



St Francis Xavier Parish

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**Pentecost
Sunday**

**4th June
2017**

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

GOOD NEWS: First Day or Fiftieth

John celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit on the first day of the new age. Luke however, sets the story of the Holy Spirit on the fiftieth day, that is Pentecost.

John writes of the Holy Spirit in the context of Easter, the first day of the week, the beginning of the new age when the human race is raised to new life. The spirit is bestowed upon the disciples and they are so-opted into the mission of Jesus Christ. It is the day of their commissioning and the birthday of the church. In the power of the Holy Spirit they are sent out as harvesters into the fields of the world.

Luke however writes out of a different perspective to John. He set the coming of the Spirit in the context of the Jewish feast of the fiftieth day, Pentecost. Pentecost was a Jewish harvest festival which followed fifty days after the feast of the Unleavened Bread. In the fields was now completed and Pentecost celebrated the solemn offering of the harvest fruits to God. In the symbolic use of numbers, the fiftieth marks the beginning of a new age after the completion of seven weeks, a fullness of time.

The ending of one period is always the beginning of another.

When the grain is harvested, the work of the reaper is completed but the task of the miller has just begun, As Jesus completed his mission, the task of the church was just beginning. He set the wheels in motion. He breathed on the disciples and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

On that day the words of the psalmist attained a new meaning:

'You send forth your spirit; they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.' (Ps 103)

How does this new breathing of the Spirit change and renew? What are the fruits of this new life? Paul tells us that this is not the spirit of slavery and fear. "The spirit you receive is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again'; it is the spirit of children who recognize God as the loving Father. Nor is it the spirit of timidity and weakness but 'the spirit of power and love, and self-control (2 Tim 1:7)

When the fiery tongue of the Spirit ignites a soul, the interior fire will be manifested in many ways. Religion will be no half-hearted affair dominated by servile fear but a joyful celebration of God who is good and loving. The Spirit of power and divine energy moves even gentle, little people to astonishing initiatives and even more astonishing courage in perseverance.

The presence of the Spirit is always marked with joy, even in the midst of suffering. There is none of the sadness of sin nor lives of 'quiet desperation.' God is praised, goodness is observed and life is celebrated.

In the power of the Spirit there is a clear conviction that goodness is greater than evil. The hurts and malice of life are overcome by the greater power of patience, forgiveness and kindness. The decrepit sadness of sin is cast off. A great breath of divine freshness sweeps through the land. God renews the face of the earth.

John is correct in celebrating the coming of the Spirit as the first day of the new age of renewed humanity. But equally, Luke is correct in celebrating the presence and power of the Spirit on the fiftieth day, the day of blessing for the harvest fruits.

In the eyes of God a thousand years are as a single day, so it is a futile search trying to pinpoint a precise moment or day for the Spirit's coming. John and Luke both give us valuable insights. Every time the Spirit moves a person is part of the new age, the first day. But it is also the fiftieth day, for the Spirit's gift is part of the harvest gleaned by Christ.

The day of the Spirit cannot be tied down: for the work of the Spirit is as free as the wind.

'The wind blows wherever it pleases;
you hear its sound,
but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going.
That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit.' (Jn 3:8)

Sacramental Preparation Today after the 9.00am Mass, the instruction session will begin. After a prayer in the Parish Centre, the group will split into the candidates for Confirmation, will remain in the Centre. The adults and any others will move into the Church.

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.

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**.

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.

No major increase in school fees in our Brisbane Catholic Education schools for 2018.

There has been a great deal of misinformation in the Media regarding funding for Catholic Schools. The funding of Catholic Schools is not as it has been reported by the Federal Minister of Education, figures published are incorrect. The Executive Director of Brisbane Catholic Education has sent a letter to schools. Copies of the letter are available at the door.

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

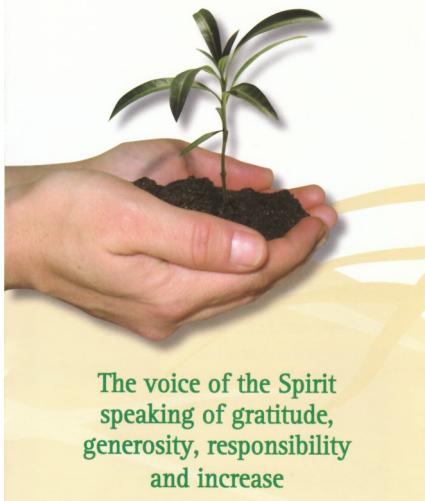
Your donation will help the Saint Vincent De Paul conference to serve the needy in the parish this Winter.

Synod Youth Survey Pope Francis wants to know what young people from across the globe (aged 16-29) are thinking.

All Australian young people are invited to complete a Youth Survey that has been distributed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC before Sunday 2nd July 2017). By completing this survey, you could go in the draw to win one of three Dr Dre Solo 2.0 On-Ear Headphones!

For more information and to take the survey head to catholiccollective.org.au/events/synod-survey

Humour A woman called our airline customer -service desk asking if she could take her dog on board. "Sure" I said "as long as you provide your own kennel." I further explained that the kennel needed to be large enough for the dog, to stand up, turn around, and roll over. The customer was flummoxed: "I'll never be able to teach him all that by tomorrow."



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)

June 4, 2017-Pentecost Sunday

To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” 1 CORINTHIANS 12:7 To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and let Him in! Open your heart and be grateful for all the gifts God has given us. Regardless of your circumstance, God has given us all blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God. Generously sharing our gifts keeps us more “God-centered” and less “self-centered”. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 26th May, 2017)

MINISTRY OF WELCOME.

The first person who meets someone entering the Church can have a great influence on the individual. A welcoming smile and a friendly greeting is the best approach.

The way that a bulleting or Mass Book is presented sets the tone for the rest of the visit. A new comer may not know where to sit, or be able to find a seat. This problem can be overcome, if there are two rather than just one welcomer at the door.

The task of welcoming may not end when the priest enters the Church to begin the celebration. Many parishioners appear to enter the Church after the priest has made the procession to the sanctuary. Strangers coming to the Church may not know the starting time, and arrive after the start. The welcomer can help them to find a vacant place.

At the 9.00am Mass, children leave their parents to take part in the Children’s Liturgy. Late-comers can unknowingly take the place of a child, with the parents not willing to point out the mistake.

The welcomer can pave the way, by leading the late-comer to a vacant place.



To provide a warm welcome to the Sunday masses, we would need four people at each Mass, two at each door. Could you help with this important ministry. If we have enough volunteers, then a roster could be arranged.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 4th June Pentecost Sunday
(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 5th June Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Wed 7th June Rosary Group 6.30pm
Walking with Christ Presentation 7.00pm
Sun 11th June the Most Holy Trinity.

Collections For Last Week

First
Second

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 ☺ ↑ = 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.

4th June Pentecost Sunday

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

Psalm: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

11th June The Most Holy Trinity.

Ex 34:4-6, 8-9; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18



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: 09.06.17 Jim Walsh & Oliver Liddy

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: 4-10 June

Anna Helmer, Raimund Maierhofer, Wincenty Kucmin, Cath Cross, Elizabeth Donoghue, Arthur Bolton, Franz Muellebner, Christine Jones, Wilhelmine Lubbers, Catalina Satriano, Eileen McPherson.

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.

