



St Francis Xavier Parish

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3rd Sunday

**In
Lent**

19th March

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: Rising Thoughts

Every story in John's gospel is an invitation to believe. At the end of the gospel he writes: 'These signs are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life eternal through his name.'

John's style of writing is an invitation to raise up our thoughts and perspective to ever higher levels.

He writes as the skylark sings, circling over the area but on ever higher levels of song. He begins this story with a very ordinary request for a drink of water and his song rises up through higher levels of thirst unto belief that the Spirit of God is to be poured into our inner souls.

In the woman's relationship with Jesus there is an ascending scale in the manner in which she addresses him.

Jesus is introduced to us in human frailty, tired and thirsty, dependent on the favour of another. The woman first calls him a Jew, but her contempt is softened by a certain curiosity in her voice: 'What are you doing asking me, a Samaritan for a drink?'

Soon she is growing in respect and she calls him 'Sir'. Then there is room for the question whether he is a greater man than Jacob, who gave them that well. At this stage she recognizes that he, the beggar initially, is really the one who has something to give. So she begs the living water of him.

When her own life is revealed, she recognizes that she is in the presence of a prophet, one who reveals God. Eventually she raises the possibility that he is the Messiah, the Christ, the promised, Anointed One. The answer of Jesus, 'I am he', is heavily weighted with the memory of God's name as revealed to Moses: 'I am'.

The titles have ascended from the mixture of contempt and curiosity to divine mystery. The woman's response is partial faith: 'I wonder if he is the Christ'. But even this partial faith is enough to make her want to share it with others. At the end of the story the people say of Jesus: 'he really is the savior of the world.'

Elsewhere in the gospel John draws up our thoughts around the idea of wind (when speaking with Nicodemus), bread, light and life. His style suggests a simple way of contemplative prayer a ladder ascending from earth to heaven.

Take some common, everyday object like bread, a stone, a flower, a leaf, a tree, a newspaper, and old shoe ... anything. Let it tell its own story to you. Savour its properties in touch, colour, smell, shape, usefulness, fragility or solidity. Bring it to Jesus. Listen to him explain how this object of creation is his: for everything that exists is a word of the creating Father; and every word is contained in the Word. Invite Jesus to develop a parable especially for your life around this object.

The kingdom of heaven is like ... this stone ... old shoe...'

John is the skylark who sings over one small area, but rises ever higher on the warm current of air. If you learn from him how to let your thoughts rise up in contemplation you will discover the meaning of Jesus words:

'The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of water inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

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

Fr Roger is away on a Pilgrimage until the end of the month.

Fr Leo Burke will be covering the Weekend Masses.

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated *before* rather than during the Easter Triduum.

Here in the Parish, each Saturday from 5.00pm—5.30pm the Sacrament of Penance is offered in the Church. We will be using the revised rite of the Sacrament and laminated sheets giving the order of the Sacrament of Penance will be available.

In Holy Week on Wednesday 12th April, there will be a Communal Second Rite of the Sacrament of Penance in the Church.

Teams: for Married Spirituality Teams is a lay movement within the Catholic Church that offers couples a chance to discover the Lord's presence in their marriage and to live in Christian fellowship with other couples as a way of giving thanks to God and bearing witness to Him in the world. The goal of the movement is to help couples live their lives with more strength, light and hope.

For more information there are pamphlets on the trolley and on the tables with the Newsletters

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Workshop. If you attended the Workshop held in the Parish Centre, then you will be able to collect an attendance Certificate from the sacristy.

St Edmunds Old Boys Bowls Day Sunday 2nd April 2017—United Sports Club, Joyce Street East Ipswich 8-30am for a 9-00am start. Cost is \$10 per player.

To register to play please call Andrew McGrath on 0438 164 452 or 3389 6858.

