



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am –4.00pm Closed Thursdays**

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Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0427 663 118

**Most  
Holy  
Body and Blood  
of Christ  
(Corpus Christi)**

**18th June  
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 Bread of Life.**

You could say, I suppose, that Adam and Eve ate their way out of paradise. Jesus, who was reversing the fall of Adam, thought up a way of eating our way back into fullness of life. Ever since Adam's Day people have hungered in body and spirit. Bread for the support of bodily life is earned in sweat and toil. 'with sweat on you brow shall you eat your bread until you return to the soil as you were taken from it.' (Gen 3:19) But even this hard-earned bread was not sufficient to meet the hunger of the spirit.

People have not always been able to identify what they hunger for. Moses explained to the people how God schooled them through forty years of desert experience: 'He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of God.' (*First Reading, Deut 8:3*)

The deprivations of the desert were used by God to sensitize the people to the hunger of the spirit for divine refreshment. The manna was not the complete answer. The human spirit still hungered for the paradise that had been lost.

Jesus provided the answer that the world had been waiting on: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The sentence of death which followed Adam would be lifted when Jesus gave his life for the world. The gates of paradise were opened again and humanity's invitation to the fullness of life was restored. The saving merits of Jesus Christ are made available to us in the Eucharist. Words about life are repeated and renewed in the spiraling song of John:

'Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day...  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him...  
Whoever eats me will draw life from me...  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

When we sit to table and eat our dinner, that food is digested and changed into our energy. But it is the reverse with the food of the Eucharist: we are changed into it. We grow in the likeness of Christ and increasingly take on his way, his truth and his life. Our lives are more truly patterned on his way: our minds are more enlightened with his truth: and our lives are empowered with divine energy.

This sacred energy must not be locked away in individualistic piety nor lost through indifference. For God's energy is a love that should send us out with Christ's heart, eyes, feet and hands. The privilege of receiving the Lord brings the responsibility of representing him. Mother Teresa of Calcutta expresses the need to respond in life to what we receive: 'The Holy Hour before the Eucharist should lead us to the Holy Hour with the poor. Our Eucharist lacks something if it does not lead us to love and serve the poor.'

Jesus is the living bread come down from heaven...  
to be eaten by us...  
that we might live by his life...  
To be the glory of the Father.

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap "The Good News of Matthew p 117

**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.

**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](http://catholiccollective.org.au/events/synod-survey)

### **Formation of a Parish Youth Group at St Francis Xavier Goodna**

Would you like to get involved in a new parish initiative? Do you enjoy connecting with teenagers and making a difference?

Then this opportunity is for you!

The parish is looking for some interested volunteers (18+) to be a part of the leadership team for a new parish youth group that is launching in August.

We are kicking off with a **compulsory Leadership Training** afternoon on Sunday 25th June from 1.00pm-2.30pm in the parish centre.

Melissa Fenech, Parish Support and Projects Officer for the Youth Evangelisation Office in the Archdiocese, will facilitate this training session.

If you would like to find out more information, please contact the parish office on 3818-0111.

And if you know someone who would be amazing in this ministry...please tap them on the shoulder and invite them to be involved.

**Altar Wine Company Pty Ltd** is the company from which the Parish purchases our Altar Wine.

This company is owned by a retired couple Brian & Yvonne Sadler. Brian & Yvonne would like to sell the company preferably to a parishioner of one of the parishes they supply to.

They supply to approximately 70 parishes made up of Catholic, Anglican and Lutheran. This year they expect to distribute approx. 320x15 litre casks.

It is an ideal opportunity for a retired (or semi retired) person or couple, because the average time involved is no more than 3 or 4 hours per week. All parishes are very considerate when it comes to delivery of an order.

If you are interested in purchasing the company please contact Brian 0416 120 839 or Yvonne 0416 151 537.

**St Vincent de Paul** are in desperate need of good quality furniture. If you have items that you no longer want and are willing to donate to St Vincent de Paul then please phone 1300 551 894 to arrange pickup by Vinies or you can drop them down to the warehouse at Sumner Park or Ipswich during their open hours.

**Planned Giving** Envelopes for the coming financial year will be available in the Pergola next weekend or the first weekend of July.

I will be deleting some people from Envelope giving due to them not being used this year.

Our records show that there are 103 families signed up for Planned Giving via Envelopes but over the last 6 months 25 of those have not been used.

Other ways of giving regularly are via Direct Debit or Credit Card if you would like more information or to sign up to this way of giving please contact Marie in the Office.

**Humour** Scene: Me using the Siri app on my phone

Me: Siri, call my wife

Siri: Samantha McLaughlin is not in your contacts.

Me: Samantha Gibbs is my wife.

Siri: I've added Samantha Gibbs as your wife.

Me: Call my wife.

Siri: Which wife?

## 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)*

### **June 18th - The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi).**

*“Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.” 1 Cor 10:17*

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God’s kingdom here on earth. Two, it is a road map to Heaven. Let’s help each other get there! *(Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 10 June, 2017)*

## THE CALL – RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Jesus’ call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now – at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances. There can be no delay.

*Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

*Jesus told (the rich young man), “If you seek perfection, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor. You will then have treasure in heaven. Afterward come back and follow me.” Hearing these words, the young man went away sad, for his possessions were many. (Matthew 19, 21-22)*

A big stumbling block for me was ‘impulse buying.’ It wasn’t buying stuff on TV, but it was walking through the big ‘warehouse stores’ (you know the ones). I had my shopping list (which my spouse had generously put together for me). But there were always so many things that would be *nice* to have! I’d inevitably end up spending about a hundred dollars more than I had planned. And I wouldn’t use what I bought very much (and sometimes never!) My spouse says that the road to bankruptcy is paved with impulse buying. I’ve learned though that the road to generosity is easily followed when it is mapped out – when it is planned. So, though I still feel the desire for things I want (but don’t need) now I stick to my shopping list, just like I plan my giving to the Church and charity.

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Questions:

When you hear the above Gospel reading, do you feel called to ‘give it all away’?

Do you feel called to give up anything?

Have you ever heard these words and actually given something away that was keeping you from following God?

Satan assembles his junior apprentices looking for fresh ideas of how to populate hell.

One apprentice raises his hand and suggests, “I have an idea. Tell them there is no heaven.” Satan isn’t happy with that. He says sarcastically “We’ve tried that, much as we try to tell people there is no God, but people understand in the deep recesses of their stupid heart that there is, so forget it.” A second apprentice raises his hand and says “Well, tell them there is no hell.”

Satan says, “We’ve tried that too, and it won’t work. Sooner or later people realize that mass murderers can’t wind up in the same place as Mother Teresa.” Finally, a third apprentice raises his hand and says slowly, “Then tell them - there is no hurry.” And Satan smiled.

*Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 18th June Corpus Christi.  
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass  
 Corpus Christ Procession 2.00pm (Brisbane).  
 Mon 19th June Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 21st June Rosary 7.00pm  
 Sun 25th June 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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.

## 18th June The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

Deut 8:2-3, 14-16; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Psalm: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time..

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33



### 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 (Sacred Heart of Jesus)
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

### Cleaning: 23.06.17 Mitch & Pam

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: 18-24 June

Nola Kennedy, Helga Paredes, Margaret Kozak, James Martin, D W Keppel, Gerry Fitzgerald. Andras Varga, Sergio Panzani, Maria Purcell, Betty Dwyer, Sr M Stanislaus Ryan, Therese Gorman, John Moloney, Susanna Phillips, Madison Taylor  
 Cathy Pearl.

### 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.