



St Francis Xavier Parish

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**14th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

**3rd July
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: Ordination Anniversaries.

Around this time of the year, we are faced with the celebration of Ordination Anniversaries. Priests recall the day that they prostrated themselves before the sanctuary and the Litany of Saints called on prayers for them. For some it is a recent memory, and for others, although bright in their memory, photographs show a change in appearance. Hair thinned or even vanished from head, figure that have become a little more rounded.

Last Wednesday, the priests of the Archdiocese gathered in St Stephen's Cathedral to pay tribute to those celebrating a significant anniversary of twenty-five or fifty years. Among the jubilarians, were Bishop Joseph Oudeman celebrating fifty years, and the Auxiliary Bishop elect, Msgr Anthony Randazzo, celebrating twenty-five years. The changing face of the presbyterate (Priests) was also evident, with the increasing influx of priests from overseas.

There is good news that the number of students studying at Banyo Seminary has increased. The sad news is that these priest will still not be enough to replace the priests leaving the active ministry due to age or illness.

For a student to progress through the Seminary to Ordination as priest, we are talking of a period of six or even seven years. A period of time involving study, prayer and assessment as to their suitability as a priest in the Catholic church. Not an easy prospect for any man. In the past, for someone to leave the seminary before ordination was seen as a sort of failure. Having been a member of a Seminary Staff in the North of England, I am glad to say this attitude is changing.

The seminary is a place where men can test their call to the priesthood and in some cases begin to realize that God is not calling them to that vocation. I have many good friends who through their time in the College, discovered a vocation to the married life and are now fathers of young children.

Ordination anniversaries should be a time of rejoicing for the priests who have heard the call and are serving in ministry. It should also be a time when we take seriously the need to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. If we do not, then there is a real danger that the Church will face a shortage of priests. In the past, many of the priests serving in England were recruited by bishops visiting Ireland. At the present time, there are not enough priests being ordained in Ireland to meet the needs of the country.

The following prayer has been distributed by the Banyo Seminary, please use it to pray for vocations.

A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved.

B: **For they were like sheep without a shepherd**

A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"

B: **"But the labourers are few"**

A: Aske the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest

B: **O Lord we pray that young people will answer the call to become servants in Your harvest**

A: And shepherds for your people.

B: **Amen.**

Catholic Mission: Our Parish will conduct the Catholic Mission Church appeal next weekend July 9/10

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus reminds us the importance of focusing on building the Kingdom of God, both “on Earth as it is in Heaven.” Next weekend, we invite you to consider contributing to the earthly work of kingdom-building by supporting those faces on our appeal envelope and poster: Sister Eulie, who is using education and innovation to help children in need and Cambodia children like Maly and Kesor, who benefit from the mobile tuk tuk schooling and feeding program. These faces are just some of the many supported by missionaries financially assisted by Catholic Mission, with your prayerful and generous contributions. On behalf of Sister Eulie and all missionaries like her, thank you for your generous support of prayers and monetary contributions.

Food in Church A plea to any parents who bring biscuits or food to Church to keep the children happy during Mass. We ask you **not to do so** for two very good reasons: Firstly the mess left behind has to be cleaned up by cleaners and other parishioners, and secondly it is one way of encouraging vermin into the building.

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.

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.

Planned Giving Envelopes are available for collection from the Pergola. Can you please check the address on your box as for some reason the system has picked up some incorrect or old addresses as well as current ones when I was doing the labels. If you find a discrepancy please ring the office and let me know. Also some of you have different numbers again, the reason for this is some people have opted out of the envelope way of giving as well as some that were not being used therefore making that number available so to keep things tidy new numbers are allocated.

Marie

IGNITE Young Adults Weekend: Inside Our 22-24 July

Life can get crazy juggling uni, work and just general life. We feel it too, so we want to give you an opportunity to get away from the busyness and sink into friendship, prayer and some excellent sharing from speakers. This is an opportunity to engage with God through personal prayer, worship and the sacraments in the wonderful Gold Coast hinterlands.

For Young Adults: 17-25

Cost \$100

Dates: 7pm Fri 22—2pm Sun 24 July

For more info and to register head to: igniteyouth.com/insideout or email youngadults@igniteyouth.com

Humour During a funeral, the organist played a beautiful rendition of Bach’s “Sheep May Safely Graze” as the coffin was carried out of the church. After the service, the minister complimented him on his performance. “Oh, by the way,” the minister asked, “do you know what the deceased did for a living?” No idea,” said the organist as he began packing up. The minister smiled. “He was a butcher.”

The irate customer calling the newsagency, loudly demanded to know where her Sunday paper was. “Madam, said the employee, today is Saturday. The Sunday paper is not delivered until Sunday.” There was quite a pause on the other end of the phone, followed by a ray of recognition . “So, that’s why no one was in church today.”

