



St Francis Xavier Parish

6 Church Street (GPO Box 450) Goodna, Qld. 4300

Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm

Friday 9.00am —4.00pm Closed Thursdays

Website: stfrancisxaviergoodna.org.au

Ph: 3818 0111 Fax 3818 1420 Email: goodna@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Clergy: Fr Roger Burns PP.

Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges

(Local Safeguarding Children Representative: Marie Hodges)

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

Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**20th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

**14th August
2016**

Embracing the suburbs of Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira, Carole Park, Collingwood Park, Ellen Grove. Gailes, Kruger, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Wacol and beyond.

MONDAY 15TH AUGUST

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

Assumption is a holy day of Obligation. We are obliged to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist on this day. To enable you to fulfill this obligation there will be two masses in the parish on Monday.

9.00am the Mass will be in School Hall 6.00pm the Mass will be in the Church.

GOOD NEWS: Letting the Light In

A psychotherapist relates this story:

I had a young man come into my practice with bone cancer. His leg was removed at the hip to save his life. Was twenty-four years old when I started working with him, and he was a very angry young man with a lot of bitterness. He felt a deep sense of injustice and a very deep hatred for all well people because it seemed so unfair to him that he had suffered this terrible loss so early in life.

I worked with this young man through his grief and rage and pain, using painting, imagery, and deep psychotherapy. After working with him for more than two years, there came a profound shift. He began coming out of himself. Later he started to visit other people who had suffered severe physical losses, and he would tell me the most wonderful stories about these visits.

Once he visited a young woman who was almost his own age. It was a hot day in Palo Alto, and he was in running shorts so his artificial leg showed when he came into her hospital room. The woman was so depressed about the loss of both her breasts that she wouldn't even look at him, wouldn't pay attention to him. The nurses had left her radio playing, probably in order to cheer her up. Desperate to get her attention, he unstrapped his leg and began to dance around the room on one leg, snapping his fingers to the music. She looked at him in amazement and then burst out laughing and said, "Man, if you can dance, I can sing."

A year later we sat down to review our work together. He talked about what was significant to him, and then I shared what was significant in our process. As we were reviewing our two years of work together, I opened his file and there discovered several drawings he had made early on. I handed them to him, He looked at them and said "Oh look at this." He showed me one of his earliest drawings.

I had suggested to him that he draw a picture of his body. He had drawn a picture of a vase and running though the vase was a deep black crack. This was the image of his body, and he had taken black crayon and had drawn the crack over and over again. He was grinding his teeth with rage at the time. It was very painful because it seemed to him that this vase could never function as a vase again. It could never hold water.

Now several years later, he came to this picture and looked at it and said, "Oh, this one isn't finished." And as I said, extending the box of crayons, "Why don't you finish it?" He picked up a yellow crayon and putting his finger on the crack, he said, "You see, here—where it is broken—this is where the light comes through." And with the yellow crayon he drew light streaming through the crack in his body. We can grow strong in broken places.

Rachel Naomi Remen.

Fundraising Event—Car Boot Sale Saturday 24th September 2016

Our Parish will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 24th September. Starting at 7am with a finish time of 1pm, gate will open for stalls at 6am. No cars allowed into the carpark after 7am.

One space is \$20. We are looking for donations of good condition goods for the Parish stall, if you have any please drop off to the Parish Office during Office hours. Please no electrical items or clothes. Any queries contact either Marie in the office on 3818 0111 or Agnes Fryars on 3271 2452

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Enquiries

Recently we have had a few enquiries from adults who have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. Therefore we are offering the opportunity for adults to attend Enquiry sessions on Wednesday 31st August at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Cothill Road, Booval. There will be two sessions offered and you only need to attend one of these sessions. The times for the sessions are 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The session will focus on the process of the journey to becoming a member of the Catholic faith. If you know of anyone who has made such an enquiry or perhaps someone who is waiting for you to pop the question and plant a seed of faith please encourage them to attend. Please contact either Jane Donovan on 0419 792 799 or the Booval Parish office on 3281 2133.

These sessions are also open to anyone in the Parish who would like to know more about the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Share the Dignity Once again we will be collecting Sanitary items for this worthwhile charity, this time we will also accept monetary donations.

We will be doing this throughout August so there will be two containers for the collection one in the Pergola and one in the foyer, if you are donating money please put it in an enveloped marked "Share the Dignity" would be safest to put this envelope in one of the collection plates during Mass.

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.

Bridge to Brisbane 2016 Caritas Australia invite you to walk or run in solidarity with the innocent people of the Middle East who have been forced to flee for their safety, who have lost loved ones, and who will suffer the effects of conflict long after it is over. The event will be held on Sunday 28th August.

Contact Joe Foley on 3324 3134 or email at josephf@caritas.org.au for more information.

Please contact Adam Burns, burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au to register or for more information.

Marian Valley Canungra—All are invited to celebrate a Special Birthday of Our Lady, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 3rd September 2016** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Reconciliation, Holy Mass (lunch Avail). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet—Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, bishop of the diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church at 8.15am. Fare \$20—bookings and info Ann 3282 0321.

Humour

I just ordered a chicken and an egg of the internet, to see which one comes first.
I'll keep you posted.

My high School assignment was to ask a veteran about World War 11. Since my father had served in the Philippines during the war, I chose him. After a few basic questions, I very gingerly asked, "Did you ever kill anyone?" Dad got quiet. Then, in a soft voice, he said, "Probably. I was the cook."

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)

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” Luke 12:51 Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty. (Accessed on 9th August 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

THE COMMUNION RITE

Because of the position of the altar, sometimes actions performed by the priest can not be seen by the congregation. From time to time, we are reminded of this by questions from individuals. Last week at the talk to the sacramental candidates and their parents, a remarked that sometime when being offered the chalice, there is part of a host floating in the precious blood.

This is not the action of a communicant, but of the priest. After the sign of peace, the missal instruct the priest as follows:

Then he (the priest) takes the host, breaks it over the paten and places a small piece in the chalice, saying quietly:

May this mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

This portion of the host is known as the ‘fraction’. This is one of the actions that link us in time to the early church. When the church was young, the celebration of the Eucharist took place in small homes. Many small communities made up the church in a particular place. There was a recognised elder who led the church, but he did not preside at all the small celebrations. To show that all the small groups were part of a larger community, the elder when celebrating broke off a fraction from his host and gave it to a member, who then he went to the small celebration and placed the fraction in the chalice.

So if you find yourself being given the chalice and there is a portion of the host in the Precious Blood, what should you do? The answer is quite simple, drink the precious blood and if that means the portion of the host, all is well.

Because the host is quite thin, and it could break up if dipped into the Precious Blood. This is why the Australian Bishops have restricted the practice of ‘intinction’, i.e. dipping the host into the Precious Blood.

As a reminder of what the Australian Bishops have set down this is an extract from their letter of many years ago:

‘The General Instruction acknowledges that the common gesture in Australia for the reception of holy communion is to stand. By everyone following the common practice and standing to receive communion, Holy Communion becomes a true sign of unity among those who share in the same table of the Lord.

*At present, different gestures of reverence are being used when people receive communion. To show we are one in Christ. Communicants are asked to use a common sign of reverence from 11th may: **When approaching to receive Holy communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive**’. Communicants are asked to make a simple bow of the head when they step forward to receive the consecrated elements from the minister. Such a bow can be done simply, without disrupting the flow of the Communion Procession.’ (2008)*

