



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**Fourth Sunday**

**In**

**Ordinary Time**

**29th January**

**2017**

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

### **Good News: Kingdom-Attitude and kingdom-Actions**

Jesus had proclaimed that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. It was a plea that the life of heaven would be mirrored on earth. It was time now for him to teach in more detail what he meant by “kingdom”.

In the days of old, Moses received the covenant with God on the mountain in Sinai. The atmosphere was awesome and terrifying. Now had come the time for the new covenant. Again the mountain was the rightful place to light the beacon. But here the atmosphere is gentle and intimate as Jesus sits down with his disciples and begins to teach them. This is the age of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The kingdom is among us.

The beatitudes capture the essence of all that Jesus would teach about life in his ideal society. Matthew likes to use the device of inclusion, which is a way of wrapping up a section by having the last sentence repeat the opening. So we find that the first and last beatitudes are in the present tense: “theirs is the kingdom of heaven”. In between, there are six promises of future reward and justification.

The kingdom is both future and present: its fullness of realization is of the future; but it is of the present since the seed has been planted and the process of growth towards perfection has already begun.

Jesus did not change the outer structures of social conditions or political organization. But he gave the new light of faith to the inner eye which can now see with a different set of values. Perfect justice may belong to the future, but growth towards it has begun. However, the words of Jesus imply that it will be a painful process.

The new vision of life inspires four attitudes and four forms of action.

The key attitude is being poor in spirit. In the light of today’s first reading, we can understand this as an attitude of humility before God and obedience to his command. (*cf Zeph 2:3*) It is about having a sense of our own inadequacy and our creaturely dependence upon God. Only those who come empty before God can receive of his giving: ‘theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’

It follows that whoever has this sense of utter poverty before God will deeply respect all of God’s creation. This is the second attitude, gentleness. Gentle people delight in letting all creatures be themselves, and feel no need to dominate or manipulate anything. It is no idle coincidence that Francis of Assisi who jealously wed his soul to poverty, was also the gentle saint who deeply respected all creatures of the earth as his brothers and sisters. ‘They shall have the earth for their heritage.’

The third attitude is mourning, or the sadness which means repentance for one’s own sins and reparation for the evil of society. It is an attitude of heartfelt sorrow for any offence against the love of God. Those who are sad for God’s sake will be comforted.

The fourth attitude of the kingdom-member is hunger for justice in society and thirst for an end to the disorders caused by sin.

These kingdom-attitudes inspire kingdom-actions.

Kingdom gentleness is shown most beautifully in the work of mercy and forgiveness. Even the ugliness of another’s behavior becomes an occasion for showing the power of love.

The attitude of sadness for sin inspires repentance: it makes a person pure in heart. That means being single-minded or undivided in seeing things from God’s point of view. If it is true that everything looks

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**Parking in the Car Park during the week.** As the School returns parking problems arise, just a reminder about parking. During School days, parking in the main Car Park is for school and parish staff. There are a number of places marked for Parish Parking. The Car Park near the Kindy is for parents dropping off and picking up **from the Kindy.** **There is no parking for the dropping off children for school at the start of the day, nor for picking up children at the end of the school day. Please use the drop off zone. Kindy parents, please use the Kindy Car Park and not the main Car Park.**

Parishioners coming to Mass, please use the Parish Parking area or arrive after 8.35am. this way teachers and school staff will be able access parking spaces.

### **An Invitation to Parishioners.**

The Sacramental Preparation for the sacrament of Penance is aimed at children and young people. This year we are extending the invitation to take part to parishioners and in particular those who are preparing for full communion with the Catholic Church through the RCIA.

The sessions will take place on Sunday in the Church after the 9.00am Mass. The first session is scheduled for Sunday 5th February and it is aimed at the parents and adults. Make a date in your diary and learn about the changes in the sacrament and also possibly clear up some of the misunderstandings regarding the use of this sacrament.

### **Sacramental Preparation: the Sacrament of Penance.**

Last year the course for the Preparation of the Sacrament of Penance had to be postponed due to lack of interest. This year, any young person who has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist are eligible for the Course.

There will be a talk for the parents of the young people on **Sunday 5th February**, and the session will begin on Sunday 12th February. Enrolment forms for the Preparation are available from the Sacristy.

### **The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped Appeal**

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

This years appeal will be held on this weekend of **28th/29th January.**

### **Training Evening for Ministers regarding Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.**

One of the requirements laid down in the Archdiocesan Policy, is that all ministers should attend a training session. The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer Mr Troy Tornabene has agreed to hold a session on Wednesday 8th February starting at 7.00pm with a break at 8.00 and hope to close at 9.00pm. If you have not attended a training session to date you will be expected to enrol in the next session.

