



St Francis Xavier Parish

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The Ascension Of The Lord

**28th 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: *A Mountain in Galilee*

“Great things happen when men and mountains meet.”

I am not sure who wrote the line but Matthew would like it. Matthew wrote of five mountains: just as his book is composed of five parts in imitation of the five books of the law, the Pentateuch.

The first mountain (*Mt 5:1*) was the elevated scene of the great sermon in which Jesus set out his overview of the kingdom: of what life on earth could be like if the rule of God were taken Seriously.

The second mountain was where Jesus went by himself to pray. (*14:23*) Even Jesus needed to withdraw from the pressures of the crowd. The mountain of prayer represents withdrawing to solitude and climbing up above the pressing throng to a place of perspective. Prayer needs solitude and perspective of the mountain.

The third mountain (*15:29*) was the scene of many healings. The crowd was astonished and they ‘praised the God of Israel.’

The fourth mountain, we are told was high (*17:1*) Up there he took Peter and James and John where they could be alone. The deep religious experiences of Moses on Mount Sinai (*Ex 24*) and of Elijah on Mount Horeb (*1 Kings 19*) were relived when the face of Jesus shone like the sun and he was transfigured.

The fifth mountain was in Galilee. The apostles were instructed to go there by the angel who spoke to the women at the empty tomb. Here took place the final meeting of the risen Lord with the disciples. The meeting offered full confirmation of two aspects of the Easter message: the glorification of Jesus Christ; and the continuation of his message through the disciples.

When the disciples saw Jesus they fell down before him. They adored him, as the Magi had adored the Infant King. Yet there was a certain hesitation in their adoration: this expresses the mixture of light and darkness in faith. Throughout Matthew, the mixture of good and bad, of strong and weak in the church, is a recurring theme.

The gap between the God of glory and our limited condition can only be bridged by the initiative and approach of God. That is why Jesus ‘came up’ to them, just as he had approached the three prostrate apostles on the mount of the transfiguration.

He spoke of his glorification in words that recalled a vision of the prophet Daniel: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been give to me.”

Matthew does not give us Luke’s more physical picture of Jesus rising up towards the skies. What Matthew conveys is the universal, cosmic authority of Christ. This is the authority that St Paul expresses in today’s second reading. ‘He has put all things under his feet, made him the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.’ (Eph 1:22-23)

After this confirmation of the glory and authority to Jesus Christ, the second aspect of Easter life to be confirmed is the continuing presence of the Lord through the mission of the church community.

In the course of his gospel Matthew wrote of how Jesus proclaimed the ideal of the kingdom and worked closely with the selected disciples to make them ministers of the kingdom. The church would be the means of the kingdom throughout the world.

The ministry of Jesus was confined to Jewish territory; but the mission of the church community would be to all nations. That is why the final mountain of meeting is in ‘Galilee of the nations’. From there the disciples are sent out to proclaim his kingdom to all peoples, to baptize in the name of the three Divine Persons, and to teach the way of the commandments.

They would never be alone. He, the risen Lord, would be with them always to the end of time.

Matthew’s first news of Jesus was the annunciation to Joseph of the birth of the one who would be Emmanuel, God-with- us.

And the his last word is again of God-with-us.

Silvester O’Flynn OFM Cap.

Sacramental Preparation Today at the 9.00am Mass., candidates will bring forward their name badges by which they will be enrolled in the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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.

Corpus Christi Flower Girls The committee are looking for girls aged 10-18 to take part in the Corpus Christi procession on Sunday 18th June as flower girls. Girls will need to wear a white dress or a black skirt and white blouse. Limited places. If interested please contact Catherine on 0431 117 139 or at catherinemcdowall@hotmail.com by **Tuesday 6th June**.

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.

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.

Walking with Christ—A pilgrimage from Jordan to Jerusalem. As promised, for those who would like to see some of the sights of the Holy Land as experienced by those on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, a presentation will be held on **Wednesday 7th June** in the Parish Centre at **7.00pm**. There will be light refreshments, bring a plate if you like.

Teams Oceania Conference 1st and 2nd July 2017 at Marist College, Ashgrove.

MARRIAGE BEYOND THE WEDDING, You're not alone on this journey

Come along and hear some great speakers who will enrich your marriage.

For the full program, flyer & prices go to Teams Oceania website: www.teamsoceania.com.au and click on upcoming events. You can also go to www.trybooking.com/256672 to book.

Early Bird price for 2 day conference is on \$75 per person and ends 31st May.

Everyone is welcome!

Day of Prayer The Canossian Sisters are running a day of prayer and reflection for young women and men from 18-40 years.

Date: Saturday 10th June 2017, Time: 9am-5pm, Venue: Lay Centre, Canossa Complex, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd, Oxley. Cost: \$10 (Includes lunch)

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr Melissa 0484 007 508

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal will be the weekend of 10-11th June

Your donation will help the Saint Vincent De Paul conference to serve the needy in the parish this Winter.

Humour Not everyone has mastered the art of texting. Case in point:

Mum: Stop at dollar store on way home and get lunch maggots.

Me: Lunch maggots?

Mum: Baffles.

Mum: Baggies.

Mum: Zip lock lunch Baggies.

Mum: Spell-check is not helping me.

Mum: By the way, this is Dad.

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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“I am praying for them ...” John 17:9

Prayer is the foundation of our Faith and the foundation of Stewardship. Pray in good times and in bad. Prayer is always the first best option in any situation, not just the last resort. Pray for friends and family and for those that don't treat you very well. Pray to give praise, to thank and to ask God for help. Pray to see what God wants you to do with the gifts He has given you. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 19th May, 2017)

JESUS WAY – THE STEWARDS REWARD

By their worthy deeds in this life, people also make a limited but real human contribution to building up the kingdom. They do so with an eye to present happiness and also to the fulfillment, which the kingdom – and themselves as part of it – will enjoy in the life to come.

Stewardship – A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Peter was moved to say to Him ‘We have put aside everything to follow you!’ Jesus answered, ‘I give you my word, there is no one who has given up home, brothers or sisters, mother or father, children or property, for me and for the gospel who will not receive in this present age a hundred times as many homes, brothers and sisters, mothers, children and property – and prosecution besides – and in the age to come, everlasting life.’ (Mark 10: 28-30)

I am constantly in awe of the seeming paradoxes that run through Christ's message (I think that is why it rings so true – who would preach a message so contrary to the ways of this world but God himself?).

The more we give up for God (to the church and community, of time and treasure), the more we receive from God! And not just in the next life, but in this life too.

I've found my friends who practice Stewardship as a way of life say they have found the meaning and purpose of life: serving others and giving of themselves. They are the happiest and most fulfilled people I know (certainly more so than those who've focused on getting as many material goods & toys as they can).

Questions:

Why should we do good here in this life?

What should you do best in God's kingdom on earth to prepare yourself for God's kingdom in heaven?

Thank God our time is now! Stewardship is an enterprise that invites us into an exploration of a new world – an exploration into God. Which one of us can dare resist this incredible invitation from a loving and gracious God? *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 28th May The Ascension of the Lord
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 29th May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 31st May Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Thurs 1st June 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.

28th May. The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Psalm: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

4th June Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23



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: 02.06.17 Peter & Kyung

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, Mary Hesse. (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: 28 May—3 June

Kerry Charles, Cyrano Palma De Miranda, Arthur Stubbs, Carmel Andrews, Elizabeth McGettigan, Jean Rooks, Arthur Hutchins, Estella Conception, Ingvild Clerup, Patricia Burke, John McKelvey, Catherine Q Vu, Ernest Bolton, Roy Young, Lily Powell, Marco Vuksic.

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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