



## **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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**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

**23rd Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

**4th September  
2016**

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

### **PRAYER THOUGHT: Grant Wisdom to Guide Us.**

Amid so many entanglements of life, we need that gift of the Holy Spirit that is divine wisdom to show us the way of salvation.

#### **Granny by Subpoena**

There was a rather touching article in *Newsweek* sometime ago entitles. “Granny by Subpoena.” It’s by a woman named Sheila Evans. Let me share some of it. She writes:

“My son called to tell me that the results were in, and that I’m a grandmother. Cause for celebration? Well, not quite. My grandson is already four, and lives with a woman I’ve never met, a woman my son once met. It was at a party where they had too much to drink, one thing led to another and well, you get the picture. He fought the paternity suit all the way from blood test to DNA matching. Somebody fathered this dark-haired, dark-eyed child. My son is blond and blue-eyed. But my son sure hoped it wasn’t him. He’s twenty-nine just starting a career, and the last things he needed was a court order to send three hundred and fifty bucks a month to a stranger for the next fourteen years.

“Part of me is sorry too, but I also think that somebody should support this youngster, preferably his parents. As a teacher, I’ve seen too many bewildered kids with absent parents, kids with no lifelines, no sense of the rules or the penalties when they’re disregarded. Since there’s no one at home to teach them the basics’ they learn from a tough, unforgiving teacher: the real world. I hope this won’t happen to my grandson, although having financial support is certainly no guarantee that it won’t.

“So now I’m a grandmother. I thought it would never happen. My son is the youngest of three children, and both my daughters in their thirties are sure they don’t want, and won’t have, children. The only clock they hear ticking is the one in the boardroom. Kids are such an interruption in the career flow. So noisy and messy and inconvenient.”

And then this “granny by subpoena” reminisces about when she had her children, about the great times she had with her own mother. They would meet and go to the park and go shopping and have lunch together. And she continues:

“How silly I was, expecting to repeat the past. My daughters are too busy, embroiled in their own agenda of obligations and careers. No husbands. They can be as inconvenient as children, although not as permanent. Spending a day with my daughters would not only be an imposition but a waste of time, since no one mends or irons any more.

“And now my son tells me I’m a grandmother, and I don’t know what to do. My grandson should know his heritage. He should know that my people, hardy Kansas farm stock, live forever. My grandmother finally wore out at a hundred and five. I would like to walk in the park with this little guy, or feed the ducks with him. I could tell him many things. If we did get together, I wonder how he would react to a perfect stranger?”

This poignant lament is repeated countless times all over the country isn’t it? Grandmothers raising grandchildren, children born out of wedlock, rerouted because of divorce, subcontracted out to strangers at three months old because of career schedules; grandparents seeking court order to visit their grandchildren it is a story that resonates with many.

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**We Welcome Fr Leo Burke to the parish as he supplies while Fr Roger is on holiday.**

**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

**Thanksgiving Mass**—You are invited to a Thanksgiving Mass for **St Teresa of Calcutta** to be held at the Cathedral of St Stephen on **Saturday 10 September commencing at 11.30am**. Light refreshments will be served following Mass. Cathedral car park will be available.

**Past Staff Reunion** of **St Peter Claver College Riverview** from the year of foundation (1976) and subsequent years are invited to attend the **Past Staff Reunion** on **Friday 16th September, 2016**. The staff reunion begins at the Mass of Celebration for Claver Day at 9.00am followed by morning tea and a tour of the college. There is also a Reunion Lunch from 12.30pm at the Racehorse Hotel, Booval. Partners welcome. Details on **Facebook** and **RSVP** by 9th September via **Eventbrite** website using the words: **SPCC STAFF REUNION 2016**. Option to email: [spccstaffreunion2016@gmail.com](mailto:spccstaffreunion2016@gmail.com)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings—away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset.....your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, re-focus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Our next week end will be 14-16 October 2016 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD.

