



## **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 0427 663 118

**Sixth**

**Sunday**

**In**

**Ordinary Time**

**12th 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: A kingdom of Passion and Energy**

There is a growing body of Catholics who should sign the initials of their denomination not as R.C. but as C.B.: "I am a Catholic But..."

But I don't agree with all the rules of the church.

But I don't see why we have to wait until we are married.

But this is a just war and they are the occupying forces.

But it's none of the Pope's business.

This is an age when law and order is challenged on every level, when discipline is throttled by permissiveness, and when laws are regarded as restricting the inflated goal of self-fulfillment.

The teachings of Jesus strongly affirm the needs for rules; but rules are to be understood as the means to the end, which is a life of spiritual strength and commitment.

The Greek philosopher, Plato, four hundred years before Christ, wrote of the two horses of the human heart, Passion and Reason. Passion is the wild, untamed horse with boundless strength and energy, but very hard to control and direct. Reason is the tamed horse, accustomed to the reins, disciplined in the stride and responding to directions.

A chariot hitched to a pair of Passions might go anywhere but would surely crash or overturn before long.

However, a charioteer who selects a pair of Reasons will be too cautious and fearful to go anywhere worthwhile.

But if Passion and Reason can be paired, then the powerful energy is harnessed and the journey of life can be enjoyed.

Jesus found the religious leaders of his time concentrated too much on the controlling reins. The scribes were the legal experts who knew their ways through the unbelievably complicated maze of rules which had come in from various sources. The Pharisees, meaning the separated ones, reacted against the influence of foreign culture which threatened the nation and the religion of Israel. Increasingly as scribes and Pharisees gained control over the minds of the people, the very purpose of religion seemed to be protection of one-self from the risk of defilement, whether moral or ceremonial.

The scribes were lecturing people on the signposts and complicated directions; the Pharisees were lecturing on all the potholes and muddy pools to be avoided. The rules of the road had become more important than the journey.

With this pair of horses hitched to the chariot, people simply could not find the passion and energy needed for the journey of the soul to God.

And for the sinner ... there was no hope at all.

Accordingly, when Jesus outlined the kingdom which would mirror heaven on earth, his voice rang out on the mountain: "You have learnt how it was said ... but I say this to you."

His challenge was to bring passion and energy back into religion. One by one he took examples of religion commandments to restore the ideal of full life towards which they pointed.

The wild energy of anger must be tamed and become the disciplined energy of thirsting for justice and working towards reconciliation. The passion of attraction must be pruned of all lustful self-seeking so as to flower in unselfish love. The difficulties of marriage must be worked at creatively so as to reflect the fidelity and unconditional nature of God's love. Zeal for truth must be so apparent on one's face that 'yes' means 'yes' and 'no' means 'no', without the need to bolster statements by swearing.

Jesus brought back the true meaning to the religious journey.

He confirmed the need for rules, not for their own sake, but as giving directions and discipline to our passions and energy.

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.

**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](http://www.mohmv.com.au) or call the Brisbane office of Catholic Mission on (07) 3336 9239.

**Fr Tim Harris Appointed Bishop of Townsville.** Bishop Mark writes:

After a long wait, the diocese of Townsville has received the gift of a new bishop, and for that we give thanks to God for Queensland and beyond. We also thank Pope Francis for the gift of Bishop-elect Tim Harris to Townsville. He has been a wonderful pastor in the parish of Surfers Paradise and will be greatly missed in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. But the church is bigger than the Archdiocese, and our loss will be Townsville's gain. Bishop-elect Tim will face great challenges in his new mission, but the Holy father and many others have decided that he is well able to meet the challenges that lie before him at this time of deep change in the church in Australia, We look forward to the ordination and instillation of Bishop-elect Tim as sixth bishop of Townsville, following in the footsteps of Bishop Ray Benjamin and Bishop Michael Putney whom we have farewelled in recent times. He is well equipped to build on the legacy of faith and pastoral care that they bequeathed to the Diocese. May God bless Bishop-elect Tim and Townsville in every way as together they move into future that God has prepared.

