



## **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 0479 163 335

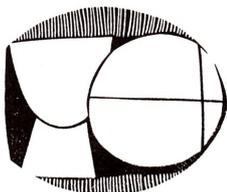
**Palm or  
Passion  
Sunday**

**9th April  
2017**

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

## **HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES**

### **TUESDAY: PARISH RECONCILIATION SERVICE 6.30PM.**



### **HOLY THURSDAY: MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7.30PM.**

Celebration of the Institution of the Eucharist at the last Supper including the washing of feet. After the Mass there will be an opportunity to watch before the Altar of Repose until 10.00pm.

### **GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS 10.00AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL.**

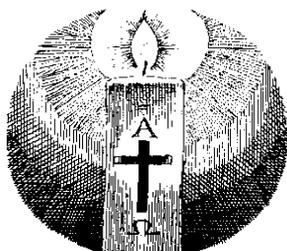
The school has generously allowed us the use of their Hall for the Stations of the Cross. Please note ladies, that **stiletto heels are not permitted in the Hall**. Please respect the surface of the floor and if you are wearing heavy footwear that could damage the surface, keep to the edges.

### **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION 3.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the only days in the Church's year when the Mass is not celebrated. Instead we listen to the reading of the Passion and then venerate the Cross. Holy Communion will be distributed after the veneration.

**There will be a collection taken at this service**, for the **Holy Places**—they are the holy sites in the Holy Land, which are maintained for people to visit the places where Jesus walked, preached and of course the Holy Places in and around Jerusalem where the events of Holy week and Easter occurred.

**Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence.** This means that we are expected to abstain from the eating of meat and to have only one full meal in the day. The elderly and very young are excluded from this expectation.



### **SATURDAY CELEBRATION OF THE EASTER VIGIL 7.00PM NEAR THE PARISH CENTRE THEN IN THE CHURCH.**

The greatest Feast of the Church's Year, begins with the lighting of fire and then the Paschal Candle. A series of readings lead us through salvation History to the great events that made us children of God and promised us to rise from the dead.

Our vigil will be followed by light refreshments in the Parish Centre.

### **EASTER SUNDAY MORNING MASSES 7.30 & 9.00AM.**

**COME AND JOIN US AT ANY OR ALL OF THESE CELEBRATIONS  
— YOU ARE WELCOME!**

**EASTER RAFFLE** Once again Catholic Church Insurance have donated a hamper for us to raffle tickets are on 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 Tuesday 11th April, there will be a Communal Second Rite of the Sacrament of Penance in the Church at 6.30pm.**

**Help Needed** with Children's Liturgy at the 9-00am Mass. Due to the increasing number of children attending Makerita needs the help of parents whose children attend or a volunteer who is willing to help each week and confident enough to take the class when Makerita is unable to. At the moment it is just Makerita supervising some Sundays up to 60 children this is not acceptable.

**Centenary of Fatima Calendars** We have received calendars from Australia Needs Fatima if you would like one please feel free to take one. They are on the trolley in the Pergola area.

**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

**Cyclone Debbie Recovery Appeal** has been launched by St Vincent de Paul.

Donations to the appeal can be made online, through the Vinnies website [www.vinnies.org.au](http://www.vinnies.org.au) or by calling 07 3010 1002 or posting to PO Box 3351, South Brisbane, QLD, 4001.

**Holy Land Commissariat-Good Friday Collection**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.4 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing cost of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again this Good Friday.

Envelopes are at the two main entrances to the Church please take one home to use on Good Friday.

**Humour** A Pastor friend put sanitary hot air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out. When asked why he confessed that they worked fine but when he went in there he saw a sign that read "For a sample of this week's sermons, please push the button".

**Marie is on leave this week returns to the office on Tuesday 18th April.**

## 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)***

### April 9, 2017-Palm Sunday

*“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” MATTHEW 27:32*

The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross”. These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person’s needs before our own and not

expecting anything in return. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 5th April, 2017)

## Refugees in their own Land—Christians in the Holy Land.

It is a tradition that on Good Friday, a collection is taken for the Holy Places—the holy sites in the Holy Land, which are maintained for the people to visit the places where Jesus walked, preached and of course the holy places in and around Jerusalem where the events of Holy week and Easter occurred.

Much restoration work is being carried out on the holy places and the need for funds is great.

Thinking of the Holy Land it is easy to forget that for some Christians, this is their home land. During my recent pilgrimage, I was fortunate to hear a priest in the town of Taybeh, a unique Christian village on the edge of the Judean wilderness. This living community is linked to Ephraim (Jn 11:54) where it is said that Jesus and his disciples sought refuge after the Council of Priests asked for his execution. The village has been a Christian outpost ever since.

The Parish Priest Fr Johnny, a Palestinian Catholic gave an account of the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land. He stated that 65% of the Christians have left the holy land, mainly because of the lack of employment opportunities and the pressure from the State for them to leave. Benefits are restricted and many are left with not enough to raise their families.

The Catholic Church in Taybeh has set up a number of Employment workshops for the local Christians. A Youth Centre for the young people, a school and other essential parish and community ventures. The last time I visited, I bought a purple Jerusalem stole which was made in one of the workshops by the women of the parish.

Taybeh is off the beaten track and not able to rely on the trade of passing pilgrims. They are supported by donations from groups and organizations from outside the Holy Land. It is hard to imagine what it must be like to be a refugee in your own home land, but that is the reality that the Palestinian Christians are facing. Around Palestinian areas an exclusion Wall has been erected and travel is severely restricted.

During his visit to the Holy Land, Pope Francis said: ‘Build bridges not walls’. The sight of a three meter high wall separating the land to keep people apart, is a terrible indictment of the views of the Jewish State and the threat that they believe is near to them.

One way that we can help, although as a parish we are not rich in resources is on the Masses for Easter to take a Third Collection which will then be sent off through a representative here in Brisbane to the Church in Taybeh, to support them in their very important work.

Please think about their needs, pray for them and give what you can.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



**Sun 9th April Palm Sunday**  
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass  
**Mon 10th April. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm**  
 In English.  
**Tues Parish Reconciliation Service 6.30pm**  
**Wed 12th. Rosary Group 6.30pm**

## Collections For Last Week

<b>First</b>	☺	↑	
<b>Second</b>	☺	↑	
	☺	↑	= 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.

## 9th April. Palm Sunday.

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66

Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption..

## 16th April. Easter Sunday.

Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9.



### 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	<b>7.30pm</b> Mass of the Lord's Supper
Friday	<b>10.00am</b> Stations of the Cross <b>3.00pm</b> Celebration of the Passion.
Saturday	<b>7.00pm</b> Easter Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

### Cleaning: 13 April Peter & Kyung

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: 9—15 April

John Bliss, Lilly Colville, Margaret Farrell, Mary Josey, Terry Mahony, Teddoro Boriongan, Angelo Torrisi, Mary Sherman, George Anson, Barbara Batley, Mabel Normile, John Hansen, Donald Breen, Annie Berkley, James Butler, John Foley, Joseph Pianta.

### 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.



### Newsletters by Email.

If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.