



St Francis Xavier Parish

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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

**16th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

**17th July
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: Perseverance in prayer—not giving up!

Today's Gospel teaches us about prayer. Many of us were taught prayers but not how to pray. Prayer according to the old catechism is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God. Sometimes, our heart is not in it and at other times our mind is not in it.

Adversity is a great motivator, when times are tough, then somehow prayer comes natural. There is the old saying that there is now such things as antitheist in a fox hole. Crying out to God in times of need is a common response. But prayer should be more than a response, it needs to be an attitude. We should pray in response to the generosity of God to us, in thanksgiving first before turning to petition.

Donkey Work

One day a farmer's donkey fell down a well. The animal cried piteously for hours as the farmer tried to figure out what to do.

Finally he decided the animal was old and the well needed to be covered up any way, it just wasn't worth it to retrieve the donkey. So he invited all his neighbours to come over and help him. They all grabbed a shovel and began to shovel dirt into the well. At first, the donkey realised what was happening and cried horribly. Then, to everyone's amazement, he quietened down. A few shovel loads later, the farmer finally looked down the well and was astonished at what he saw. With every shovel of dirt that hit his back, the donkey was doing something amazing. He would shake it off and take a step up. As the farmer's neighbours continued to shovel dirt on top of the animal, he would shake it off and take a step up.

Pretty soon, everyone was amazed as the donkey stepped up over the edge of the well and trotted off!

Moral: Life is going to shovel dirt on you, all kinds of dirt.

The trick of getting out of the well is to shake it off and take a step up. Each of our troubles is a stepping stone. We can get out of the deepest wells just by not stopping, never giving up, shaking it off and taking a step up.

Persistence in prayer knowing that God hears our cry, is an attitude. Children do not give up asking their parents, just because the immediate answer is No, so we should continue to ask God in prayer, even when the answer is not immediate. This is more a matter of faith rather than religion, an understanding that God is not a distance away, but very near.

The world says: perfect smiles and beautiful bodies are more important than loving hearts and caring minds; success is skin deep.

The Bible says: success is about being more Christ-like and more Christ-centred; it is about loving God, loving other people and loving God's world.

The world says: everyone can be outwardly transformed...for a price...all it takes is a nip and tuck, a professional makeover or a trendy new wardrobe.

The Bible says: everyone can be inwardly transformed ...and the price has already been paid by God... all it takes is faith.

Sacramental Preparation—First Eucharist.

The first talk in this series will be on this Sunday 17th July in the Church, after the 9.00am Mass. If you have not as yet completed an Expression of interest form, please contact Fr Roger. To be enrolled in the preparation the young people must have been Confirmed. The parents of the young people who were confirmed this year are reminded that they need to attend the meeting on Sunday 17th July.

Planned Giving Envelope No 56 If you have this number could you please contact the Office .

Parish Seniors BBQ Lunch Monday 25th July, 2016. 10.00am for a 10.30am Start

Come along and enjoy meeting people from around our Parish. Meet and be entertained by Students from SFX Primary School. Raffle's, Lucky door prizes.

Names and Numbers will be collected after all Masses this weekend and next or Contact Marie 3818 0111 or Agnes 3271 2452 or email Agnes acfry@gil.com.au.

Catholic Mission Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Mission Church Appeal

The Gospel for last weekend—the parable of the Good Samaritan—was silent on the response of the beaten man, after he had been treated and transported to a place to heal. Was he grateful? Did he follow up the Samaritan who paid for his accommodation and offer to reimburse him, or at least say thank you? The gospel does not offer such details because they are not important. The challenge for us, as followers of Christ, is to be like the Samaritan—giving without expecting anything in return, responding with compassion when we encounter injustice and ill-treatment, loving our neighbour, unconditionally. On behalf of those who may not be able to say thank you, or who may never meet to hear how their lives have been transformed, we thank you for stopping by the side of the road, during our appeal campaign, to offer help and healing. May god bless you for your generosity.

