan, John Winters, Kath Caldwell, Ellen Smith, Marguerite Bryant, Reginald Bryson, Mary Breuer, Charles Stafford, John Rooks, Enroe Baelcsfoeldi, Raymond Joregenson, William Iszlaub, Kerry Charles, Cyrano De Miranda, Arthur Stubbs, Sarah Kaminski, Winifred Andrews.

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.

