



St Francis Xavier Parish

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5th Sunday
of
Easter

14th 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: *I am the Way, the Truth and the Life*

Last Sunday we heard Jesus say, 'I am the gate of the sheepfold.' Today we hear another of the seven great 'I am' claims of Jesus.

'I am the way, the truth and the life.' The words 'I am' echo the divine name revealed to Moses.

Each of these seven statements should be pondered over and over as each text reveals some aspect of how God, in Jesus Christ relates to our lives.

I am the way.

As life is a constant process of change, as we are ever leaving one day to move on to the next, we find it easy to think of life as a journey. Jesus may say that he is the journey, he is the road of life, he is the way.

The gospel does not give us an abstract theory of life: nor a comprehensive code of ethical behaviour. It is the story of God's revelation in the human life of Jesus Christ. We are given a model or example in a way of life that knows solitude and community, joys and pains, loyalty and desertion, serenity and anxiety, good health and the pains of dying. Throughout all the experiences of life, the foundational motive of his life is love. The value which casts light on everything is his love of the Father's will and his outreach of love to every person he meets.

If we wish to know if our decisions are for the right road, all we need to do is ask whether this is the road that Jesus would travel. He is the way.

I am the truth.

In Jesus Christ, we believe that the ultimate truth, God's thought, was spoken in the word made flesh. God spoke in a language we can understand, the example of a human life.

We accept that the full concept of God is too vast and mysterious for our limited minds to comprehend. Just as the sunlight is too bright for our eyes to gaze at directly and its unfiltered brightness is darkness to us.

Yet within the limits of our minds, we can have a true concept of God. While we cannot take in the entire ocean, yet we can fill our buckets with its true water. We do not claim that our little bucket contains the vastness or mysterious depths or majestic storms of the ocean. But nonetheless the contents are the true ocean water. If you wish to fill your bucket with the true knowledge of God, drink deeply from the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

When Francis of Assisi wrote a rule for his followers, he summed it up as observing the gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

It was a happy choice of words: for observing expresses the need to pay attention as well as the need to obey. Francis knew that the truth he required would be found in Jesus Christ.

I am the life.

If we follow his way we will grow in his likeness. Increasingly, the power of Christ will work through us.

"As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,

so whoever eats me will draw life from me.' (Jn 4:12)

Our world will then mirror the beauty of God's thought in creating.

How do we respond to Jesus Christ as our way, our truth and our life?

We must find the space and time each day to savour the wisdom of the gospel where we meet the truth of God in human flesh and blood. Our plans and directions of life should all be guided by and subject to the way that Jesus travelled.

We must let go of sinful ways in order to invite the life and energy of God to flow into the world through us.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap—the Good News of Matthew's Year.

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 next Sunday on 21st May.** During this session, the preparation will be outlined and the expectations of the Church for parents and candidates will be explained. On Sunday 28th 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.

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.

White Elephant Stall/School Fete Once again we have been asked to hold the White Elephant Stall at the School Fete which is on Sunday 27th August, 2017. If you are having a clean out at home please think of us to donate your unwanted items to. But remember it must be sellable so if you wouldn't buy it then don't donate it. Also no items of clothing, electrical items or books. If you have books the P & F may take those as they will be running a book stall.

Biggest Morning Tea The carers from Outside School Hours have registered in conjunction with the Parish to hold a morning tea to raise funds for Cancer. This event will take place Wednesday 24th May at 9-30am in the Parish Centre. Please support this event as its for a very worthy cause and most of us have lost someone to cancer. Bring your gold coins.

Want can I do for the Church? Last Sunday, The need for people to offer their time and talents for others was stressed. The future of the Church lies in the hands of the parishioners. If you want a Church for your grandchildren and great-grandchildren to be in existence, then the laity need to take an active role. Ministries are only part of the picture, but an important part.

We are still in desperate need for new Ministers of the Word, and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. Can YOU help?

Who's going to do it?

This is the story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was a very important venture to start in a parish. Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, in the end Nobody did it. Everybody got angry because Somebody should have done it, Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it because Nobody asked Anybody to do it.

Not the case here You have been asked to do it.

Humour A woman noticed her husband standing on the bathroom scale, sucking in his stomach.

"Ha! that's not going to help," she said.

"Sure, it does," he said. "It's the only way I can see the numbers".

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 14, 2017 Fifth Sunday of Easter

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” 1 PETER 2:7
Everyone is given unique gifts. Many people are able to recognize their talents and abilities, but there are many people who are unsure of their gifts. This may make them feel worthless. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern how they might use their skills. No gift is too small or insignificant. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 10th May, 2017)

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

In the lives of disciples, something else must come before the practice of stewardship. They need a flash of insight – a certain way of *seeing* – by which they view the world and their relationship to it in a fresh, new light. “The world is charged with the grandeur of God,” Gerald Manley Hopkins exclaims; more than anything else, it may be the grandeur in all that is that sets people of the path of Christian stewardship. *Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response*.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Serve one another through love, bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 5:13, 6:2).

What is it that makes people grateful for God’s gifts – to see life in a whole new way?

For some it is a recovery from illness.

For others the birth of a baby, or the death of a loved one.

Others see God’s generous gifts in the beauty of the world that surrounds us, from the smallest flowers to the grandest vistas.

For me it is the amazing vastness of the universe – big almost beyond human comprehension. The power in the stars, the emptiness of the black void, the almost eternalness of the past and future of the universe.

I, with my life span (if I’m lucky) of 75 years, fade into insignificance in the face of all this. But God’s love for me, in creating me and all the universe, gives significance – and purpose to my life.

Christian Stewardship helps me connect my gratefulness for what God has created with my question about why I’m here: to be the good steward of God’s gifts, cultivate them for the Kingdom, and share them with others.

Questions:

Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ?

Then how will you become more aware that God has given you all you have?

Then how will you use the gifts God has given you to build up the Kingdom?

Then how will you share the gifts that God has given you?

My own experience with a long hospitalization made me aware – in way that I never dreamed possible - that God is the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all we have and are and will be. I am not the independent person without the need of others. I do not have all the resources the resources that enable me to have a quality experience of life.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 14th May 5th Sunday of Easter
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 15th May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 17th 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.

14th May. Fifth Sunday of Easter.

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

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

21st May. Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21.



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:

19th May Julia Deng

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. (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: 14 –20 May

Edward Galligan, David Newman, Annie Atwood, Allen Maybanks, Alan Wilshire, Souphalacj Manavanh, Robert Leary, Billy Wright, Fr John McGrath, Tony Ryan, William Van Den Heuvel, Frank Rialto, Cornelia Hendrick, Ivan Fuller, Vivian Clarke, Vera Eustace.

Recently Deceased: Stasis (Stan) Bernotas

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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