



## **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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St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only . Meetings:

Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**12th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

**19th June  
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: The Homeless Stranger**

The weather had turned and although the sun was still bright, the thin, high clouds were racing across the pale blue sky, mirroring the strong wind that was cutting through his thin coat.

He had no money and owned nothing but the dusty threadbare clothes he wore and the sandals on his feet. The wind threw grit into his eyes and caused him to turn his head slightly down and to one side as he trudged on.

The last town he had been in had not been friendly to him. Some people were just simply frightened when they saw him trudging into their safe little prosperous communities. Was it his presence that made them feel so threatened? How could such an obvious poor and powerless man make them react that way? He smiled to himself, thinking about how his life had panned out.

His state of homelessness was not new to him. He had been born homeless and had spent his earliest years as a stateless refugee. His good and loving parents had struggled to make him a home and settled down, yes, things had gone well for a good few years. As a young man he had gained a trade and helped to run the family business. But that was all behind him now.

The strap on one of his sandals was coming loose again, and as he stopped to adjust it for the umpteenth time that day, he felt his stomach rumble. It would be good to stop somewhere and, perhaps, get something to eat and drink. In the last few years he had always been like this—always, dependent on the goodwill of others for shelter, food and clothing. He smiled as he reflected on the wonderful generosity most people showed him.

Looking up from his sandal, he realized that he was not far from where he was aiming to spend the night, and as he passed over the brow of the hill, he could see the small village in the bottom of the valley. Even from here he could recognize some of the people gathering in the small clearing by the well. Friends he had grown to know during his years on the road were there with others who looked familiar.

The loose sandal caused him to limp a little as he took the steep path down the side of the hill, and the wind that had been troubling him began to buffet him with renewed force. Despite these and the ache in his belly, he smiled. A little boy from the village saw him and trotted up the hill to take a look at this travel-worn, hobbling tramp.

In the village one of the elders looked at him as he approached this small gathering and stood up as if to tell him to move on. His scowl turned to surprise as a man in the crowd stood up and called to the tramp.

‘Jesus, Master. Please we have a seat for you here, out of the wind. The people are eager to hear you speak.’ then, as he gestured to the seat, another brought a drink and Jesus sat within the circle, ready to share his good news with these people.

*Ian Smith, from ‘Just One Year’ A global treasury of Prayer and Worship Edited by Timothy Radcliffe OP*

In the gospel today, Jesus asks his disciples a question: ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ If we met Jesus on the road today, and he asked us that question, I wonder what we would say in reply. Who is Jesus to us, a distant figure, a person in history, or a friend, brother and Saviour. To be able to answer truthfully, we need to develop a personal relationship with him, possibly then we can reply like

**Special Ministers of Communion** If in the past you have borrowed a pix to take communion to the household and you are not using it at the present, please return it to the sacristy. Out of the twelve or more that we have bought, we have none available at the present moment.

**All Ministers** are asked to make a date in your diary for an afternoon of reflection and updating of procedures on **Saturday 16th July at 2.00pm**. This will be the time that potential new ministers will be instructed in the ministry of the Word and Ministers of Communion. If you are unable to make this day, please let Fr Roger know, whether you wish to continue in the ministry.

### **SVDP No Interest Loan Scheme**

- Do you know somebody who is receiving a Centrelink payment or low income?
- Do they need a new household appliance or medical equipment?
- Have they lived at their current address for at least 3 months?

WELL why not tell them about the St Vincent De Paul Society QLD NO Interest Loans Programs. LOANS can be up to \$1200, with repayments as low as \$30 per fortnight and never pay interest. If you would like more information on how to apply, please call SVDP Call Centre on 3010 1096.

**Planned Giving** In our Parish there are three ways in which you can take part in Planned Giving, the first is via the Envelopes, Second Direct Debiting from your bank account and thirdly via Credit Card. If you would like to start any one of these methods then please see Marie in the office anytime between now and the third week of June when I will be working on the next years envelope numbers so that the new envelopes can be ready for collection prior to the new financial year.

**Date Claimer** Sunday 19th June Retreat Day **“God’s Name is Mercy”** and Prayer for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God’s Love, commencing with Mass at 11am, St Thomas’ Catholic Church, Perth St Camp Hill, day finishing 3.30pm; following Mass the Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly Chancellor/Judicial Vicar will launch Fr Ken’s new book **“The Way of Jesus—a Reflection on the Beatitudes”**.

Car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. Info Paul and Kay Bertini 339 82963 0417 104 460.

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults** On Wednesday the parish underwent an audit in connection with the Archdiocesan Policy. We await the report which is being drawn up by an external body for the Archdiocese.

