



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Fourteenth
Sunday
In
Ordinary Time

9th July
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 heart of Compassion.

After rising up to the Father in praise, the heart of Jesus reaches out to all who are heavily burdened.

When Matthew related these words he intended a special appeal to the Jews who were burdened under the heavy yoke of the Jewish Law. As St Paul found in his own life, the law gave the sense of guilt but offered no way of relieving that burden. Only the Spirit of Jesus Christ gave him release. Matthew, in this most Jewish of the gospels appealed to his fellow Jews to consider belief in Jesus Christ very seriously.

But the Law was not the only burden that comes into the scope of the invitation of Jesus to come to him. The gentle and humble heart of Jesus reaches out to people with any sort of burden.

He is gentle and will not crush the fragile reed,

He is humble and will not push away the little people.

Although Jesus did say that his followers must carry the cross after him (as in last Sunday's gospel), here he promises that his burden will be tolerable and not beyond our strength.

“Light and easy”, he said.

While the body still has to carry the burden, yet the soul is at rest when one takes up the cross as a sharing of his cross.

The text on the gentle and humble hearty of Jesus is at the centre of the traditional devotion to the love of Jesus Christ known as the Sacred Heart devotion. The words of the Lord open with an invitation: ‘Come to me’. We can hear a threefold invitation in the sacred Heart devotion.

The first invitation is to reflect more on the great love and compassion which Jesus showed all through the gospel: his love of the Father and his absolute obedience to the Father's will; and his love for us which brought him through the pains of the passion for us.

The second invitation is to make reparation for our failures to appreciate his love. This failure is expressed so poignantly in the words heard by St Margaret Mary: ‘Behold this heart which has so loved people and is so little loved in return.’

We can make reparation by spending more time meditating on his love, by acts of sacrifice and self-denial, by repeated prayers and ejaculations.

The third invitation is to contemplate the final piercing of this heart from which poured out blood and water: Blood of life and water of cleansing.

When our hearts are shattered with sorrow or pierced through by disappointment, then we are to look upon the one who is pierced. And we learn that even in our sorrow and loneliness we are not alone.

His pierced heart forever tells us that he is suffering with us.

His heart is a heart full of compassion.

He is gentle and humble of heart.

And it is in the contemplation of his heart that ‘you shall find rest for your souls.’

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

N.B. The stained glass windows on the sanctuary depict St Margaret Mary during her vision and hearing the voice of the sacred Heart.

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.



Our parish will host the annual Propagation of the Faith appeal this weekend (July 8&9)

There is a strong note of gratitude in the Gospel reading from Matthew this weekend. Jesus is giving thanks to God for what He has revealed and shared with others, especially those considered naïve or innocent in the eyes of the world. That "attitude of gratitude" was very much evident when Catholic Mission recently hosted a visit by the face of our mission appeal campaign, Sr Mary Goretti, and a Ugandan priest, Fr Philip. Both were very thankful for the support they knew was forthcoming from the Church in Australia and both wanted to extend their prayers and gratitude to people like each of you, for what you will contribute on the appeal weekend. It is with the note of thanks, as heard in the Gospel introduction, that we can then move to actually impacting lives and easing the burden on those less fortunate. This is what the second part of the Gospel reminds us – if we are thankful, others will, in turn, be blessed and their souls will be at rest.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane & Toowoomba Diocese

Meeting for parishioners interested in Prison Chaplaincy.

Tuesday evening (11th July at 6.30pm), anyone interested in knowing more about Prison Chaplaincy is invited to a meeting with St Margaret Robinson and Judy Norris.

Minister's Preparation—Tuesday 18th July 2017

At long last we have been able to set a date for parishioners who wish to begin the ministry of Reader or Communion Minister. This year we are trying an evening rather than a Saturday afternoon. If you have given your name or would like to be considered for one of the ministries, please make a date in your Diary. Tuesday 18th July starting at 6.30pm. At this session we will have the paperwork that you need to complete as a volunteer in the Archdiocese. I hope you will give this opportunity to exercise your vocation as a Baptised Catholic some thought and offer your services.

