



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

30th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

23rd October
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: Things aren't always as they appear.

A man was flying from Seattle to San Francisco. Unexpectedly the plane was diverted to Sacramento along the way. The flight attendant explained that there would be a delay, and if the passengers wanted to get off the aircraft the plane would re-board in 50 minutes. Everybody got off the plane except one lady who was blind. The man had noticed her as he walked by and could tell the lady was blind because her Seeing Eye dog lay quietly underneath the seats in front of her throughout the entire flight. He could also tell she had flown this very flight before because the pilot approached her, and calling her by name, said, "Kitty, we are in Sacramento for almost an hour. Would you like to get off and stretch your legs?" The blind lady replied, "No thanks, but maybe my dog would like to stretch his legs".

Picture this:

All the people in the gate area came to a complete standstill when they looked up and saw the pilot walk off the plane with a Seeing Eye dog! The pilot was even wearing sunglasses.

People scattered.

They not only tried to change planes, but they were trying to change airlines!



Today's Gospel portrays two people standing before God, One who is self-centered and the other who is centered in self. There is a vast difference between the two. The Self-centered has an inflated ego. He is perfect not like those he has to share his life with. Perfection is something he prides himself for.

The other man who is centered-in-self knows what he truly is and is willing to admit to the God who made him and knows his inmost thoughts. He admits that he is a sinner at heart.

It is important that we get to know ourselves and possibly recognize how people see us. Perfection is in God alone, we are all striving to be different, to draw closer to God. Without his help, we have no prospect of success.

Being judgmental is a human trait, looking at others through our jaundiced eyes can give us a distorted view. What most of us require is a bit of eye surgery, performed by the Holy spirit. He has been promised to reveal to us the truth. That includes of course the truth about ourselves, which we often hide from.

Putting on a face for those around us, is a dangerous practice, because we might even begin to believe it ourselves. Jesus is the Light of the World, and it is only when we allow him to light up the dark areas of our life, that we can begin to change. Our aim should be to present a view to others saying: what you see is what you get, this is truly me.

Lord, give the courage to see myself as others see me.

Give me the desire to be as you want me to be

And give the strength for you to change me through your Holy Spirit.

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation. Possibly one of the reasons for the low response for the sacramental preparation, is that the majority of adults do not make use of this Sacrament. The reconciliation rite at the beginning of each Eucharist, deals with what we call venial sins. That does not mean that the going to 'Confession' has lost its place.

From time to time it is good to take stock and approach this sacrament, even if we have not committed a grave or mortal sin. How are we really with God and neighbour is an important assessment for us to make. Sometimes in looking at what acts make us keep asking God for his forgiveness can reveal the real sin that lies behind our sinning. With the help of God and the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we can begin to tackle our waywardness and hopefully sin less. In the same way.

On Going Faith Education. Recently I attended a meeting with some of the people responsible for the RCIA in the parishes of St Mary's Ipswich, Booval and here in St Francis Xavier's. During the Advent period on Wednesdays, there will be the opportunity for parishioners to join in with those preparing for entry into the Catholic Church, for a series of talks.

Here in St Francis Xavier, there will be the opportunity for parishioners to join with the candidates enrolled in the RCIA and their sponsors for fortnightly meetings in the parish.

We never stop learning about our faith, the Church is changing as a living being, There is a wealth of wisdom in past practices and many challenges facing our Church at this time. Make a date in your diary, watch out for detail in further newsletters.

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults At the present time we have six enquirers for reception into the Catholic Church. They have started their journey which may take several months. We would like to appeal for help for someone to act as a sponsor for a gentleman in the programme. This would be in the form of being his 'sponsor'. To journey with him, would mean meeting with him if possible each week, to attend the preparation sessions with him and accompany him to Mass (9.00am). If you are able to help, then please contact Fr Roger or Jane Donovan.

Irish November Remembrance Mass-Brisbane The Irish Australian Support Association of Qld Inc. (IASAQ) invites you to our Annual November Remembrance Mass, which will take place on Sunday 6 November at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. Come and join with other members of the Irish Community in praying for the peaceful repose of deceased relatives and friends. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards—an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. IASAQ is part of the Government of Ireland Emigrant Support Programme. Our primary mission is to assist any Irish or Irish Australian Persons in time of need or distress. For further information please contact Association Co-ordinator on 0432 087 328.

