



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Seventeenth

Sunday

In

Ordinary Time

30th 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: The Treasure in the Heart.

God devised a secret treasure for people and he gave it to the angels to bring it to earth, instructing them to hide it, so that people would have to search for it and might have joy in finding it.

‘Shall we hide it on the highest mountain’ asked the angels. ‘No,’ answered God, ‘because only the fittest and healthiest could climb that mountain and the weak would have no chance.’

‘Shall we put in the furthest shores of the ocean?’ ‘No,’ answered God, ‘because only the rich people could afford to travel so far and the poor would have no chance.’

‘Where shall we put it then?’ ‘Put it within reach of everybody, rich and poor, healthy or weak. Plant it in the centre of their beings. Hide it in their hearts.’

Let us turn to Solomon in today’s First Reading (*1 Kings 3:5-12*)

‘Solomon, as your greatest wish, do you want health and wealth for yourself?’ ‘No, Lord.’ ‘Solomon, as your greatest wish, do you want power over your enemies?’ ‘No, Lord.’ again.

‘Solomon as your greatest wish, what do you ask for?’ ‘Give me, Lord, a discerning heart.’

The strength of a good kings is within the heart ... for the kingdom is within us. But if the heart’s centre no longer holds, then all falls apart.

Our lives at certain times of crisis threaten to fall apart. Then our successes appear empty, our achievements are hollow and the very meaning of life that we once served wholeheartedly is now severely questioned. When the outer walls are crumbling it is a sure sign that it is time to start searching for the cause within.

If the church should listen to the cries of critics, so too must each individual befriend the disturbing voices that come from the well of the heart ... through dreams, vague feelings of dissatisfaction, blanket anxiety, blind compulsions and fundamental self-questioning.

It is tempting to run from the questions by moving into the fast lane of life and plunge into more diversionary behavior. Or do we stay with the painful cry and pay the price for the field?

For many people in the norther hemisphere, this is their holiday time. The kind of holiday one prefers will indicate a quest for more diversion or the opportunity for reflection. Diversion will paper the cracks; the work of reflection seeks the causes which may be deeply buried within.

The two parables of the treasure and the pearl differ in one circumstance. The treasure is something that is uncovered quite by accident: whereas the pearl is found after the deliberate pursuit and searching. Whichever way it come to light, one must sell out everything to lay hands on it as one’s own. We have several times learnt from Matthew that there is no cheap grace ... even when it comes free!

Psychologists use terms like the journey to integration or task of individuation. Mystical writers used imagery of climbing mountains or moving from outer courts into the centre of the castle. We are called to grow and asked to pay the price.

But the treasure is worth any price.

And the pearl at the centre of the heart is beautiful beyond words. For its beauty is nothing less that the reflection of God within me. That is the secret treasure hidden by the angels.

And if we discover that divine beauty within ourselves, the price will not be noticed.

Silvester O’Flynn O.F.M Cap—The Good News of Matthew’s Year.

COMING SOON Parish Youth Group Last month, a number of adults attended a Compulsory Leadership Training session, and as a result we can announce that there will be a Parish youth Group beginning in the parish. The first meeting for the age group twelve years and above, will take place on **Sunday 27th August** in the Parish Centre at **1.00pm**.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparations Today at the 9.00am Mass, we will welcome the young people who are beginning their journey to their First Communion. They will hand in their badge at the end of the Mass and this enrolls them in the Preparation course.

WANTED

Cleaners for the Church 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.

Flowers We also need someone to do the Flowers in the Church each week. Makerita who has been doing them for the past 2 years is no longer able to do them. This weekend is the last weekend we will have flowers in the Church unless someone takes on the job. The Parish pays for the flowers but the volunteer purchases and arranges them.

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. Don't leave till the last minute the fete is only 5 weeks away.

Share the Dignity Once again we will be collecting Sanitary items for this worthwhile charity.

We will be doing this throughout August so there will be two containers for the collection one in the Pergola and one in the foyer, if you are donating money please put it in an envelope marked "Share the Dignity" and please put this envelope in one of the collection plates during Mass.