A friend was working as a nurse in a West Australian coastal town when a tourist came into the medical centre with a fishhook lodged deep in his hand. Since it was the weekend, my friend has to summon the doctor from home. The tourist was dismayed to see that the doctor was young, had long hair and wore sandals and a very casual shirt. “You don’t look much like a doctor to me.” he said dubiously. The doctor examined the hook in the tourist’s hand and responded, “and you don’t look much like a fish to me.”

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)

June 26, 2016

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them: ‘The harvest is abundant but the labourers are few.’ Luke 10:2 As Catholics we are all called to serve in ministry. However, many of us are unsure how to use our talents and gifts to build God’s Church. Talk to God and ask Him what He wants you to do. The next time one of your fellow parishioners asks you to help or join a committee, it may be the answer to your prayer. (Accessed on 24 June 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

FAITH STORY: EVELYN PARKIN.

Up to the age of about fourteen, I grew up on an Aboriginal Community on the outskirts of Dunwich, Stradbroke Island, called ‘One Mile’. Our homes were alongside a fresh water creek that meandered its way down to the salt water’s edge. This is the place where all the children played and swam until we got called home. Today we call our place ‘Minjerribah, Quandammoka Country’ and Yulu-Burri-Ba ‘The People of the Sand and Water.

One of the things I would like to share in my spirituality that was nurtured in a way that it was part of my everyday living. There was no name put to these things or lots or words around me, no it was about following Mum on our walks either to visit family we would sit under a shady tree, go to the cemetery to attend to the graves or go for walks in the bush.

You can imagine in that time, I only heard the sounds of locus, parrots, hawks, curlew and many other kinds birds. It was all about looking and listening as we walked along the sand racks that took us over the hill to the edge of the swamp gathering flowers. Gathering wild flowers was during the springtime and the hillside became alive with many beautiful colours of yellow, white, cream and pink that normally told us that fish were running and that the crabs and oysters were fat. Mother Nature was communicating to her people.

I don’t remember taking any flowers home, it was always to walk further on from the swamp, a couple of miles to clean and attend the old graves at Moongalba and then we would back track to the Dunwich cemetery.

Silence, sensing things and quietness around me was a very big part, not that I knew at the time but as I said it was my way of life.

My Catholicism goes back to 1843 when four Passionist Fathers came to Stradbroke Island. The Passionists began the first Aboriginal Catholic Mission in Australia. They were here for only three years it was recorded as an unsuccessful mission. Well, today I can say this is no doubt one of the sources of my Catholicism and that the Missionaries may not have seen any fruits of their labour but we can say that they planted the seeds of faith. Amen.

Mum and Great Aunt Bethel had also nurtured my religious life in Christianity. Each month we had Mass in a lovely old house that was set up as a Church in Dunwich. Aunty Bethel would look after the Priest when he came over to the Island, she would provide him with his meal and cups of tea in her little home and would wash and starch the Altar Cloth and other linen. Aunty would also ring the bell during Mass and made sure we sat real quiet and to be in a prayerful manner. She would also prepare us children, both Aboriginal and Non-Aboriginal for our sacraments and guided us through the Stations of the Cross after school, during the Lenten Season.

I give thanks to God for the way I was nurtured by my own people because it was the foundation of my Spirituality to build upon as I matured.

My spiritual life has been a great passion, guiding me to search, to achieve Certificates and Diplomas of Christian Leadership and to gain a Masters of theology to finally teaching theology at Wontulp-By-Buya College. All these experiences and much more together connected me with my own inner spirituality that I cannot separate either because it is who I am and my journey with God our Creator, his Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit entwining it all with Mother Earth and the whole of the Cosmic Universe.

As Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians, it is our journey with God. He made himself known to us, in the soil of this beautiful ancient country and we got to know Him in His Humanity when the Missionaries came across the seas.

I married Alan at the old Moongalba Mission Site thirty-six years ago. The same place where I walked with my Mother and then had my marriage blessed in the Church. I have four beautiful children and six gorgeous grandchildren with the blessing of twins due later in the year. I give thanks and praise to our God for everything in my life.

We are children of the Dreaming and children of God.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 3rd July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 4th July Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 In English 6.00pm
 Wed 6th July Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Thurs Parish Pastoral council 7.00pm
 Sun 10th July 15th 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.

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14; Gal 6:14-18; Lk 10:1012, 17-20

Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37



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 Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 08 July 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. 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. (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: 3-9 July

Mary Hansen, Constance Clarke, Robert Muller, Eileen Johnston, Felomena Santos, Carlotta Cerrato, Peter Krizan, Eileen Leoni, Angello Piastro, Mary knight, Marte Neuman, Bridget Clark, Vincent Jones, Anna Liddy, Mary O'Connor, James O'Hagan, Mark Waddington, Keith McPherson, Viancia Artiago, Christian Harbraken, Melda Appleman, Jean Hanssens.

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.



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