



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Fifth Sunday
In
Ordinary Time

5th February
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: *Light in Darkness.*

The secularistic society, in which God or religion are not in any way relevant to what happens between Monday and Saturday, will be enlightened only by beacons of good example. So the injunction of Jesus: 'Let your light shine in the sight of men, so that seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.'

Today's responsorial Psalm lists many of the qualities of life and good works which express the kingdom of light in a world of darkness. Kingdom-people, fired with the Spirit of Christ, are generous in attitude, merciful in heart and just in action.

Their generosity is in contrast to the jungle society where self is number one and what I have is mine to use in any way I wish.

Their mercy is a softness of heart in contrast to the hard heart which stores bitterness and seeks revenge and punishment.

Their concern for justice shines out in the midst of corruption, untruthfulness, chicanery and sharp practices.

Kingdom-people never waver. They are conscious that God is ever faithful and unchanging love. So their promise is fully meant and their commitment is faithful.

Infidelity is a mark of the Godless world. The sands are always shifting so there is no solid foundation to build on. Even the ethics of the secularistic conscience are situational, for it seems that there are no absolute values. Relationships are transient, marriages are until further notice, and everything changes with the conditions.

But the love of God is everlasting and unconditional. Kingdom-people are inspired by this: they never waver.

Kingdom-people have no fear of evil news, such is the firmness of their trust in God. God is in control of the world and all shall be well. Without trust in God what is there to keep one from succumbing to the bad news? Many people today are so disillusioned that they can no longer trust anybody, even themselves. They are settling for the philosophical view that life is meaningless and absurd.

The sadness of this atmosphere has dragged far too many people down into the pits of depression where they could no longer find sufficient reason to continue living..

The question used to be: is there life after death? The question for many minds today is: is there life after birth, a life worth living?

Kingdom-people are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. It is not of their own doing but by the power of the Holy spirit in them.

The spirit inspires
a steadfast heart that will not fear
an open-handed nature that give to the poor;
and a justice that stands firm for ever.

When Moses came down from the mountain after his encounter with God, his face was too bright for the people, so they asked him to wear a veil over it.

Christians who have listened to Christ on the mountain, are fired with his light. As St Paul wrote: 'it is the same God that said, "Let there be light shinning out of darkness', who has shone in our minds to radiate the light of knowledge of God's glory, the glory on the face of Christ.' (2Cor 4:6)

In baptism we have received the light of Christ.

And so, the words of Christ on the mountain to his disciples were: 'Your light must shine in the sight of men, so that in seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap—the Good News of Matthew's Year.

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 begins after the 9.00am Mass. If you would like to join the session and learn about the changes to the First Rite, please feel free to join us.

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 today **Sunday 5th February**, and the session will begin on Sunday 12th February. Enrolment forms for the Preparation are available from the Sacristy.

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 this 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 this session. If you cannot make this session there are two sessions at Corinda/Graceville next week, Tues 14/2 9-00am-12.00pm or Wed 15/2 7.00-9.30pm. Please contact Marie for more information.

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.

Catholic Mission Are you a parent, looking to raise your children in the Catholic faith? Do you work among non-Christians? Are you involved in a ministry in this parish? If you answered 'yes', to any of these questions, then Catholic Mission would love to see you join us at a conference in Sydney from May 15-17. **Mission: One Hear, Many Voices** will offer practical tips and insights, as well as inspiration on "going forth boldly". To find out more, visit www.mohmv.com.au or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on (07) 3336 9239.

Save the date Saturday 18th March 7-00pm. St Patricks Day Social in the Parish Centre.

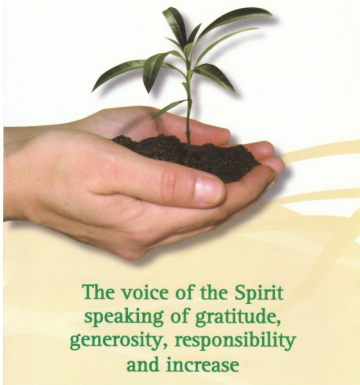
Humour A circuit-riding preacher trained his horse to go when he said, "Praise the Lord," and to stop when he said, "Amen." The preacher mounted the horse, said "Praise the Lord," and went for a ride in the nearby mountains.