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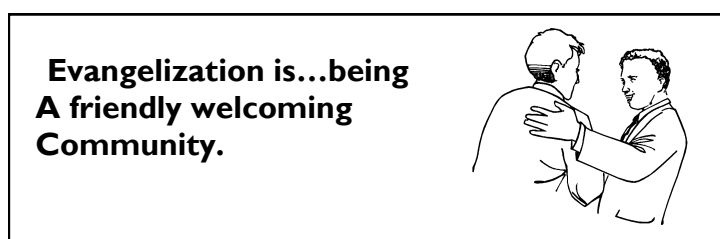
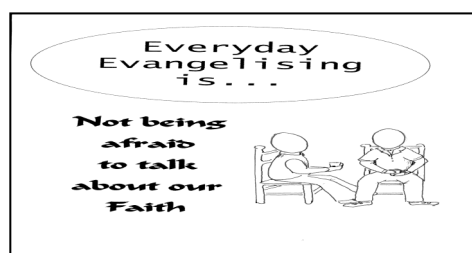
Chrism Mass— Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7-00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

Funeral Notice for Peter Hodgkinson (brother of Paul Hodgkinson) will be held on Wednesday 22nd March at St Kevin's Catholic Church, Geebung at 11.30am.

Humour: One winter morning, an employee explained why he had shown up for work 45 minutes late. "It was so slippery out there that for every step I took ahead, I slipped back two."

The boss eyed him suspiciously. "Oh Yeah? Then how did you ever get here?"

"I finally gave up, he said, "and started for home".



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)

March 19th 2017 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us for long. When we build our lives around material possessions we always want more. True Joy and Peace only comes when we follow Jesus; when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”. (Accessed

from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

THE CALL – THE CALL OF STEWARDSHIP

Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do . . . it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion. – *A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

As Vatican II remarks, all Christians are “bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech,” that new life of faith which begins in baptism and is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in confirmation.” (Ad Gentes, 11)

There is a woman I know who I see receiving communion at Mass every week. She positively glows! I didn’t know who she was, so I asked a fellow parishioner about her. While she has all the ‘attributes’ of our lives – a family, a job, a mortgage – my fellow parishioner told me she has stripped her life of all unnecessary encumbrances.

Though prosperous, she doesn’t work to get rich, she works to make a living and because she has found a job she likes. Though involved in our parish and the community, she doesn’t do it for public acclaim, but because she cares about helping others. Though she is a boss at work, a parent and spouse at home, an elder sister in her family, her direction of those for whom she has responsibility is merely to share wisdom, provide guidance, and support others.

She has found happiness in the ultimate paradoxes: that totally giving over control of one’s life to God is the truest liberation, that giving up your life brings eternal life!

Questions:

How is stewardship a part of being a disciple?

What does it mean to you to be a steward of the Church?

Do you see your baptism as creating a responsibility to follow Jesus?

Stewardship means I am not in control. It means the gifts I take for granted will not always be mine. It means that when it comes down to the basic gifts of life, love, faith, and relationships, what I possess and who I am makes little or no difference. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 19th Mar. 3rd Sunday Lent
 Mon 20th Mar. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 22nd Mar. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 24th Mar. Stations of the Cross 6.30pm
 Sun 26th Mar. 4th Sunday Lent
 Mass 7.30 & 9.00am

Collections For Last Week

First	☺	<input type="checkbox"/>	
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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 Mar. 3rd Sunday in Lent.

Ex 17:3-7; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

26th Mar. 4th Sunday in lent.

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

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

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 24 March Lauu 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, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, 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 March.

Winifred Mills, Winifred Powell, Maria Hue Thi Vu, Lola Taylor, Patrick O'Hagan, Catherine Coogan, Carmen Valentino, Shirley Klein, Alosija Cvetko, Elsie Jones, Dianne Symes, Josef Milling, Graham Harper, Mr & Mrs Tevaseu, Rajesh Dayal, Leslie Griffin, Henriette De Glas, Kathleen Gray, Aileen Burns, Patrick Truman, Kelly Chong-Nee, Jean Clarke, Victor Cherry, Feliks Pasieczny, Cacilia Maurer, James Niehus.

Recently Deceased: Peter Hodgkinson

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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