



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**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

**2nd Sunday**

**of**

**Easter**

**23rd April**

**2017**

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



## **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast, which had already been granted to the nation of Poland and been celebrated within Vatican City, was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come." These papal acts

represent the highest endorsement that the Church can give to a private revelation, an act of papal infallibility proclaiming the certain sanctity of the mystic, and the granting of a universal feast, as requested by Our Lord to St. Faustina.

### **GOOD NEWS:** *Blessed are you who help others to see.*

The familiar saying goes: 'Seeing is believing.' But seeing is not sufficient for believing. For seeing only touches the outer, physical evidence, whereas believing belongs to the interior, invisible areas of life.

Down the years of history the witness of people like Francis and Dominic, Clare and Therese, stirred up the faith of people more effectively than libraries of learned books. People are moved to believe when they meet the risen Lord in authentic people of grace.

Easter is only a lifeless fossil of ceremony if it does not send you out from the dead way of life which knows no love, joy or peace, no forgiveness, hope or trust.

Easter is to hear the risen Lord say to you: 'I am sending you out.'

To Easter with him is to rise into...

believing that you are loved by God,

And daring to hope and trust in his presence and power.

In the power of the Spirit let there be...

new life in your heart,

new light on your face,

and new joy in your believing.

The Messiah has been sent by the Father.

And he has sent you, baptised Christian,

to win the world from the darkness of sin.

Blessed are you whose life enables others to see and to believe.

**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.

**Memorial Mass for Maurie Kelly.** A Mass will be celebrated at 9.00am this coming Friday for Maurie Kelly who passed away on the 19th March. Maurie served on the Parish Pastoral Council and was President of the St Vincent de Paul conference for many years. Due to ill health, Maurie and his wife Irene had to move from the parish a number of years ago into sheltered housing. Maurie's contribution to the Parish and to education in Queensland benefited many people. This Mass is our opportunity to give thanks for his life and work.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**The Little Kings Movement for the Handicapped** would like to thank everyone in the Parish who donated to their recent appeal. St Francis Xavier as a Parish gave a total of \$686.70.

**Good Friday Collection and Holy Land Refugee Collection**

We will be sending \$1166 off to the Holy Land Commissariat and \$800 for the Holy Land Refugees.

**Easter Hamper Raffle** winner was Malachi Lolesio. Congratulations Malachi.

**Corpus Christi Procession** Sunday 18th June 2017 at the Cathedral of St Stephen commencing at 2.00pm. The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament will go from the Cathedral, through the city streets, concluding with Benediction upon returning to the Cathedral.

There is a book on the trolley in the Pergola for anyone who would like to record their prayer intentions. The book will be then taken to the celebrations. We need a volunteer to take the book forward during the celebration.

**Blue Card Renewal** Is your Blue Card due for renewal in the next few months? If so see Marie in the office for the renewal form. The renewals take about 6 weeks to be processed so make sure you renew in plenty of time.

**Humour** Tea is an Evil Substance!

Tea is more dangerous than beer.

Please avoid drinking tea.

I discovered this last night.

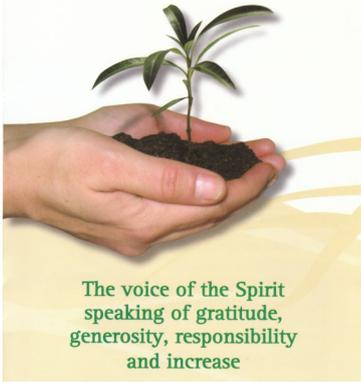
I had 14 beers till **3am** at the pub while my wife was just drinking tea at home.

You should have seen how violent and angry she was when I got home.

I was peaceful, silent and headed to bed as she shouted at me, all night and even into the next morning.

Please ladies, if you can't handle your tea, don't drink it....

## 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)***

**April 23, 2017– 2nd Sunday of Easter**

*“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” JOHN 20:19* Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, a new neighbour, a new work colleague, a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? Many of us can probably do a much better job at this. When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. A simple “hello” and a smile goes a long way. *(Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 13th April,2017)*

## **SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2017**

### **School Year 3**

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation for those who have been Baptised.**

The parents attend an Information Meeting on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May in the Parish Centre after the 9.00am Mass. Before this meeting, parents should obtain a form from the Church Sacristy, complete the details and return it to the Parish office.

There is an expectation that the parents and candidates for the Sacrament attend the Sunday Mass and the Sessions scheduled.

These are: Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May Parents’ Information Meeting 10.15am  
(Parents only, no young people.)

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May Candidates present a badge at the **9.00am** Mass  
And are enrolled in the Sacramental Preparation.

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Practice for Confirmation date and time to be announced.

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July CONFIRMATIONS.**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July Confirmands receive a blessing at 9.00am Mass

### **School Year 4**

#### **Sacrament of First Eucharist for those who have been Baptised and received Confirmation.**

The parents attend an Information Meeting on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July in the Parish Centre after the 9.00am Mass. Before this meeting, parents should obtain a form from the Church Sacristy, complete the details and return it to the Parish office.

There is an expectation that the parents and candidates for the Sacrament attend the Sunday Mass and the Sessions scheduled.

These Are: Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Parents’ Information Meeting 10.15am  
(Parents only, no young people)

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July Candidates present a badge at the **9.00am** Mass  
And are enrolled in the Sacramental Preparation.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August Parents and candidates in separate sessions. 10.15am

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August Liturgy of God’s Mercy 10.15am

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September Celebration of FIRST EUCHARIST 9.00am Mass**

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 23rd April 2nd Sunday of Easter  
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass  
 Mon 24th April. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 26th Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Fri 28th Baptism Preparation 7.00pm

## 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.

## 23rd April. Second Sunday of Easter.

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

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

## 30th April. Second Sunday of Easter.

Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35



### Services times this week:

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

### Weekdays

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

### Cleaning: 28 April Mitch & Pam Dodrill

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, 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: 23-29 April

Lykua Phonsavathdy, Joe Gurdon, Katharina Muellebner, Maurine swords, Annie Galligan, Desmond Duncan, Denis Hughes, Katharina Arbeiter, Noreen Cogan-Browne, Corrie Van Hoof, Candice Dieperink, Ivy O'Halloran, Margaret McCrudden, William Hales, Stephen McGuire.

**Recently deceased:** Wendy Marshall, Patricia Mary Bates.

## 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.