



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

6 Church Street (GPO Box 450) Goodna, Qld. 4300

**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am — 4.00pm Closed Thursdays**

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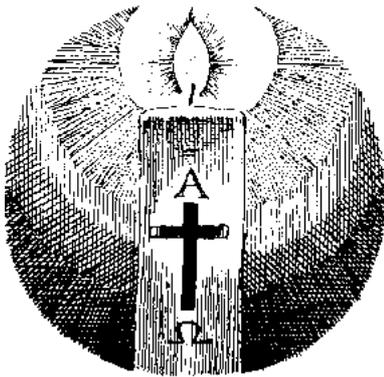
St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only .

Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**Easter**  
**Sunday**

**16th April**  
**2017**

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



**CHRIST IS RISEN!**  
**HE IS TRULY RISEN!**  
**ALLELUIA!**

**Good News:** Resurrection and love.

On Easter Sunday, Jesus offers us the gift of presence and the gift of peace.

We are to know him in the breaking of bread, Jesus does not want to be insubstantial; he does not want to be a ghost. Instead he comes to us and invites us to touch him. He offers himself to us in ways that are intended to nourish and nurture us. He promise companionship.

So where are we touch him in today's world? Where are we to walk with him? Where are we to find his hands and feet? Where are we to offer a piece of broiled fish and eat and drink in his presence? Christianity is an embodied religion. It does not live between the pages of a book. Rather it invites us to engage with our world. So we are to recognize the presence of Jesus whenever there are wounded hands and feet that turn to us for healing and wherever there is a road that we can walk down in his company.

The gift lies in recognizing him even when he presents himself to us in hidden and unexpected ways. We need to believe that we can touch him in our everyday lives. We need to understand that we can walk with him. Our task is to seek out people who are needy and to turn our faces towards them rather than away from them. This is not difficult to do, for there are many wounded hands and feet that clamor for our attention. There are many hungry people who would love a bowl of fish, let alone a loaf of bread.

If Jesus is risen from the dead then we need proof, we need evidence. How can we secure this in today's world? The Gospel seems to suggest that the way forward is to open our hearts in love. No one is to be excluded, no situation is beyond the reach of grace. By believing this and putting into practice, we can become witnesses and carry the echo of his saving mission forwards into our world. Christian faith is not a personal possession. It is always for sharing. So everything comes full circle. We can be his witnesses. We can provide evidence that he is risen.

*Lavinia Byrne - "Just One Year—a Global treasury of Prayer and Worship" Orbis Books.*

The Gospels do not explain the resurrection; the resurrection explains the Gospels. Belief in the resurrection is not an appendage to the Christian faith; it *is* the Christian faith. *(J.S. Whale)*

Easter, like all deep things, begins in mystery and it ends like all high things, in great courage.

*(Bliss Perry)*

**Congratulations to our RCIA Candidates** Darren and Patricia Whitehead who were received into the Catholic church at the Easter Vigil, and also to Jamie Teal who was part of our group before moving to Rockhampton. May the all have an active and fruitful life in the Church.

**EASTER RAFFLE** Winner of the Easter Raffle was ticket number

**Sacramental Preparation** Children in year three and above are eligible for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment forms are available from the sacristy. **It is essential that parents of the children being enrolled for Confirmation, attend a session on 7th May.** During this session, the preparation will be outlined and the expectations of the Church for parents and candidates will be explained. On Sunday 14th May at the 9.00am Mass., candidates will bring forward their name badges by which they will be enrolled in the preparation.

**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.

**Christians in the Holy Land** Last week I explained the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land. There is pressure on them to leave their homeland with no prospect of employment and drastically reduced benefits from the State. Today we will be taking a third collection which will be sent on to a Christian Village in Taybeh (Ephraim). The Parish priest there Fr Johnny has set up industries and workshops to help the Christians remain in the Holy Land.

**Follow-up from Pilgrimage.** Being part of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Assisi and Rome with Bishop Brian Finnegan was a blessing. So often it takes time to make sense of such an experience, to recall memories and to sort through photographs. I hope that at some time in the future I shall be able to share the experience with anyone interested through a slide presentation. Please let me know if you are interested and then I can devote some time to the preparation.

