



## **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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St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only .

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

**Twelve Sunday**

**In**

**Ordinary Time**

**25th 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 BACKLASH.**

Opposition to the gospel is inevitable. So much so, that whenever the Church experiences no opposition it is time to undertake a serious examination of conscience. Lack of opposition almost certainly indicates a church which has lost its nerve in proclaiming the gospel's radical reversal of worldly attitudes and actions.

Contradiction and opposition were certainly the lot of Jesus. Even in his earliest days he was announced to the nations by the old man Simeon as a sign of contradiction: destined for the rising and the fall of many: a sign to be rejected.

As Jesus began to share his mission, he forewarned the first apostles that they too would have to face opposition, rejection and persecution. "you will be hated by all men on account of my name." (Mt. 10:22) 'If they persecute me they will persecute you too.' (Jn 15:10) And in today's extract from the Lord's apostolic exhortation, three times he tells them not to be afraid. Three times corresponding perhaps to the three sources of opposition—from within oneself, from the resistance of others and from the backlash of the evil spirit.

Opposition to the gospel challenge will come from our own darkness as we fear the discomfort, and dread the cost of commitment. We know what it is to lack the fundamental trust to let go of lesser securities and put all our hope in God.

But the Lord tells us not to be afraid. We are called to grow. To be pruned so as to bear fruit. And what is but a prayer whispered now in private will become a brave public proclamation, and what is shared only with friends will become a courageous witness from the housetops for all to hear and see.

Opposition will come, secondly from outside oneself: from all whose sick eyes are hurt by the light of goodness. Those who do wrong hate the light and avoid it for fear their actions should be exposed. The light of Christ's teaching will uncover what is covered up, and will make clear what is hidden.

Goodness is a terrifying threat to those whose consciences are compromised with evil. They will reply in cynicism, scoffing, argumentation and eventually blind violence. Jesus himself was done to death by the conspiracy of fears and jealousies of those who had compromised themselves for religious power, political advancement or money.

Once again, the exhortation of the Lord is not to be afraid. Those who torture the body, could they but realize it, are only making the determination of the spirit more firm. And those who kill the body have never learnt of the immortality of the spirit. For history shows that the blood of martyrs is the seed of Christians. And the courage of every witness who dies is a candle that will light a thousand more.

The ultimate source of opposition to the gospel is the evil spirit. The advance of the kingdom of God will inevitably provoke a backlash from the deposed evil spirit whose lordship of lives has been usurped. 'For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the Sovereignities and the Powers who originate the darkness in this world, the spiritual army of evil in the heavens.' (Eph 6:12)

One sees a satanic hatred on faces of those who have totally sold their souls and principles. The Lord told the disciples to respect this enemy: "fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell." But however terrifying the backlash of evil may appear, we can trust in the greater power of the loving Father. Not a hair falls out, not a sparrow hops about, but the eye of the father sees. And his heart cares.

Very precious in the eyes of the Father are those who suffer rejection and opposition because of their witness to the good news. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.' (Mt 5:10)

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

*Silvester O'Flynn wrote these words in 1989. The events bombing in Manchester, the terror attacks in London and throughout the world, may leave people in despair. Have faith Jesus says, he has already claimed the victory over evil.*

**Confirmations 2017.** Please keep in your prayer the thirty young people who will be Confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell in July. This Sunday is their last preparation session.

**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 today 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.

**St Vincent de Paul** Goodna would like to thank everyone from the Parish and the School community who gave to their Winter Appeal. Total was close to \$1700 from the monetary donations with the School giving lots and lots of non perishable items.

**Planned Giving** Envelopes for the coming financial year are available in the Pergola. I have deleted a number of envelopes due to the fact that we haven't had any contribution from those envelopes for some months, some even at all in the last 12 months.

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.

**School Vacation Time.** Once again with the children being on holiday, there is a risk for vandalism to the School and its surrounds. Please keep an eye out if you are near the school and if you see something suspicious please inform the Police.

**Catholic Mission** Our parish will host the annual Propagation of the Faith appeal on the weekend of July 8/9.

Choices have consequences. It's a simple fact of life. Today's gospel, from Matthew, sees Jesus point this out to His disciples when he reminds them that those who show their support for God will be embraced by Him and those who disown Him will, in turn, be disowned. In much the same way as bad choices can lead to negative consequences so too good choices can enhance both our lives and the lives of those we impact with our decisions. The choices we make about our support for missionaries like Sr Mary Goretti can significantly benefit the people of Uganda. On behalf of those whose lives will be touched, because of the choices you make, thank you; your generosity during the forthcoming appeal will have long and lasting consequences for so many, including mothers and their newborn babies.

**David McGovern, Director, Brisbane & Toowoomba Diocese**

**Humour** I find it ironic that the colours red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you. Before I criticize, a man I like to walk a mile in his shoes. That way when I do criticize him, I'm a mile away and I have his shoes.

## 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 25, 2017 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Times

*Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” MATTHEW 10:32*

Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith or do you remain silent when the situation arises? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. (*Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 21 June, 2017*)

## STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH – EUCHARISTIC STEWARDSHIP

What do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering? Their lives and Christian disciples . . . Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, “...if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness.” (*Presbyterorum Ordinis*, 6)

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

**B***ecause the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf (1 Corinthians 10:17).*

Geez, there are times I come out of Mass and can’t even remember a thing about what happened. It’s almost like driving to work sometimes. I know I got in my car and left home. I got to the office, but it was like I was on auto-pilot the whole time.

But I do notice that I feel most prayerful when I am singing at Mass. Why? Well, because I was actually paying attention to what I was saying, and of course our singing is a form of prayer.

So I started paying more attention to what I was praying, and saying it deliberately – with meaning. And I started paying attention to what Father was praying. And I found the words of the Eucharist are enormously powerful, when I listen to them and pray them with the presider! And I realize that we are standing before God and addressing God with these words.

It is an effort, and I am not entirely successful, but it makes my worship meaningful – and helps me to live out the Christian life the other 167 hours in the week.

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### Questions:

Do we pay attention to what we are actually praying for at Mass?

What are you praying for?

Do we pay attention to what we are actually thanking God for at Mass?

What are you thanking God for?

The Eucharist becomes the sign and symbol of stewardship for the individual Christian and the Church. In the Eucharist, Jesus renews the covenant with us, but we in turn renew our covenant with Jesus and one another. In Eucharist, we bring our lives, our gifts, our resources, to the altar, and they too must be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

*Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass  
 Mon 26th June Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 28th June Rosary 6.30pm  
 Fri 30th June Baptism Preparation 7.00pm  
 Sun 2nd July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Next Weekend Third Collection for Church Repairs

## 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.

## 25th June, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time..

Jer 20:10-13; Rom 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33  
 Psalm Response: Lord, in your great love, answer me  
2nd July, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.  
 2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



### 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: 30.06.17 Lauulu 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.

**Help with Church cleaning is desperately needed please phone Pam for more information or to offer your help.**

### 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: 26 June—1 July

Douglas Innes, Padacine Tory, Violet Medley, Eddie Brose, Ivona Samuelu, Joy Davis, David Leslie, Mary Stirling, Frederick Larter.

### Recently Deceased: Kristof Richard Podolak.

(Funeral Tues 10.00am)

## 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.