



## St Francis Xavier Parish

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Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0427 663 118

**Seventh**

**Sunday**

**In**

**Ordinary Time**

**19th February**

**2017**

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

### **Good News: Perfect love.**

Jesus called his kingdom-people to perfect love. 'You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

Perfect here means a love that is universal and complete.

It is not based on natural attraction which makes us like some people more than others.

The ideal is that we would share in the huge, generous and undiscriminating love that the father has for all the children of his creation. Sunrise and raindrops come the same for all. But we are tempted in two ways:

- to restrict the energy of love to the minimum demanded in strict justice:

- to allow our rivers of love become infected and poisoned by the evil attitudes of others.

Jesus addressed the accepted morality of the time: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth.'

In fact, that law of equal vengeance represented a huge advance on the primitive lust for unmitigated revenge. But in Jesus' mind any form of retaliation was a contradiction of love.

He spoke out of a nobler vision of life. And the strength he admired was inner strength of character.

He invites us to imagine the petty tyrant who insults you by slapping you with back of his hand on your right cheek. If you can preserve your dignity and calmly turn the other cheek, then you will have shown the inner strength much greater than the imagined superiority of the bully.

Or think of the greedy moneymaker who would claim his rights even by taking your undergarment. Let him have his greedy way. And give him your cloak as well (which the law would not permit him retain overnight because it had to serve as the night's blanket.). Be prepared to stand there naked, knowing that you are clad in dignity which the greedy man, for all his wealth, will never attain. One remembers Francis of Assisi letting his earthly father have the last stich of clothing off his back, for he would henceforth be seen as a child of the heavenly Father.

Then Jesus invites us to think of the soldier who had the right to commandeer someone, as happened to Simon of Cyrene, to carry his baggage for a thousand paces, one mile. Carry it for two miles instead and let him see that your spirit of helpfulness is mightier than his strong-arm policy.

Do we let the brutish bullyboys, the greedy moneymakers or the advocates of military superiority continue to rule society with their small minds? Or do we try to open up their vision by challenging the standards which the world too easily accepts.

The sick society of today will only be cured if it is challenged by the counter-culture of gospel living. The gospel's view is that God is the Father of us all and we are the one family of brothers and sisters. Our dignity comes from knowing this and trying to live up to it.

Kingdom-love is a deliberate commitment to generosity as an alternative to the tyranny and coercion exercised by the self-appointed little gods. It thinks more of my responsibilities to others blocked or diverted by an obstacle. It is a pure stream that will not be infected by the poison of any enemy.

Kingdom-love is unlimited and complete. It is perfect, as the love of the Father is perfect.

**On next 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 at \$17.60. The materials are available from Evangelisation Brisbane. There is a form in the pergola for you to order the materials.

**Ash Wednesday (1st March) is a day of fasting and Abstinence.** The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. (CCL 97, 1251-52).

Fasting means one full meal only for that day, and abstinence means no meat to be consumed.

**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.

**Who does what in the Church ?** We are very fortunate in the parish that there are a good number of parishioners who give of their time and talent, carrying out many tasks. One of the realities of these people is that they are all getting older, and some would like to step aside and have others take over. The down side of course is that not many people respond to requests. When we mentioned the need for more ministers of communion and Readers of the Word, only **one** person responded. Here’s something to think about:

This is the story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was a very important venture to start in a parish. Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, in the end Nobody did it.

Everybody got angry because Somebody should have done it, Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn’t do it because Nobody asked Anybody to do it.

Put it another way: There were 573 churchgoers in a certain parish, of these 97 were elderly or infirm. That leaves 467 to do all the work. Of this 467, 143 are at work all day. That leaves 333 to do all the work.

Of this 333, 121 have children at home plus housework. That leaves 212 to do all the work.

Of this 212, 87 live too far away and have no transport. That leaves 125 to do all the work.

Of this 125, 81 can’t be bothered to do anything. That leaves 44 to do all the work.