## **Quotations**

It is only when one loves life and the earth so much that one may believe in the resurrection and a new world.  
(Dietrich Bonhoeffer)

The root of all good works is the hope of the resurrection; for the expectation of the reward nerves the soul to good works. (St Cyril of Jerusalem)

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in bopoks alone, but in every leaf in springtime.  
(Martin Luther)

The resurrection did not result in a committee with a chairman, but in a fellowship with an experience. (Anon)

## 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 16, 2017- Easter Sunday**

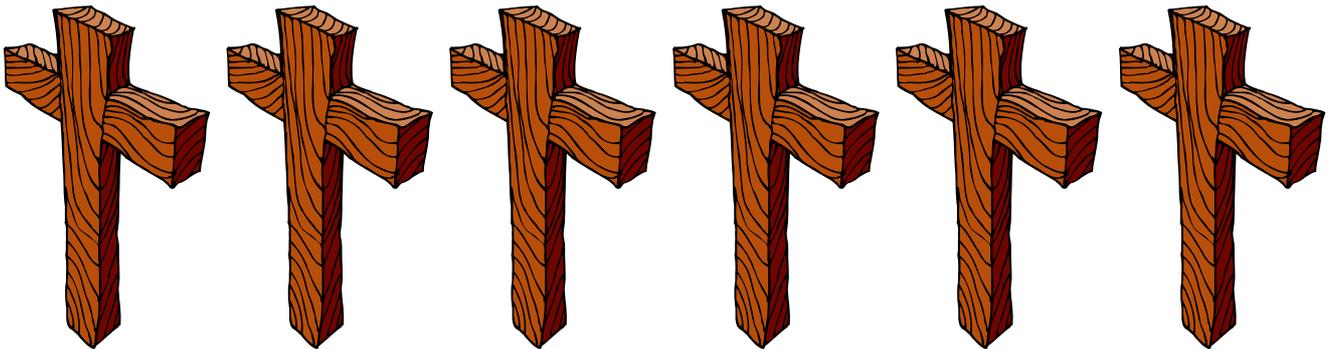
*"Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth."* COLOSSIANS 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 13th April, 2017)

## Living As A Steward – Redemption and Stewardship

Jesus' disciples share in his priestly work, called to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all. In exercising this office, they most fully realize the meaning of our Christian stewardship. *A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

*Now I rejoice in what I am giving up for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church. Colossians 1:24*



All of us are stewards – Christ just asks us to examine to what extent are we practicing stewardship? One reason for our practice of stewardship is to help bring about redemption – not just ours, but the rest of the world too.

This stewardship to help bring about redemption, can often be through the use of our time: including setting aside time for prayer, scripture, adoration, worship. But it can also be through our suffering. We'll never understand why we suffer, but our stewardship means that we try to find Christ even in pain, deprivation, and loss. The knowledge that we'll never completely understand it, but that we will strive toward that understanding anyway, reminds us again that Stewardship is also a journey that we must continue to make, even though we'll never get to the end.

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### Questions:

How does redemption relate to stewardship?

Knowing what we believe and why then prompts us to live out our faith spiritually in the world today. At times, the cost involved in doing this is high. But we are asked to pay that price in trying to incarnate the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church today. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



**Sun 16th April Easter Sunday**  
 (Vigil Sat 7.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass  
**Mon 17th April. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm**  
 In English.  
**Wed 18th. 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.

## 16th April. Easter Sunday.

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

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

## 23rd April. Second Sunday of Easter.

**Acts 2:42-47; 1 Pet 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31**



### 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

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 Mass

**Reconciliation Sat 5.00-5.30pm**

### Cleaning: 21 April Jim Walsh & Oliver Liddy

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: 16-22 April

John McElroy Snr., Peter Bryant, Samuel Zaklan, Sr Jeanniela Spina, Grace Sandford, Frank Vella, Isadora Kiau, Phyllis Mullins, Daniel Perry, Desma Rawnsley, Harry Murphy, Brian Mullins.

**Recently Deceased:** Daphene Doreen Cronan

## 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.

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