



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

Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**Our Lord**  
**Jesus Christ**  
**King of**  
**The Universe**

**20th November**  
**2016**

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

**Peter's Pence Collection** There will be a collection **Next weekend (November 26/27)** The collection is an annual event of the Catholic Church around the world. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our brothers and sisters.

**GOOD NEWS:** God has set his Son, Jesus, as King of all creation and head of his faithful people. By being called to fellowship with him we are qualified to join his procession into his eternal kingdom and join the saints in everlasting praise.

Perhaps the title King is lost on us today, as kings seem to be people who live privileged lives apart from their subjects. The kings of the middle ages around the times of the crusades, and indeed in the Old Testament, were men who led their troops into battle. They were the rallying point and the inspiration for all that was done to defeat those who were against them.

For the people of Israel, the coming Messiah would lead them in battle and his armies would restore them to the position of top-dog. How disappointed they were when people declared Jesus as the expected Messiah. Because he did not fit their picture of the expected one, then he was ignored and ridiculed.

In his encounter with Pilate before he was handed over to the crowds to crucify, Pilate said: "So then you are a King?" and Jesus answered, "It is you who say that I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this, to bear witness to the truth, and all who are on the side of truth, listen to my voice." (John 18:38).

Jesus kingdom is not of this world, but of another place which has been made available to us through the blessings of our Baptism. We are people of the Kingdom and the challenge is how do we behave as such? Again in the olden days, a king could demand that his subject fight his wars, to provide an army to meet the enemy. But since we are people of the kingdom, then our way of fighting the enemy, is not with swords, but with the weapons of peace and love.

We can say, that Jesus Christ as Lord and King won for us the victory against evil when he was hung upon the cross and gave up his life. His cry "It is accomplished" was a cry of victory and not despair. A cry that announced to the world, that Satan and all his cronies had been defeated. What is left to us to claim the victory over sin and death by living in the world, but not being part of the world.

Our code of ethics, our inspiration for living out our lives, does not come from the world, but from Jesus himself. By his life here on earth, as a human being, he demonstrated, that we do not have to be a part of the world and act as do the people of the world.

We may not have earthly kings, who live amongst their people, although there are some who do, without airs and graces, but we do have the example of Jesus himself to follow. The exercise of power and might, to the detriment of others, their dignity and freedom, is a distortion of the true power and might of the Lord of Lords. To rule through the treat of punishment and terror is not the way of the kingdom. Jesus shows his power and authority in his compassion, his forgiveness and his love. We too are meant to exercise the same qualities in our lives.



**Special Minister to the Housebound** At the moment we do not have a spare communion Pix in the Sacristy. If you are not using your pix which was supplied by the parish, please return it to the sacristy ASAP.

**November—Month of the Holy Souls. Remembrance Book and Mass Intentions.**

You are able to have your deceased relatives and friends, listed in the Remembrance Book which is before the altar during the month of November. Make a list, place it in an envelope and drop it in the collection basket. You can also make a request for a Mass intention. Again list your intention and place your offering in the envelopes at the door or one from your collection envelopes. Place the envelope in the collection basket. The Masses will be said throughout the year.

**Young Children at Mass etc.** All children attending Masses and other celebrations should be supervised by a parent or responsible adult. We ask you not to allow your children to roam around outside. This applies to Masses, choir practices and Prayer Group meetings.

**SVDP Christmas Collection.** Because of the Annual Peter's Pence collection which is to be taken next weekend, the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection will be taken at all Masses in Church **weekend of 10/11 December**. Your donation will help the Saint Vincent De Paul conference to serve the needy in the parish this Christmas.

**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](mailto:vocations@capuchinfriars.org.au) or 0432 362 052. Retreatants **must register** as there are limited spaces available Website: [capuchinfriars.org.au](http://capuchinfriars.org.au)

**Parish Christmas Party** is on Monday. Due to an overwhelming response if you don't have your name down then very sorry its too late. For those who do have their name down don't forget to bring Raffle money as there are **14** prizes up for grabs so lots of chances not to mention lucky door prizes to boot. Raffle tickets will be **\$2 each or 3 for \$5.**

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Audit** In June of this year the Archdioceses hired the services of an external company to audit a number of Parishes and we were one of those Parishes. A report on the results of all the Parishes was released to us this week. As a result a recommendation was all Ministers must hold a Blue Card and that they must sign The Code of Ethical Behaviour. We are very good in this area but still have a little way to go to be fully compliant. If you are a Minister in any of our Ministries and still do not have a Blue Card then can you please contact the office? Code of Ethical Behaviour Forms are in the Sacristy for those Ministers who are yet to sign please sign one and leave with Fr Roger or call into the Office as soon as possible.

