



St Francis Xavier Parish

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4th Sunday

**In
Lent**

26th 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: *In Your Light We See Light*

A woman who has been blind, but whose sight returned after an accidental fall one night, spoke of her hours of quiet ecstasy gazing at her sleeping husband and child for the first time. To have light and vision restored to life must be exciting beyond words. Yet John's story of this blind man is remarkable for the absence of any excitement on the part of the man or his parents. The reason for this understatement is that John is concentrating more on the inner vision, or faith.

The restoration of physical Sight is but the outer shell of the miracle. The kernel of the story is the inner vision which has been woken up. A very early Christian Hymn celebrates this waking in baptism:

'Wake from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.' (Quoted by St Paul in Eph 5:14)

It reminds me of how one man felt at the end of a very intensive three day retreat. 'I am very tired now,' he said, 'but for the first time in my life I am awake.' His inner eye had been opened. He would appreciate the lines of the American poet E. E. Cummings:

'now the ears of my ears awake and now the eyes of my eyes are opened.'

The effects of this new way of seeing are indicated by St Paul in today's second reading: 'Be like children of the light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and light and right living and truth.' (Eph 5:9)

These three effects of the light of Christ are worth pondering.

The first sure sign that one is seeing with the eyes of Christ is the ability to see the goodness and beauty in the most unlikely places. The famous lines of Fredrick Langbridge expresses the power of one's subjective view:

"Two men look out through the same bars:
One sees the mud, the one the stars."

Jesus had a rare talent for sensing the hidden goodness in people who were notorious sinners or compromised tax-collectors, in a hot tempered fisherman and the sons of thunder, in zealous nationalists or a rich but unhappy young man.

In contrast to the eye of Jesus who saw goodness, everything looks a sickly yellow to the jaundiced eye. Our prejudices are so influential that we use our eyes more as a filtering inlet than as windows of objectivity. The Pharisees had already judged Jesus so all they now see is the breaking of the Sabbath. In their blindness they cannot see any goodness. Today, bad news has mesmerized the media of communication. This preoccupation has so often eaten into people's minds that now we need a special ministry of affirmation.

Criticism has come to mean fault finding and nothing else.

Blame is more common than praise. But whoever has eyes that see with the light of Christ has the ability to see goodness, to appreciate effort, to pay compliments and to praise. In the word of the psalmist: 'In your light, we see light.' (Ps 35)

The second effect of the light of Christ in the soul is right living or a concern for justice.. The unenlightened mind operates on the purely selfish level. Self-interest is the primary motivating force. But the mind enlightened by faith operates out of Christ's vision. And its motivating power is charity.

The third effect of Christ's light is what St Paul calls truth. With the light of Christ one is no longer afraid to come out in honesty and openness. Even sin can be faced and truthfully Admitted because the true light of Christ shows a merciful love that is greater than sin.

By contrast, the works of darkness are secretive and undercover, full of shady dealings and underhand practices, blinded by prejudices and limited by selfishness. Guilt is not admitted but one hides behind the screen of euphemisms or tries to offload blame towards someone else.

Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the light of the Father.

Like the waters sent into the well, you were sent to be our light. With the clay of new creation you open up our eyes to goodness, right living and truth.

Light of the world, wake us from our slumbers so that in you light we might see light.

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

Fr Roger returns next weekend.

Parish BBQ last Saturday night was very successful with us raising over \$900 towards purchasing new air conditioners for the Parish Centre. A big thankyou to all the volunteers who worked hard to put it all together, the people who came, and anyone who donated their time, money and food towards the night.

Fundraising in the planning is a **Trivia night in** conjunction with Outside School Hours Care during the first half of second term. **Car Boot Sale** Saturday 20th May, if you would like a car space or know someone who might let us and them know.

Parish Visit– Fr Morgan Batt and Patrick Ransom from the Vocation Brisbane Office will be visiting our parish community next weekend 1st/2nd April to celebrate Mass with us and to promote Vocations.