This week the Archbishop is in Rome at a meeting concerning safeguarding and the policies regarding abuse issues. The Church has shown that one of its priorities is the safeguarding of all members. The policy implemented by the Archdiocese is meant to protect children, vulnerable adults and those who minister to them.

So we remind **All Volunteers** who have given details of their Blue Card to the Office, please call in at the sacristy. You need to collect a copy of the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour Document— you sign one copy and keep the other for yourself.

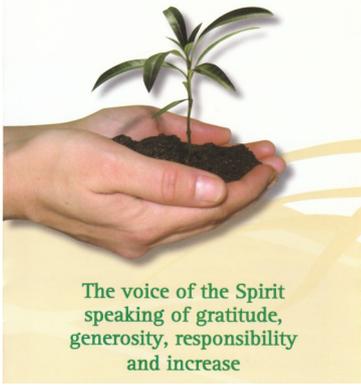
**Pope Francis on Reconciliation and Mercy:** In this Jubilee Year of Mercy an opportunity is being offered for people of the Ipswich Catholic Community and other parishes within the deanery to gather to listen to a presentation on the topic of Reconciliation and Mercy. The facilitator for this gathering will be Fr Anthony Mellor who is currently working as the Parish Priest of Clayfield, as well as Academic Dean of the Seminary and the Theological Advisor to Brisbane Catholic Education. Fr Anthony will open up the understanding of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and what it means for us today. There will be two sessions to choose from and both will be held on Thursday 7th July in St Joseph’s church, Pine Mountain Road, North Ipswich. The first session is offered from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and repeated from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. We ask that you RSVP to St Mary’s Parish office on 3281 2133 by the 5th July so we have an idea on numbers attending.

**Humour** There was a very gracious lady who mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

“Is there anything breakable in here?” asked the postal clerk.

“Only the Ten commandments.” answered the lady.

## 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)

June 19 2016

**12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*“If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”* LUKE 9:23 We are not very good at “denying ourselves” in our society. Our current economic situation is evidence of what happens when people think they can have everything they want. Jesus calls us to set our own

personal “wants” aside so that we have the resources to follow Him instead (Accessed on 10th June 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## THE CALL – THE DISCIPLE’S VOCATION

The vocations of all Christians do have elements in common. One of these is the call to be a disciple. In fact, we might say that to be disciples – to follow Christ and try to live His life as our own – is the common vocation of Christians; discipleship in this sense is Christian life.

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

**W**hat are you looking for? Jesus asks (two of John’s disciples). *Rabbi, they say, Where are you staying? Come and you will see. They spend the day with him, enthralled by his words and by the power of his personality . . . The next day, encountering Philip, Jesus says ‘Follow Me.’* (See John 1:35-50.)

I realized that when my parents and my family, my teachers and my mentors, my pastor and my parish leaders, were calling me to do better, to share my gifts with others, to live as Christ lived, it was actually God calling me through all these people. I was being constantly called and constantly challenged to follow Christ in big and small ways. But this realization helped me to feel joyful about what had earlier seemed burdensome and difficult. I was being called just like James and John, Peter and Andrew, Mary and Martha, Paul, St. Francis, and Mother Teresa!

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Questions:

Have you ever heard/felt ‘the call’ of Jesus?

What was happening when you heard it?

How did you know it was Jesus’ calling?

How did you respond?

*When we begin with the far greater challenge of being a disciple of Jesus, stewardship becomes a response that is part and parcel of who we are and what we believe. Stewardship formation and education must begin with a radical call to be disciples of Jesus.*

*Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

## PARISH NOTICES

### Dates for your Diary



Sun 19th June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 20th June Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
 In English 6.00pm  
 Tues 21st Confirmations 7.00pm  
 Wed 22nd June Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Fri 24th June Baptism Preparation 7.00pm  
 Sun 26th June 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### 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.

### 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zech 12:10-11, 13:1; Gal 3:26-29; Lk 9:18-24

Psalm: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

### 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19:16,19-21; Gal 5:1,13-18; Lk 9:51-62



### 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 6.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 24th June 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. If you cannot honour your commitment please let Pam know.

### 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, 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, Maria Purcell. (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: 19-25 June

Edward Bennett, James Martin, D W Keppel, Gery Fitzgerald, Andras Varga, Sergion Panzani, Betty Dwyer, James Mooney, Sr M Stanislaus Ryan, Teresa Gorman, John Moloney, Susanna Philips, Madison Taylor, Cathy Pearl, Phyllis Meredith, Maria Visschedlik, Alex Elmore.

### 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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