**Youth Evangelisation Office have two vacant positions.**

**Communications Officer:** A key objective of the role will be to effectively manage communication with and between youth initiatives across the Archdiocese of Brisbane. In addition to this, the role will be responsible for the development and growth of the office's social media platforms in order to improve the direct communication to high schoolers and young adults regarding relevant opportunities for them.

**Parish Support & Projects Officer:** A key objective of the role will be to provide practical and pastoral support to empower parishes and ethnic communities to run youth initiatives in a sustainable manner. This role will also be responsible for managing projects that further the goals and objectives of the Youth Evangelisation Office.

Both these positions are full-time commencing in January 2017. Applications close at 11-00pm on Sunday 27 November 2016. For the full details of both positions go to [catholiccollective.org.au/careers/](http://catholiccollective.org.au/careers/).

**Humour** A recent study has found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than the men who mention it.

## 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 November 2016**

**Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

*“...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” Colossians 1:12* God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of

our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things”. Try putting God first in all things instead. (Accessed on 11th November 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

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

The most basic and pervasive obstacle is sheer selfish lack of love, a lack which people must acknowledge and seek to correct when they find it in their own hearts and lives. For the absence of charity from the lives of disciples of Jesus in itself is self-defeating and hypocritical. . . Extreme disparities in wealth and power also block unity and communion. Such disparities exist today between person and person, social class and social class, nation and nation. They are contrary to that virtue of solidarity grounded in charity . . .

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

*For if a man with gold rings on his fingers and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in and you pay your attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say 'sit here please' while you say to the poor one 'stand there' or 'sit at my feet' have you not made distinctions among yourselves . . . ? James 2:2-3*

Like many people, I've reacted negatively to the various statements by the Pope and Bishops and even my pastor and parish leadership against capital punishment, or nuclear weapons, or other matters. Why don't they just mind their own business!? But then I think about all those times in the Gospels that Jesus said things that the crowds didn't like. And of course I realize that the Pope and Bishops aren't minding their own business because the Gospels tell them – and us – to speak out in solidarity with all humanity, especially the poor and powerless and persecuted. And while I still don't agree with all they have to say, I know they spend their whole careers focusing on what Jesus says. So I do pay more attention and consider more carefully what they are saying, reminding us that we are all brothers and sisters, all of us children of God.

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### **Questions:**

What can you do to make your community (neighborhood, parish, work or school) feel a sense of unity – a sense that those who are part of your community are more alike than unlike?

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My real discovery of the gift of life is accepting the gift that anonymous people offer to me without condition and no strings attached. . . . Every three weeks or so, I go to Providence Hospital for a transfusion of blood . . . I go into a room, and a nurse brings me a gift of blood. It is an anonymous gift that comes from an African-American, a Native American, an Asian, Hispanic, an Anglo – an anonymous person who gives me a gift with no string attached, no conditions. It is the gift of life that sustains my life and I am grateful.  
*Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 20th Nov. Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
 Mon 21st Nov. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 23rd Nov. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Fri 25th Nov. Baptism Preparation 7.00pm  
 Sun 27th Nov. First Sunday of Advent

## 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.

## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Sam 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43  
 Psalm: The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.  
**First Sunday of Advent**  
 Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44



### Services times this week:

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

### Weekdays

Monday No Mass  
 Tuesday 9.00am Requiem 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: 25.11.16 Sandra Doricott.

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 Robin, Lillian Morrison, John 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: 20-26 Nov.

Veronica Avery, Tom Penny, Carmel Williams, Beth Dynan, Sam Azzopardi, Maria Maierhoffer, Brigitte Morcus, Kathleen Kohu, Annie Hogan, Maria Diaz, Mary Doyle, Esther Kendell, Johannes Jonker, Frank Breuer, Brian Belcher, Nola Harvey, Lie Jedrzeczyk, Beryl Shambler, Joyce Jorgenson

### Recently Deceased

Rosina Zupanc

## 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.



### Newsletters by Email.

If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.