When he wanted to stop for lunch by a mountain stream, he said, "Amen."

He took off again, saying "Praise the Lord."

The horse started heading toward the edge of a cliff on a narrow mountain trail. The preacher got excited and said, "Whoa!" Then he remembered and said, "Amen," and the horse stopped just short of the edge. The preacher was so relieved that he looked up to heaven and said, "Praise the Lord!"

Spirituality for Life



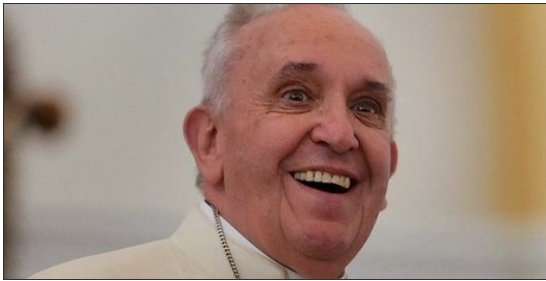
Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

February 5, 2017 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above

the people you have been called to help. (Accessed on 27th January 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

Evangelise or buy mothballs: Pope Francis



Pope Francis has called on laypeople to go outside of themselves and take risks in evangelizing, rather than staying stuffed up at home while the moths move in., the Catholic News agency reports.

“Sometimes I think the best business we can do with many Christians, is to sell them mothballs so that they can put them in their clothes and in their lives and aren't eaten by moths”, the Pope said in the interview with Mexican journalist Noel Diaz.

Diaz had questioned the Pope about a comment he had made to him on a previous occasion to “tell the laity to come out of the caves”.

Francis responded that many Christians “are locked up and they are going to be eaten by moths.”

“They have to go out, they have to go and bring the message of Jesus” to others, he said, explaining that the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.”

“The message of Jesus is to give it, so just as I receive it from him through a brother or sister, the grace comes to me and I give it,” he said, stressing that Christians shouldn't “can” the message, trying to conserve it in a jar, because “it's not to save, it's to give.”

By taking the Good News and then delivering it to others, “in this way I leave the cave,” he said and stressed the importance of practicing the works of mercy, which are “the backbone of the Gospel” and what we will eventually be judged on. (www.cathnews.com.au)

The Pope's words echo the words of Archbishop Mark when he was appointed Archbishop of Brisbane. His first message was that it is time to stop ‘circling the wagons’. Time for the everyday catholic to begin sharing in the task of spreading the Good News. He challenged us to find new ways of letting people know about Jesus Christ. To look around our parishes and communities to see where we can be effective witnesses to Christ's presence in our lives and the world.

Archbishop Mark represented Australia at the Synod on the family called by Pope Francis. His use of daily blogs on the Synod gave us here in Australia a picture of what was happening in Rome. He was encouraged to use the blog by people in the Archdiocesan services. Archbishop Mark has a Facebook page and the Archdiocesan Web page is an excellent source of information.

The challenge to us as a parish is to think outside of the box and be creative in firstly attracting those who have drifted away from the church to rejoin us. The personal invitation is always the best starting point. Priests can only reach people from the pulpit or those they encounter day to day. Parishioners have the opportunity to reach people in their neighbourhood and even in their own family.

Let us take seriously the words of the Holy Father: “They have to go out, they have to go and bring the message of Jesus” to others, he said, explaining that the Good News is meant to be shared, not stored away.”

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



This weekend three collections.

- Sun 5th Jan. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Mon 6th Feb. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
- Wed 8th Feb. Rosary Group 6.30pm
- Sun 12th Feb. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sacrament of Penance Course 10.15am

Collections For Last Week

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| First | ☺ | ↑ | |
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| | ☺ | ☐ | = 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.

5th Feb. 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Psalm: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

12th Feb. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

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| 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: 10.02.17 Maria and 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: 5—11 Feb.

Valda Ayoub, Zofia Grun, Cathy Ross, Michael Hansen, Stephen Cross, June Tunny, Hendrika Harbraken, Val Bird, Norma Finlayson, Edward Richardson, Brett Dyer, Luis Vela, Bernice Falvey, Kazimir Borowski, Alan Butler, Paul Cortis, Sayong Ebias, James Edwards, John McCaughey, James Liddy, Neville Charman, Gwenowefa Podolak.

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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