*Bishop-elect Tim was the Parish priest in Corrinda before moving to Surfers paradise..*

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Register now for our **1-14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket.**

Call Roger on 02 9560 6333 or go to [www.palms.org.au/Encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/Encounters) for more.

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

**On Wednesday 1st March we begin the Season of Lent.** There will be two opportunities to receive ashes. There will be a Mass at 9.00am and 6.30pm.

Lent is a time of reflection on the great event which led to our becoming the children of God. The Archdiocesan Lenten Study course is entitled: 'Up from the Waters—the water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life (John 4:14)' There are study guides available at \$8.80 per copy, also a DVD and 2CDs Box set ay \$17.60. The materials are available from Evangelisation Brisbane. There is a form in the pergola for you to order the materials.

**Humour** Father Quicke was on his way back to the parish from an extended out-of-state trip. Eager to be home before dark, he was travelling well over the speed limit and ended up being pulled over by a Police Officer. The officer was not impressed by his explanation or his collar and asked, "do you want me to give you a little sermon about your driving, Father?" "Oh skip the sermon, ; said the flustered father, and just take up the collection."

## 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)***

### **February 12, 2017 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."* Matthew 5:20 the scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear—it's ove that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on

the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee. (Accessed on 2nd February 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

### **Archbishop Mark at the Royal Commission.**

***This week the fourth satge of the Royal Commission began in Sydney. The following is part of the report given by ABC on their Webpage.***

Appearing at the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, Archbishop Coleridge said he had never had a sense of "being shackled" by his vow of celibacy but could not speak about the experiences of others.

Commissioner Peter McLellan intervned when Archbishop Coleridge said he could not say whether at any one time 50 per cent of clergy might be breaking their vows.

"It might be said Archbishop that given that you're the leader of one of the most significant diocese in Australia that these are questions you should know about?" Commissioner McLellan said.

The Archbishop responded by explaining he could not possibly know the sexual behaviour of clergy who he works with and has no right to ask.

"I have no right to go to a priest who is not an employee of mine and say 'excuse me, are you in a sexual relationship?'" he said.

Archbishop Coleridge also defended celibacy and said he did not think it was a causative factor to the abuse but the "question whether it was a major aggravating factor is on the table".

He also said it was possible to live without sexual activity as "it's not like sleep or food" and it did not necessarily lead to loneliness and isolation.

Commissioner McLellan said it needed to be determined whether a person was functioning effectively as previous abusive priests had been "people who in many cases are not functioning well". "When you find a problem with the way someone is functioning, the question maybe should be asked: 'What is their personal life really all about?'"

Archbishop Coleridge said that was a question for someone providing professional supervision to ask rather than a Bishop to which Commissioner McLellan responded: "Well, again, those outside the church might say that reflects a management failure in the church's structure."

The Archbishop later said he believed Catholic bishops would probably tell police if a priest admitted to a sexual crime against children today.

"I tend to think that other bishops these days — in the light of what we are learning — would say to the priest 'what you have confessed you understand is criminal behaviour and therefore the civil authorities must be notified'."

The Archbishop also said there was a need for more women to be making executive decisions at the top of the Catholic Church in Australia.

"If the Catholic Church says it cannot ordain women we are correspondingly obliged to explore ways in which women can exercise genuine responsibility in the decision-making processes at the highest level," Archbishop Coleridge said.

Catholics for Renewal president Mr Peter Johnstone said he believed one could argue women would have spoken up about allegations of abuse earlier.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 12th Feb. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Sacrament of Penance Course 10.15am  
 Mon 13th Feb. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 15th Feb. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 19h Feb. 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Sacrament of Penance Course 10.15am

## 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.

**12th Feb. 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37  
 Psalm: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!  
**19th Feb. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48



### 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: 247.02.17 Mrs McGuire and 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, 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: 12-18 Feb.

Daniel Ray, Sheila Lennon, Patrick Kennedy, Stan Cymer, Ivan Vuksic, Paddy Liddy, Clair Sheehan, Renee Chassin, Kevin Coleman, Leslie Thomas, William Goldie, Richard Wasowicz, Maria Jedroszkowiah, Kevin James, Lawrence Jones, Desmond McGuire.

**Recently Deceased:** Francis Kearney, Therese Flannery.

### 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.

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