David McGovern, Diocesan Director
Archdiocese of Brisbane

Catholic Identification Card is an initiative of a Parishioner of the Our Lady of the Rosary Parish Caloundra and we have been given a significant number for any of our Parishioners who wish to have one. The cards are made of the same materials that are used in Credit Cards so are of good quality. It is a double sided card of wallet size and was suggested that it be kept with your Drivers Licence. One side says "I AM A CATHOLIC in the event of an accident or emergency please call a Priest." And on the other side is a little prayer, praying for our Priests. If you would like one please collect from the Sacristy.

Living Biblically—Mercy in the Scriptures Series

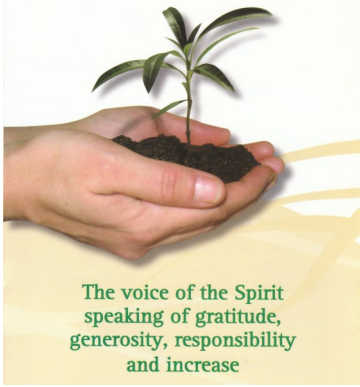
Session 2: WEDNESDAY 20th July 2016 at 7.00pm—8.30pm

Living Biblically—**Mercy in the Gospel of Luke** will be presented by Archbishop Mark Coleridge **in the Hanly Room at the Francis Rush Centre** next to the Cathedral of St Stephen. Drawing on his biblical scholarship, Archbishop Mark will reflect on the recurring theme of Mercy within the Gospels and identify its capacity to transform our lives. There is no cost for this event and parking is available in the Cathedral car park from 6pm (entrance via Charlotte St). All people are welcome.

Contact Evangelisation Brisbane (Ph. 3324 3440) for further details or visit the website at <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/> to view Session 1.

Humour There was a scientist one time, and he went to talk to God and he says, "God, we can now clone humans, make life, and take care of ourselves and we don't need you anymore." And God said "ok that's fine, but I want to challenge you to a contest before I let you go. Each of us has to create our own human using nothing but dirt, and the first one done wins." So the scientist agreed and reached down to start making his human and God stops him and says "Whoa not so fast, use your own dirt."

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)

July 17, 2016

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” Colossians 1:25 Believe it or not, we are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our knowledge and relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should

look for opportunities to share our Faith with those closest to us, like our family and friends. (Accessed on 12th July 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

JESUS WAY – THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

In Jesus’ teaching and life, self-emptying is fundamental. His self-emptying is not sterile self-denial for its own sake; rather in setting aside self, He is filled with the Father’s will, . . .The Beatitudes and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount prescribe the life-style of a Christian disciple. Although (the lifestyle of a Christian disciple) does not suit worldly tastes, the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.

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

How blest are the poor in spirit, the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.

Blest too are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blest are those who are persecuted for holiness sake, the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are they when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. (Matthew 5, 3-11)

My parents were great examples of giving – they gave of themselves to each other, and they gave of themselves to others: me and my brothers and sisters, their parents, our parish, the poor in the community. However, my folks claimed none of the credit. They said they were just following the example of Jesus and the call of Jesus; and this is how they wanted us to live as well.

Questions:

How did your parents (or other family members) set an example for you of Jesus’ giving?

To what extent are we called to live as Jesus did?

To give up everything we own and preach the Gospel?

To give up our lives?

To confront those who are obstacles to belief in God?

To be a disciple of Jesus is to embark on a spiritual journey which asks every person to walk with the Lord, to imitate the pattern of Jesus’ life, to follow His example of service to others. It involves the willingness to take up the cross, to endure the difficult, to be willing to give up one’s life for others, only to discover the rich paradox of reward which comes from discipleship. *Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy USA Catholics: are we our Brothers’ and Sisters’ Keepers? (from Chicago Studies, April 1991, Volume 30 #1)*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 17th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 18th July Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 In English 6.00pm
 Wed 20th July Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 24th July 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collections For Last Week

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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.

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18:1-10; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13



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: 22 July Lulu Family

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, Marge Robins, Neil Ham. (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: 17-23 July

Peter Phelan, Michael Greenfield, Barbara Meredith, Mary Galligan, Margaret Guley, Doreen Leslie, Barry McGrath, John Galligan, Marjorie Larter, James O'Neill, Marian Mizerka, Kieran Mahony, Edward Sullivan, Aloysius Ryan, John O'Halloran, Garry Clark, Joseph Masters.

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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