St Francis Xavier Catholic Samoan Community Are you Samoan and new to our Parish? Are you aware that our Parish Samoan Community meet the first Sunday of the month in the Ron Illidge Centre after the 9-00am Mass? Sunday School in Samoan is every Sunday at 7-30am in the Ron Illidge Centre, Choir Practice is the last 2 Saturdays of the month in preparation for singing at the 9-00am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Feel free to join us at our next get together on Sunday 2nd April.

We also have a Women's League (Mafutaga Tua) who meet the 4th Saturday at 7am for an hour. For more information phone Filo on 3814 6184 or Mob 0436 027 197

EASTER RAFFLE Once again Catholic Church Insurance have donated a hamper for us to raffle so from this weekend there will be tickets for sale after all the Masses. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Raffle will be drawn after the 9-00am Mass on Palm Sunday.

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.

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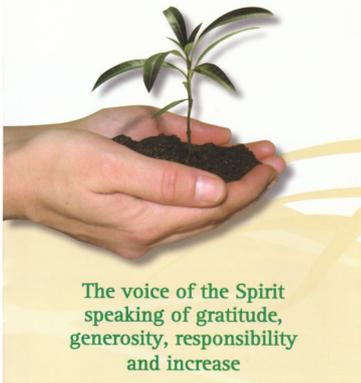
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Chrism Mass— Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7-00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

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)

March 26th 2017 - 4th Sunday of Lent

“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7 How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress

God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

THE CALL – RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Jesus’ call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now – at *this moment, in these circumstances*. There can be no delay.

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

Jesus told (the rich young man), “If you seek perfection, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor. You will then have treasure in heaven. Afterward come back and follow me.” Hearing these words, the young man went away sad, for his possessions were many. (Matthew 19, 21-22)

A big stumbling block for me was ‘impulse buying.’ It wasn’t buying stuff on TV, but it was walking through the big ‘warehouse stores’ (you know the ones). I had my shopping list (which my spouse had generously put together for me). But there were always so many things that would be *nice* to have! I’d inevitably end up spending about a hundred dollars more than I had planned. And I wouldn’t use what I bought very much (and sometimes never!) My spouse says that the road to bankruptcy is paved with impulse buying. I’ve learned though that the road to generosity is easily followed when it is mapped out – when it is planned. So, though I still feel the desire for things I want (but don’t need) now I stick to my shopping list, just like I plan my giving to the Church and charity.

Questions:

When you hear the above Gospel reading, do you feel called to ‘give it all away’?

Do you feel called to give up anything?

Have you ever heard these words and actually given something away that was keeping you from following God?

Satan assembles his junior apprentices looking for fresh ideas of how to populate hell.

One apprentice raises his hand and suggests, “I have an idea. Tell them there is no heaven.” Satan isn’t happy with that. He says sarcastically “We’ve tried that, much as we try to tell people there is no God, but people understand in the deep recesses of their stupid heart that there is, so forget it.” A second apprentice raises his hand and says “Well, tell them there is no hell.”

Satan says, “We’ve tried that too, and it won’t work. Sooner or later people realize that mass murderers can’t wind up in the same place as Mother Teresa.” Finally, a third apprentice raises his hand and says slowly, “Then tell them - there is no hurry.” And Satan smiled.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 26th Mar. 4th Sunday Lent
 Mon 27th Mar. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 29th Mar. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 31st Mar. Stations of the Cross 6.30pm
 Sun 2nd April. 5th Sunday Lent
 Mass 7.30 & 9.00am

Next Weekend Third Collection for Church Repairs

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.

26th Mar. 4th Sunday in lent.

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

Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

2nd April. 5th Sunday in lent.

Exek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



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: 31 March Julia Deng

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, 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: 26 March – 1 April

Sarah McElroy, Montague smith, Franziska Rambould, Robbie Lewis, Stanislawa Borowski, Ivy O'Halloran, Cornelia Van Hoof, William Larter, Isabella Wills, Jean Burns, Genica Tamas, Eileen Bryson, Canuto Bianco, Andrew McCarthy, Margaret Nugent, Desmond Jones.

Recently Deceased: Maurie Kelly

LOOP SYSTEM



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