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph. 3342 1456 [dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)

Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary (or more) and their family and friends are invited to Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen **Saturday 1 October 2016 @ 10.00am**. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Hanly Room. RSVP to [cathedra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedra@bne.catholic.net.au); 3324 3030 by Wednesday 28 September 2016. The car park will be available from 9.00am, entrance from Charlotte Street.

**Memorial Garden Plaques** within the next month we will be having more plaques engraved for those who have requested one. If you would like one and have not as yet requested one, please contact the Parish Office. They are \$25 per plaque.

**Spirit in the City 2016**

**A QUT Chaplaincy Christian conference on faith, culture and public affairs aimed at young adults.**

**Saturday, 8 October, 2016 @ P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane.**

This one day conference concerns the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society. It engages on key areas of faith, and explores the challenge of the “dictatorship of relativism” as coined by Pope Benedict XVI.

Speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Hon Tony Abbott, MP, former Prime Minister of Australia, Fr. James Grant, Archdiocese of Melbourne, Orange Sky Laundry, Sr. Moira Debono, University of Notre Dame Australia, Dr. Ryan Messmore, The Millis Institute and David McGovern, Catholic Mission. The conference will move at 5.00pm to the Cathedral of St Stephen for a concert of Sacred Music led by Stephen Phillips, QLD Symphony Orchestra and then Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge as principal celebrant.

**Conference registration:** <https://www.facebook.com/SpiritInTheCityQUT/> or <http://www.spiritinthecity.info/>

Registrations cost: Concession \$25, Adult \$50 up to Wednesday, 5 October 2016

Enquires: Deacon Russ Nelson, [russ.nelson@qut.edu.au](mailto:russ.nelson@qut.edu.au); Mb 0427743534

**Humour** Whenever the cashier at the grocery store asks my Dad if he would like the milk in a bag he replies, “No, just leave it in the carton!”

**Happy Fathers Day to all the Dads in our Parish.**

## 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)

### 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple.” Luke 14:33* When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our

resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples. (Accessed on 10th August 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## ***STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH: COMMUNITY AND STEWARDSHIP***

How is the Church built up?

In a sense there are as many answers to that question as there are individual members with individual vocations.

But the overarching answer for all is this:

Through personal participation in and support of the Church’s mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

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

*Live in a manner worthy of the call you received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, . . . (Ephesians 4:1-4).*

Giving my time and money to various charities makes me feel a real part of a community.

Think of how powerfully we can transform our neighborhood, our cities, our nation, our world, if all of us shared an hour of our time or an hours worth of our money! We’d do serious damage to hunger, disease, sadness, loneliness, and oppression.

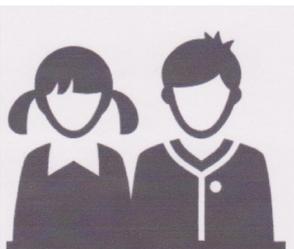
Already, the generosity of a small percentage does some significant things to alleviate all these ills. Catholic Relief Services, St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Community Services, and many other agencies are leading the effort. This is what inspires me so about stewardship!

We have the power to change the world by working together. Working together we can make our neighborhoods, cities, nations, and the world a community imitating the love of Jesus.

### Questions

What benefits have you received from sharing time with the Church?

How have you benefited by sharing your treasure with the Church and community?



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Give now 07 3324 3200 or [catholiccampaign.com.au](http://catholiccampaign.com.au)

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 4th Sept. 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 5th Sept. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English  
 Wed 7th Sept. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 11th Sept. 24th 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.

## 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13018; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Psalm: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge

## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32



### Services times this week:

**Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass**  
**9.00am Mass**

### Weekdays

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

**Cleaning:** 9th Sept Lau 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, Lindsay Barry, John & Michael Appelman (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: 4-10 Sept.

Janet Lowry, Lahn Thi Nguyen, Ludwig Grezsinski, Ernest Woodburn, Lynne Condon, Ann Blackburn, Mekan Habilay, Leila Patterson, Margaretta Stewart, Patricia O'Neill, Karoli Antos, Lloyd Charles, Thomas Gannon, Dorothea Taylor, Evelyn Kelly.

## 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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