



St Francis Xavier Parish

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3rd Sunday

of

Easter

30th April

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: The People, the Word, the Meal.

The story of the risen Lord on the Emmaus road reads like a dramatization of the Eucharistic celebration. The three necessary elements for the Eucharist are highlighted in turn—the assembly of people, the lessons of the word and the sharing of the meal.

The People.

Even before the word is proclaimed of the meal shared, there is the assembly of God's People. Those who journey together in the light of faith on life's pilgrimage gather in the memory of Jesus, who died, and rose again. Cleopas and his companion were talking out of their memory of 'all that had happened' to Jesus.

The celebration commences with a confession of sinfulness. Believers do not wait to be perfect before they assemble: pilgrims know that they have not arrived: those who assemble for the Eucharist know they are still sinners.

The two disciples unwittingly confess their sins. They have lost their hope in Jesus. They have turned their backs on Jerusalem, which is the city of life's pilgrimage in Luke's gospel. Their faces are downcast, their eyes devoid of purpose. The more they talk, the more their sinfulness is admitted. Not only had they lost hope in Jesus, but also their belief in what their friends reported about the empty tomb.

And as for taking seriously the evidence of the women! Luke lets their sinful dismissal of the feminine speak for itself.

As Christians assemble in the memory of Jesus Christ, they recognize their weakness, their wavering and their sinfulness. You know that they must be fed in mind and in soul. They are ready to listen to the word.

The Word.

The risen Lord responded to the foolishness of the disciples. He drew their minds back to the wisdom of the scriptures where they would find the divine light for life. Later they admitted that their hearts were burning within them as he talked to them on the road and explained the scriptures to them.

In the dimness of our faith our prayer needs the constant enlightenment of the sacred word. Through the intricate paths of daily life our conscience needs the guiding light of God's own teaching.

In the cold darkness of a secular society we need to experience our hearts burning within us for the good news of God's self-giving love for us.

The Meal.

The Eucharistic liturgy advances from the table of the word to the table of the bread. Those who have heard the good news now need to celebrate. And celebration, for Luke, means a table. 'Stay with us Lord,' is the heartfelt cry of the disciple. The Lord has heard this cry and answers us in the wonder of the real presence.

Luke deliberately echoes the four Eucharistic actions of the Lord. He took ... he blessed ... then broke ... and he gave. The actions done on the bread apply also to the disciples. Those who assemble are the chosen or taken people who have received the gift of faith.

Out of all the loaves of bread in the world today, this one loaf is taken, Out of all the billions of people who exist or have existed, this assembly is now called together by God.

God is blessed and praised and thanked for all he has given. The great hymn of glory (Cont. p3.)

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 14th May.** During this session, the preparation will be outlined and the expectations of the Church for parents and candidates will be explained. On Sunday 21st 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.

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.

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.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU! In response to the appeal given at the end of Mass last weekend, I am glad to say that two ladies have volunteered to help with the Children's liturgy, and one person has shown interest in becoming a minister. That is a great response, but we still need more. Have you a skill in Finance? The Parish finance council needs help. It could be that you do not have any particular financial experience, but you are willing to share your expertise in your chosen field. Have you a love for the Mass? Are you willing to proclaim the Word, or help with the distribution of Holy communion. This could of course mean that you are willing to take Holy communion to the Sick and Housebound. A willing volunteer is better than many pressed men of women.

Do you think it is time for a Parish Youth Group? One of the priorities of the Parish council, is the formation of a Parish Youth Group. We have a suggestion which is being processed at the moment. It would be a waste of time however, if the parents of young people are not supportive. We would suggest that the young people who are preparing for the Sacraments this year would benefit from joining a parish Youth Group. Parents and youngsters please think about it and when we make some progress, please respond positively.

Marian Valley Canungra—All are invited to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians, Patroness for Australia, at Marian Valley, Canungra on Saturday 20th May 2017 commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch avail). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet—Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church at 8.00am or Darra (Polish Club) 8.15am. Fare is \$20—bookings and info Ann 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

Humour After I-messaging back and forth with my wife, I jokingly commanded Siri to pass along this message: "You need to get back to work now; you have a husband to support." Here's what Siri sent: You need to get back to work now; you have a has been to support."

The cool part about naming your child is you don't have to add six numbers to make sure the name is available.

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)

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Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” LUKE 24:32 How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that’s a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 26 April, 2017)

The People, the Word, the Meal. Continued.

rises up from the people. They lift up their hearts to give thanks and praise: that is what Eucharist means. Through Christ, with him and in him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory is returned to the Father of all giving. And the assembled believers loudly acclaim; ‘Amen’.

Then the sacred bread is broken. It must be broken before it can be shared. The broken bread is a symbol of the Servant Christ who had to suffer and so enter into his glory.

And as the disciples contemplate this plan of God, they learn how God is with them in the wounding’s, breaking and dying. Selfishness and sin are progressively broken by God, so that the disciple may increasingly conform to Christ the Servant who loved his own unto the end.

As he handed the broken bread to them, their eyes were opened and they recognised him. Those who eat the sacred Bread are changed. They become more alive with Christ’s life: more like him.

Ordinary food is changed into our energy. But in Christ’s Bread, those who eat are changed into his energy.

Conclusion

The two disciples are no longer tired and downcast. In this new energy of Christ they set out that instant on the road. Their faces are glowing, their eyes full of light and purpose. Their pilgrimage of faith has recovered its direction ... back towards the Holy City.

And they tell their story to the world: not so much their own story as the story of God’s word and God’s bread.

That is why when the Mass is ended, the assembled people, who have received the fire of the word and the energy of the bread, are sent out to ‘love and serve the Lord’.

Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap.—The Good News of Matthew’s Year.

Silvester’s reflection on today’s Gospel passage is quite a challenge to us as we ‘celebrate’ the Eucharist.

- Do we assemble on time?
- Does the Liturgy of the Word mean more than just a series of readings?
- Do we believe that we are changed by the reception of Holy Communion.
- Do we assemble to give thanks to God, to be fed by him in Word and sacrament or just to do our duty.

The quality of the celebration is not dependent on the priest, or the music, but on participation. The Second Vatican council said that: “Mother church earnestly desires that all the faithful should be led to that full, conscious and active participation in liturgical celebrations which is demanded by the very nature of the liturgy, and to which the Christian people, “a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a redeemed people” (1 Pet. 2:9, 4-5) have a right and obligation by reason of their baptism.

Sacrosanctum Concilium 4 December, 1963 –The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 30th April 3rd Sunday of Easter
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 1st May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 3rd May Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Thurs 4th May Parish Pastoral Council 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.

30th April. Third Sunday of Easter.

Acts 2:14, 22-23; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35
 Psalm: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

7th May. Fourth 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	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

Cleaning: 5th May Pam & Mitch

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, 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., Kenneth Utz, Bill McCarthy. (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

Frank Plumbridge, Christina Richardson, Rudolf Farkas, Trevor Spence, Tracey Mikaele, Glen Latimer, Ernest Bolton, Franciszek Podolak, Esther Mikklesen, Mary Roddin, Stanislaw Gorbacz, Nqac Van Dinh, Elaine Wilson, Brian Hodgkinson, Ellen Meredith, Mat Vella, Barry Lawson.

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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