Of this 44, 42 are already doing something, and that leaves you and me! And of course: Anybody.

**St Patricks Day BBQ/ Fundraiser** Saturday 18th March, 7pm start (straight after 6 O’clock Mass).

Entry will be via a prepaid ticket at a cost of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child up until the age of 10. Ticket cost gets you a meal and entertainment will be provided by **Bob McDowd and Kath Hogan**.

A maximum of 80 tickets will be on sale from next Saturday 25th March when we will also be selling raffle tickets with 3 prizes to be drawn on the night. BYO drinks with tea and coffee included in the cost of your ticket. Any money raised will be going towards the cost of new air conditioners for the Parish Centre.

**Cleaners for Church** We are in desperate need of more cleaners for the Church. Cleaning of the Church is usually done after the daily Mass on a Friday but can be done at your convenience anytime before the weekend Masses. With a team of 2 people it usually takes around an hour. If you think this could be something that you and a friend or partner could do with ease please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594 or Marie in the Parish Office on 3818 0111.

**Humour** A policeman pulls over a car full of nuns. Sister, this is a 55 MPH highway, he says, Why are you going so slow?

The Sister replies, Sir, I saw a lot of signs that said 40, not 55.

“Oh, Sister,” the officer says, “that’s not the speed limit, that’s the highway you are on!”

At this point, the officer sees the other nuns in the car shaking and trembling. The Sister answers, “Oh, we just got off Highway 101.”

## 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 19, 2017 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.**

*“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...” Matthew 5:44* Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for “our enemy”. When we pray for others, even “our enemies”, maybe it softens their hearts as well. (Accessed on 9th February 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

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

How is the Church built up?

In a sense there are as many answers to that question as there are individual members with individual vocations.

But the overarching answer for all is this:

Through personal participation in and support of the Church’s mission of proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying.

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

*Live in a manner worthy of the call you received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, . . . (Ephesians 4:1-4).*

Giving my time and money to various charities makes me feel a real part of a community.

Think of how powerfully we can transform our neighborhood, our cities, our nation, our world, if all of us shared an hour of our time or an hours worth of our money! We’d do serious damage to hunger, disease, sadness, loneliness, and oppression.

Already, the generosity of a small percentage does some significant things to alleviate all these ills. Catholic Relief Services, St. Vincent De Paul, Catholic Community Services, and many other agencies are leading the effort. This is what inspires me so about stewardship!

We have the power to change the world by working together. Working together we can make our neighborhoods, cities, nations, and the world a community imitating the love of Jesus.

### **Questions**

What benefits have you received from sharing time with the Church?

How have you benefited by sharing your treasure with the Church and community?

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As a community of people involved in different ministries, do we dare to try to find ways to challenge people to be disciples of Jesus, people of faith, people who will share their gifts with us? Could we not make this the primary commitment in all our ministries by preaching the challenge of faith?

*Archbishop Thomas Murphy (South Sound Catholic Leadership Summit)*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



**Sun 19th Feb. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sacrament of Penance Course 10.15am**  
**Mon 20th Feb. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm**  
**In English.**  
**Wed 22nd Feb. Rosary Group 6.30pm**  
**Sun 26th 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.

## 19th Feb. 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Lev 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48**

**Psalm: The Lord is kind and merciful.**

## 26th Feb. 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Is 49:14-15; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34**



### Services times this week:

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Vigil Mass 6.00pm</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>7.30am Mass</b>
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>

### Weekdays

<b>Monday</b>	No Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Friday</b>	9.00am Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	6.00pm Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	7.30am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 24.02.17 Agnes & Deb

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 Turney, 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, 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: 19—25 Feb.

Milton Stevenson, Moya Halls, Charles Maynard, Michael Radcliffe, John Harbraken, Walter Sears, Roy Dennis, Helmut Schadwill, Maria Lupeamanu, Madonna McCarthy, Erlinda Basco, Joseph Portelli, Roslyne Watson.

### Recently Deceased:

Maureen Shattleton



### 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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