You are invited to an open morning on Monday 7 or Tuesday 8 August 2017 9-30-1030am at **Brigidine College**, Indooroopilly.

Act now as places fill quickly. Phone 3870 7225 to book or secure a prospectus pack.

Go to www.brigidine.qld.edu.au for more information.

Women of the Way Annual Retreat 25-27 August, 2017 at Watson Park, Old Gympie Road, Dakabin, Brisbane.

Theme: Live Alive—No longer a Slave to Fear; I am a Child of God (Gal4:7. Ezek 34:27)

Presenters: David and Natalie Tensen

Resident Priest: Fr Chima Ofor

Contact: ph. 0402 316 288 or email wowqld@gmail.com Please **RSVP** by Aug 14

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—8 August 2017

You are invited to attend the Mass and morning tea at St Stephens Cathedral at 10.00am.

If you wish to attend please be early as there will be no reserved seating and for catering purposes please RSVP to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au

Humour With the ark settled safely after the flood, Noah opens the doors and commands the animals, "Go forth and multiply!" All the animals depart the ark, except for two snakes in the back. Noah proclaims again "Go forth and multiply," yet the snakes stay put. Perturbed, Noah finally asks them, "why have you not followed my command?" The snakes flicker their tongues and answer, "We can't multiply, Noah we're — — ADDERS.

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 response -able for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.” (1 Peter 4:10)

July 30th – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.” - ROMANS 8:28 Do you really trust God? Do you believe that all things work for good? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, means that God’s plan for our lives may be different than our plan. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 17 July,2017)

JESUS WAY – THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

In Jesus’ teaching and life, self-emptying is fundamental. His self-emptying is not sterile self-denial for its own sake; rather in setting aside self, He is filled with the Father’s will, . . . The Beatitudes and the rest of the Sermon on the Mount prescribe the life-style of a Christian disciple. Although (the lifestyle of a Christian disciple) does not suit worldly tastes, the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God.
Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

How blest are the poor in spirit, the reign of God is theirs.

Blest too are the sorrowing; they shall be consoled.

Blest are the lowly; they shall inherit the land.

Blest are they who hunger and thirst for holiness; they shall have their fill.

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are the single-hearted for they shall see God.

Blest too are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blest are those who are persecuted for holiness sake, the reign of God is theirs.

Blest are they when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. (Matthew 5, 3-11)

My parents were great examples of giving – they gave of themselves to each other, and they gave of themselves to others: me and my brothers and sisters, their parents, our parish, the poor in the community. However, my folks claimed none of the credit. They said they were just following the example of Jesus and the call of Jesus; and this is how they wanted us to live as well.

Questions:

How did your parents (or other family members) set an example for you of Jesus’ giving?

To what extent are we called to live as Jesus did?

To give up everything we own and preach the Gospel?

To give up our lives?

To confront those who are obstacles to belief in God?

To be a disciple of Jesus is to embark on a spiritual journey which asks every person to walk with the Lord, to imitate the pattern of Jesus’ life, to follow His example of service to others. It involves the willingness to take up the cross, to endure the difficult, to be willing to give up one’s life for others, only to discover the rich paradox of reward which comes from discipleship. *Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy USA Catholics: are we our Brothers’ and Sisters’ Keepers? (from Chicago Studies, April 1991, Volume 30 #1)*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Sun 30th July Enrollment for First Communions
 Mon 31st July Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 2nd Aug Rosary 6.30pm
 Thurs 3rd Aug Parish Pastoral Council
 Sun 6th Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord

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.



30th July, 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 1 Kg 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
 Psalm Response: Lord, I love your commands.
6th Aug, The Transfiguration of the Lord.
 Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19



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	9.00am Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Cleaning: 04.08.17 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.

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, Jaiden Madasferi, Maureen Shackleton, Macey Ingram, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Bill McCarthy, Valerie Chew, Robert Combes. (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: 30 July—5 Aug

Robert Jeffrey, John McNulty, Emo Gross, Niko Mamea, Dulcie Penny, Wesley Farnham, Luka Vuksic.

Recently Deceased

Richard Timothy Butler.

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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