Cleaners for the Church WANTED We are in desperate need of more cleaners for the Church.

Do you have a couple of hours a month to spare? If so please consider volunteering to clean the Church. Cleaning is usually done on Friday after Mass but if that is not suitable and you can arrange with Fr Roger or the Office for entry outside of this time then that is fine so long as the Church is cleaned towards the end of the week in time for weekend Masses. For more information or to volunteer please contact Pam on 3288 4594 or the office on 3818 0111.

2017 Confirmations. Please keep in your prayers, the young people who on Thursday will be Confirmed by Bishop Ken Howell. The young people have been preparing for this Sacrament, let us pray that they will continue to practice their faith. Pope Francis reminded a group of young people in Italy that it is not the Sacrament of 'Goodbye'. Bishop Ken has told me that this will be only the second Confirmation he has administered since his Episcopal Ordination.

Humour.

A bishop was gradually getting through a large Confirmation and one small boy came up whom the bishop seemed to remember he had seen him already. Still, he thought he must be mistaken, and confirmed the boy. When later on the same boy appeared for the third time, however, the Bishop bent down and whispered: 'I've confirmed you already haven't I?' The boy pointed to one of the assistant clergy. 'Yes,' he said 'but that priest over there keeps wiping it off.' (F.H.Drinkwater)

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)

July 9th –Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For my yoke is easy and my burden light.” - MATTHEW 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not “owners” of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 30 June,2017)

JESUS WAY – THE IMAGE OF THE STEWARD

All temporal and spiritual goods are created by and come from God.

That is true of everything human beings have:

Spiritual gifts like faith, hope, and love,

Talents of body and brain;

Cherished relationships with family and friends;

Material goods;

The achievements of human genius and skill;

The world itself.

One day God will require an accounting of the use each person has made of the particular portion of these goods entrusted to him or her.

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

There was a man who was going on a journey, and who left his wealth to be tended by three servants. Two of them responded wisely by investing the money and making a handsome profit. Upon returning, the master commends them warmly and rewards them richly. But the third behaves foolishly, with anxious pettiness, squirreling away the master’s wealth and earning nothing; he is rebuked and punished. (A paraphrase of Matthew 25: 14-30)

Do you ever run into people who tell you they have no talent or no talents in particular? Their disclaimer is as bad as false modesty! Why would God create someone with no talents? Isn’t it hard to believe that God would do that? Instead, people who claim they have no talents need to take the time to discover what their talents are. If they truly want to find a way to serve God, finding out what their talents are seems to be a small price to pay. I also remember the old saying that if only the birds with the most beautiful songs were to sing, the forest would be a very quite place indeed.

Questions:

What talents has God given to you?

How have you used those gifts to further God’s kingdom/make this world better?

How have you helped others recognize the gifts God has given to them?

At the heart of stewardship is the ability to grow in our faith commitment. It is a growth that asks us to recognize the richness of the simplicity of recognizing what is really important in our lives. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 10th July Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
Tues 11th July Meeting for Prison Chaplaincy 6.30pm
Wed 12th July Rosary 6.30pm
Thurs 13th July Confirmations 6.30pm
Sun 16th July 14th 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.

9th July, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42.

Psalm Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

16th July, 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Is 55:10-11; Rom 8:18-23; Mt 13:1-23



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: 14.07.17 Madeline Brugger & Mrs McGrath

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, 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: 9—15 July

Keith McPherson, Viancia Artigo, Christian Harbraken, Melda Appleman, Jean Hanssens, Catherine Neden, Cornelius Vink, Jim Alexander, Jyearanee Sam, Anna Allan, Mark Young, Vytas Lesevicius, Florence Taylor, Arthur Neden, Eric Pointon Josephine Shields, Alfred Sharman, Sivilay Phonsavadathy, Peter Mc Allister.

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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