Discernment Weekend with the Capuchin Franciscan Friars: 25-27 November 2016

The Capuchin Friars invite young men (18-35) who have been thinking about a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to come for a Live-in weekend retreat to reflect on God's call in their lives and their response to that call. **Starts 7.30pm Friday** at Marian Valley Retreat Centre (10km from Canungra) and **concludes at 3pm on Sunday**. Cost is **only \$30**. There will be **Mass on Saturday and Sunday, Adoration, quiet prayer, talks, confession available, quiet time and the opportunity to get useful advice**. So if you're discerning, come along! Contact Fr Thomas on vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au or 0432 362 052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available. Website: capuchinfriars.org.au

Humour So I get out of Church and y'all jumped me??... Right on.... I pulled up to my house, got out of the car and was instantly attacked. WOW... they hit me all in my face, my arms, my neck... I fought hard as I could... but it was too many of them... thinking if I can just get in my house I'm going OFF them all... swinging all the way to my door I was running hoping I wouldn't drop my keys... I said I'm going to kill all of you... the streets are one thing but attacking me at my house... OH NAW y'all gonna die tonight. I get in my house and grab my gun... cause I don't bother nobody. I prayed for strength, braced myself and went back outside... they came at me again... but this time I was ready... I sprayed them all. DIE DIE DIE ... I was so mad... I hate MOSQUITOES!!!

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)

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

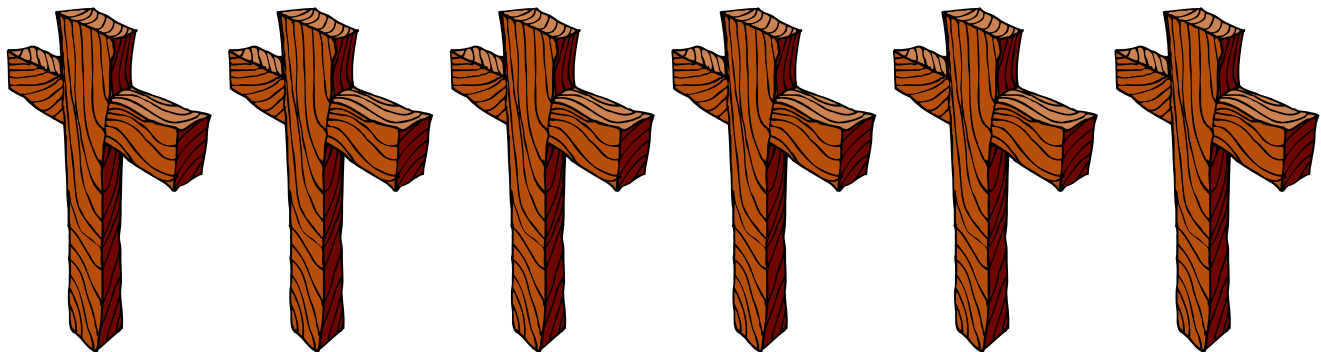
“...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.” Luke 18:14 Pride and ego is the root cause of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable, your talent is better than anyone else and your money gives you status is another way of making those things “gods” before God. Remember all those gifts were God-given. Instead we should be

humbled by God’s abundant generosity and our hearts should be filled with gratitude. (Accessed on 11th October 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

LIVING AS A STEWARD – REDEMPTION AND STEWARDSHIP

Jesus’ disciples share in his priestly work, called to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all. In exercising this office, they most fully realize the meaning of our Christian stewardship. *A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

Now I rejoice in what I am giving up for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church. Colossians 1:24



All of us are stewards – Christ just asks us to examine to what extent are we practicing stewardship? One reason for our practice of stewardship is to help bring about redemption – not just ours, but the rest of the world too.

This stewardship to help bring about redemption, can often be through the use of our time: including setting aside time for prayer, scripture, adoration, worship. But it can also be through our suffering. We’ll never understand why we suffer, but our stewardship means that we try to find Christ even in pain, deprivation, and loss. The knowledge that we’ll never completely understand it, but that we will strive toward that understanding anyway, reminds us again that Stewardship is also a journey that we must continue to make, even though we’ll never get to the end.

Question:

How does redemption relate to stewardship?

Knowing what we believe and why then prompts us to live out our faith spiritually in the world today. At times, the cost involved in doing this is high. But we are asked to pay that price in trying to incarnate the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church today. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 23rd Oct. 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 24th Oct. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English
 Wed 26th Oct. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 28th Oct. Baptism Preparation 7.00pm
 Sun 30th Oct 31st 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.

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Lk 18:9-14

Psalm: The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 11:22 -12:2; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Lk 19:1-10.



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: 28 Oct Lauu 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, Marge & 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: 23—29 Oct.

Steven Quinn, David Maloney, Lorraine Barker, Brian McMahan, Alapati Sala, Julianne France Fenelon, Liona Gyuraszevics, Veronica Murphy, Margaret Steiner, George Corder, Charles Hicks.

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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