



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

25th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

18th September
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: ‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn.’”

Where our heart is, there our treasure will be—in other words, what we value the most will determine our actions. We have a choice between being of-the-world or of-the-kingdom. As the gospel tells us we can only have one master.

As Christians, we have been drawn in to a unique relationship with God the Father—namely his sons and daughters. This in itself challenges us in our everyday life. The world however has a different way of looking at life—one which puts the individual first and demands attention for self.

We are meant to follow the example given to us by Jesus, who came as man with all the limitations that all people experience. At the beginning of his ministry, he was tempted by the devil with promises of authority, power and possessions. He rejected the temptations to fulfil the will of the Father. We too can guarantee that we will be tempted to accept the way of the world.

Each of us has been blessed by God with particular talents and abilities, the problem arises when we consider them as ‘mine’. Possessiveness can result in a hoarding and protecting of “what is mine”, to the point that others who could benefit from our sharing are neglected.

Jesus used the example of money in the Gospel passage. Something that we all require, but it is a matter of how we use it that matters. Not just a matter of how much we give to charity or even the church, but how we use all of our money. Being careful and not wasteful, making provisions for the future, balancing the budget of the household, all these are important. What is also important is to have an awareness of others needs, both our brothers and sisters and the upkeep of the parish itself.

Often when people approach the church for help, they have the impression that the Catholic Church is rich, almost a bottomless pit of money which will be available to them. As a parish over the last ten or more years we have attempted to manage the budget so that we are not wasteful. The money which is contributed through the weekly collections and fundraising, is placed in our care to be managed responsibly. We do not have excess funds which are to be handed out on request, neither do you in your own situation.

Expectation of people who are looking for help, can vary greatly. Sometimes we can meet people who would say, “I don’t like to ask for charity’, they struggle on until someone discovers their need. There are other who feel that it is their right to have as much as they can get at as little cost to them. There is a vast difference between a hand-out and a hand-up. Helping people to be responsible is a step in the right direction and we have to remember that the early church took a dim view of those who rode on the backs of others. St Paul told the people if a person was not prepared to work, then they should not be rewarded.

We urged you when we were with you not to let anyone eat if he refused to work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living lives without any discipline, doing no work themselves but interfering with other people’s. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we urge and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat. (2 Tes 3:10-12)

Generosity and gratitude go hand in hand, the person who recognizes that God has been generous to them, is more likely to be able to share with others. The person who is grateful for what others have shared with them, is equally more likely to be able to share with others.

In the gospel, Jesus tells us that being able to manage the things of the world in a sensible way, will affect the way that we manage the things from above. Having a wider view of life than what I want, may lead to an awareness of what I require. And hence, in terms of heaven, if we want to reap the benefits at the end of life, what must we do here and now.

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

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

Information website: 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 cathedral@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; Mb 0427743534

Humour Dan hated dogs, he hated them with a passion. One morning Dan was driving his car down a busy street when to his surprise he saw ahead of him a fellow running full force with 2 big dogs after him. “I’ve just got to save this guy”, thought Dan, and with that he quickly sped up along side of him, rolled down his window, and screamed “hurry, hop in!” “Thanks!” said the fellow opening the door, “it’s always hard for me to get a ride when I have my two dogs with me!”

Father Cassidy was asking the children in the parish primary school why they believed in God.

There was a variety of answers, some full of simple faith, some obviously insincere. The one that stopped him came from young Jerome.

“I suppose it just runs in our family”.

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)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth).” LUKE 16:13

Is money a “god” that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our Faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from being a slave to money and increases our dependence on God and to trust that He will provide all that we need. (Accessed on 10th August 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

THE CALL – THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Is costly,
Because it requires us to put aside the craving for domination, possession, and control, for Jesus.
Discipleship Is grace,
Because it confers true liberation and eternal life.
A Disciple’s Response – A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship



Jesus says, “I came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10, 10)
But discipleship is not an easy way. “If you wish to come after me,” Jesus also says, “you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it.”

Initially, I am hard pressed to think of what being a disciple of Jesus has cost me. But I am also hard pressed to think of what being an adult or a parent has cost me – even though I know I’ve made sacrifices. Certainly, moving out on my own and paying my own way as a gainfully employed adult meant giving up some of the fun and carefree things I used to enjoy when living and depending on mom & dad. And unquestionably, the pursuits and possessions I have foregone to have children are many. But the reality is that the joy one derives from the results of those sacrifices totally obscures and blots out any of the costs. I believe the same is true with the costs of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and discipleship.

Questions:

Who do you know who has sacrificed significantly for Jesus sake?

What have they given up? Have they gained anything? Do they seem less concerned with possessions or control?

What exactly have you given up in possessions, prestige, or power to follow Jesus?

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*



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Thank you for your contributions given in the Third Collection last week.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 18th Sept. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 19th Memorial Mass for Betty Douglas 10.00am
 Mon 19th Sept. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English
 Wed 21st Sept. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 25th Sept. 26th 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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

Monday 10.00am 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: 23 Sept. Mrs McGuire & M Brugger
 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, Marge Robins Tom 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: 18-24 Sept.

Gwendoline Nicholls, David Belson, Frances Elmore, Julia Thaggard, John Cotter, Lorraine Lynch, Roderick Burns, Maria Horvath, Glendra Sollitt, John Duggan, Neil Cansdale, Geoffrey Sander, Roy Thompson.

Recently Deceased Betty Douglas

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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