



St Francis Xavier Parish

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4th Sunday
of
Easter

7th May
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: Vocation Sunday

The gospel picture of the Good Shepherd calling his flock has inspired the Church to focus attention this Sunday each year on vocations. The flock of Jesus Christ will always need the leadership of people who make commitment to Christ and his gospel their professed way of life. In a very special way, priests are called to be the mediators who bring people to God and bring God to the people. Through the liturgical action of the church they act as 'stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God'. (1 Cor 4:1)

A vocation to the religious life is a call to commit oneself to the service of God and the Church through the provision of a gospel-based way of life. What is being highlighted today is the vast but untapped vocation of all the baptized to serve the cause of the gospel. Perhaps the most serious aspect of the critical shortage of vocations is a failure to call forth the potential of the laity. Too much emphasis on a clerical model of the Church has left us with an impoverished legacy of neglecting the apostolic charism of baptism and confirmation.

We are living at a cross roads period in the history of the Church. Society in many traditionally Christian countries is seriously tempted to forsake the inspiration of the gospel and take on secularistic ways of thinking.

For the past four hundred years, the Church was confronted chiefly by doctrinal heresies. It was the age of theologian and priests. Nowadays the chief arena of debate is in secular society. And that's the world of the Christian laity. This is the age to call forth the vocation of the laity.

The voice of Christ the shepherd is muted by the incessant propaganda which calls souls away from his flock. The sacred dimension of life is not taken seriously. Exaggerated claims, based on psychological surveys or polls of behavior, are taken as the basis for moral guidelines. The authority of God is replaced by a spurious democracy which settles for the lowest common denominator of agreed morality. At this lowest level, societies have condoned abortion and easy divorce.

The threatened flock of Christ needs to hear a loud call to the values of the gospel, which are radically opposed to many of the accepted norms of secular society.

But how can they hear unless there are dedicated disciples who give their flesh and blood to embody the voice of Christ for the world today? The challenge to the destructive voices must come through fearless proclamation of the Christian message and selfless dedication to the service of others, but especially through the witness of how we live.

Vocation Sunday renews the challenge of Christ to every disciple. Am I following the voice of Christ the shepherd and the values of the gospel? Or is my life a denial of the gospel, or a smug compromise which picks and chooses from any sources? A Sunday Christian and a six-day pagan?

Am I concerned for the future of the Church? Am I prepared to serve? To give my life to full-time service of the Church? Or to serve with my time and co-operation in the local community? As a faith-friend to even one person?

Do I support those who give themselves fully to the parish mission? Do I pray for the perseverance of those who have given themselves to the service of the Church? Do I pray for the future of the Church and that many young men and women will answer the call of Christ to lead the Church into the future?

Written in 1989 by Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap—'The Good News of Matthew's Year'.

GOLDEN COVERED BOOK Each parish has been given a book for parishioners to write in their prayer intentions for the Corpus Christi Procession. Last week at the beginning of the Sunday 9.00am Mass the book was on the trolley outside church, at the end of the Mass the book was found to be missing. If you have taken the book to write in your intention, please return it as soon as possible, if you have mistakenly thought that it was free to take and keep, please return it ASAP.

Wednesday Mass Time Change. For this week only the Wednesday Mass will be at 6.00pm not 9.00am. The change is due to a talk being presented by Timothy Radcliffe OP a Dominican of the English Province. Fr Timothy will be presenting his views of the Pope's Encyclical. The title of the talk is: **Making Place for the Conscience of the Laity Today: The Challenge of Amoris Laetitia.**

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.

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.

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.

Catholic Mission invite you to pray for, or consider registering to attend, Mission: One Heart, Many Voices As the official agency for Mission and Evangelisation, we help those who shepherd the flock, in more than 1100 dioceses, across 160 countries, including Australia. But Catholic Mission also has a part to play in helping each of us take on the role of shepherd, through empowering, equipping and enabling. This is what the Mission: One Heart, Many Voices conference will be all about on May 15-17: helping those who attend become a 'gate', through which they can lead others to a fuller life, in the same way Jesus modelled for his disciples. Please pray for the success of this event.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane Archdiocese

Humour When I bought my new Lexus Coupe, my two sons asked me who would inherit it if I met my demise. I pondered the question, then told them if I passed away on an even day, the son born on an even day would get it. If it happened on an odd day, the one born on an odd day would get it. A few weekends later, while river rafting with one of my sons, I was tossed out of the boat. As I floated in the rapids, I heard my son yelling "It's the wrong day."

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)

May 7th Fourth Sunday of Easter

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’ ACTS 2:38 The word “repent” means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within, we must take control and be disciplined. Remember though that we are not alone, Jesus is there to help lighten the load.
(Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 26 April, 2017)

The Vocation of the Laity—A disciple’s Response to the Good Shepherd.

Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the spirit (*vitae spiritualis ianua*), and the door which gives access to the other sacraments. Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as sons of God; we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church and made sharers in her mission; “Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word”.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church #1213)

There is the temptation on Vocations Sunday to associate ‘Vocation’ as a call to the Priesthood or Religious Orders, doing so would be to do great dis-service to the vocation of the laity. As the excerpt above, from the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us: ‘Through Baptism ... we become members of Christ, are incorporated into the church and made sharers in her mission.’

Each and every one who is a member of the Church has a duty and an obligation of play their part in the building up of the body and the future of the Church.

The Second Vatican Council altered the perception of many church members when it declared that the church was not a hierarchical structure with the clergy at the top and the laity at the bottom, but simply put, the Church consists of the ‘People of God’. Many changes came about as a result of the bishops of the world meeting in Rome. The role of the Laity was hotly debated and as a consequence, they became participants in the Church rather than just observers.

In 2006, St Francis Xavier Parish took on the task of motivating the people of the parish to share their time, talents and treasure with other people. This is what the Bishops of the USA formulated as a response to falling numbers and the financial challenges facing their Church, they called it Stewardship.

These same challenges are evident in our country and throughout the world. God has blessed us here in Australia with the ability to gather in worship, he has provided us with an environment which is pleasant, our resources are plentiful. There is the temptation to want everything for ourselves, that seems to be the way of society, ‘what is mine is mine’. The principles of Stewardship however present us with a different view:

Stewardship is a spirituality — a way of life — which calls for our response by:

- Receiving the gifts of God with **gratitude**
- Cultivating them **responsibly**
- Sharing them **generously in justice** with others
- Returning the gifts with **increase** to God

The Bishops of the USA called Stewardship ‘The Disciple’s Response’ - and that is the truth of the gospel message of Jesus. Vocations Sunday is about more priests and religious, but unless the laity play their part in the Church, there will be little or no church for the priest and religious to server.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 7th May 4th Sunday of Easter
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 8th May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 10th May Mass 6.00pm Rosary Group 6.30pm

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.

7th May. Fourth Sunday of Easter.

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

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

14th May. Fifth Sunday of Easter.

Acts 6:1-7; 1 Pet 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



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	6.00pm Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Cleaning:

12th May Lulu Family

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 Ingram, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Michael Quickfall, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Kenneth Utz, Bill McCarthy, Stanis Bernotas. (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: 7-13 May

Alfonso Deniega, Noel Blom, Ralph Burke, Lillian Quickfall, Emma Crocker, Terence Gallagher, Bonifacio O Festejo, Steven Wood, William Meredith, John Kalksma, Time Shrumme, Frankie La Rocca, Alfonsas Navickas.

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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