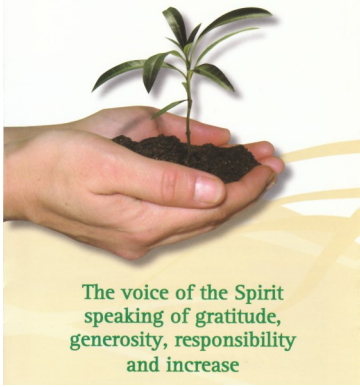
**Gambling Community Benefit Fund** In August of last year we applied for a grant to install decking at the rear of the Parish Centre and also funds to replace the existing air conditioning in the Parish Centre with 3 Split Systems. Mid December we were notified that we were successful in obtaining the grant for the decking but not the air conditioners.

We will now need to fund raise to be able to replace the air conditioners so if you have any fund raising ideas and willing to help with it then please contact the office.

The decking works begin on Monday.

**Humour** The Priest always used the phrase, "It might be worse," when some calamity would come his way. One day a friend said to him, "I've something to tell you, and you won't be able to use your favourite phrase. I dreamt last night that I died and went to hell." "It might be worse," said the preacher. The friend came unglued: "man alive, how could it be worse?" to which the pastor replied: "it might be true."

## 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)

### January 29, 2017 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 5:3*  
This one confuses people. Replace the word “humble” for “poor” and it makes more sense. People that are humble recognize their dependence on God and trust that He will provide all that they need. Unfortunately, for many of us, pride and ego enters our lives and we think we can live without God. Remember

– God first in all circumstances. (Accessed on 20th January 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

### *Kingdom-Attitudes and Kingdom-Action continued.*

yellow to the jaundiced eye, it is equally true that all things can be seen in their goodness by the God –filled eye. “They shall see God.’

The kingdom hunger for justice will inspire action for peace. Peacemakers shall be called children of God.

As the eight beatitude echoes the first, the fourth action is inspired by the first attitude, namely poverty of spirit. The poor have nothing to loose so they will witness fearlessly in the cause of right, even in the face of persecution and death. Their, already, is the kingdom of heaven.

This vision of life radically challenges the value system and power which dominate society. History shows that the challenge of the kingdom is no lightweight voice which can disregard or reduce to ridicule. It deeply threatens the ruler of this world, because it works on their repressed conscience. And repressed conscience is most uncomfortable.

And so ... Jesus was crucified by those whose darkness he threatened. The disciples at Matthew’s time of writing were being abused and persecuted in the cause of right. Ten thousand catholic priests and religious died in Nazi concentration camps. And in the recent times kingdom-visionaries like Ghandi (whose favourite text was the sermon on the mount), Martin Luther King (‘I have a dream) and Archbishop Oscar Romero have been assassinated. The prophet of the kingdom exposes the darkness of the worldly mind. Prophets have always been persecuted.

When the church is no longer the target of secular critics, it will indicate the absence from its policies of the radical, threatening mind of the kingdom. The voice of the Church is of service to the kingdom only when it presents Christ’s alternative way to materialistic, sensual, and domineering attitudes which the worldly mind accepts.

Silvester O’Flynn O.F.M. Cap —‘The Good News of Matthew’s Year.’

**AMORIS LAETITIA—The Joy of Love.** Pope Francis’ Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation on Love in the Family. After two Synods concerning Family Life, the Pope issued his Apostolic Exhortation, and some members of the church have rebuked him for his writing.

A church which is based on rules and regulations, black and white views, appears not to sit too comfortably with the present Pope. Possibly because of his experience as a ‘pastor’ living with the people his view is different to those used to the atmosphere of the Curial and Archbishop’s palace.

*#199 ‘The dialogue that took place during the Synod raised the need for new pastoral methods. I will attempt to mention some of these in a very general way. Different communities will have to devise more practical and effective initiatives that respect both the Church’s teaching and Local problems and needs.’*

Looking at the church from a pastoral perspective rather than a juridical view, mirrors the way in which Christ operated during his time on earth. The sinner was forgiven and told to ‘go and sin no more’. Not confronted with: You should have known better. The Pope reminds us by his actions of the old Red Indian proverb; ‘Do not judge a man until you have walked in his moccasins.’

Pray that the church may be able to find both practical and effective initiatives that help our brothers and sisters in their need.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



This weekend Little Kings Annual Appeal  
**Sun 29th Jan. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Mon 30th Jan. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm**  
 In English.  
**Wed 1st Feb. Rosary Group 6.30pm**  
**Thurs 2nd Feb. Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm**  
**Sun 5th Feb. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sacrament of Penance course 10.15am**

## Collections For Last Week

<b>First</b>	☹ ↓	
<b>Second</b>	☹ ↓	
	☺ ↑	= 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.

**29th Jan. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12**  
**Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.**  
**5th Feb. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16**



### 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: 03.02.17 Laulu 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, Sr Carmel, Wendy Marshall, Eileen Monaghan, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Kath Gurdon, Frank Asange, Lin Marrinan, Michael Quickfall, Hans & Ursula Rennett. (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: 29 Jan.—4 Feb.

Jan Stanicki, Peter Chew, Mary McCawley, Alfred Evans, Anastasia Marshall, Elvie Basubus, Johanna Schmidt, Sonny Folkes, John Mowry, Geraldine Keller, Thomas Finn, Peter Finlayson, Roger Bristow, John Byrnes.

### 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.

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