



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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

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

**19th Sunday**  
**in**  
**Ordinary Time**

**13th August**  
**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 Lord, ascended on high, keeps watch over the Church's boat throughout the storms. His message is always one of courage. And our experience of terror can open us up to a greater sense of God.

This story of the boat in the storm leads to an awesome sense of the nearness of God. Peter calls Jesus 'Lord' and the men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' It is a story of faith that develops into adoration. If you have ever experienced the need to cast yourself down in adoration of God, you have been blessed with a very precious divine encounter.

The gospels are based on the experiences of people in their encounters with God in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. These experiences were treasured in memory and retold. The growing Christian Community remembered and recalled these experiences for their own edification and strengthening. Matthew has brilliantly reconstructed the memory of the boat in the storm as an instruction for his contemporaries on how faith can develop through the storms of life.

Where is Jesus now? According to the story he has gone up to the hills to pray. This is the second of the five mountains in Matthew. It is the mountain of prayer and sets the context for the deep experience of God's greatness and nearness. The mountain of prayer anticipates the ascension of the glorified Lord. He is no longer here to be physically seen or heard, or touched, but his care for his flock is unceasing, for in heaven he is 'living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.' (Heb 7:25)

The boat of the disciples is surely the Church caught up in the teeth of a particularly violent storm.

It is night-time: for the journey of the church is by the dim light of faith. No longer have they the physical, tangible nearness of Jesus. They are just learning that his care extends through the night. They are to trust that the glorified Lord will come again, though not until the final watch of the night. Until then we chart our course by faith.

Faith is a mysterious balance of light and darkness, the mixture of the absence of God and his presence. The believer steps out into the darkness beyond the light of reasoning and scientific proof. God is not known in the same way that we know one another through contact with the outer senses. We are peering through the night.

St Paul compared it to the imperfect reflection shown in the dull plate-mirror of his day: 'Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror, but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect.' (1 Cor 13:12)

The disciples did have faith, but it was still only little faith, baby faith which would have to grow. Peter emerges as their spokesman. He has faith enough to venture beyond what was sensible. He walked on water. But he did not have faith enough to persevere in the face of wind and mounting waves.

'Man of little faith, why did you doubt?' Grown-up faith faces the problems and still does not doubt. It may be very unclear (for it peers through the darkness), but it does not doubt. Its strength comes from hearing the Word: 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.'

The mature believer has this immovable foundation that God is, and God cares for us, and God is watching us through the night and through the storm. The storm can be good for deepening our faith.

In the story of Elijah on the mountain 'the Lord himself went by.' God was there all the time but Elijah did not experience him in the great storm, nor the earthquake, nor the fire. It was only after these times of terror that Elijah experienced the presence of God in the gentle breeze. He stood in awe at the entrance to his cave and covered his face.

Similarly with the disciples in the boat, it was when the storm subsided that they bowed down and said: 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' It took the storm which showed up their own helplessness to reveal the greatness of Jesus to them. Their humiliation prepared them for adoration.

The story is about the little faith that can grow and become adoration.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.—the Good News of Matthew.

## **TUESDAY 15th August Feast of the Assumption Holyday of Obligation**

To celebrate the Feast and to fulfill the obligation of the Holy Day of Obligation, there will be two masses in the Parish. 9.00am in the morning we will celebrate with the School in the School Hall and in the evening at 6.30pm we will celebrate Mass in the church.

**FIRST EUCHARIST Preparations** Today after the 9.00am Mass, we will continue the Sacramental Preparation for the young people

### **WANTED**

**Flowers** We 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. We have one parishioner who has offered to do the flowers thank you Maria. Ideally it would be nice to have at least one other person so that the same person isn't doing the flowers every week.

We haven't had any response at all to our call out for people

**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 3 weeks away.

Thank you to the people who have donated items so far, we have a great range of lovely sellable items.

We are after some volunteers to help run our stall on the day of the Fete. The fete runs from 10.00am –3.00pm if you could just give us an hour or two that would be a great help.

**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.

**Marian Valley Canungra**—All are invited to celebrate a special Birthday of Our Lady on **Saturday 2nd September** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Commencing at 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available), Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass Celebrant will be Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE< Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes.

For those not wishing to drive, a bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church at 8-00am and Darra Polish Club at 8-15am or Riverview (Tessman St) 8-10am. Fare \$20—Bookings and info Ann 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

**Quo Vadis** is a Latin phrase that means "where are you going?" The Quo Vadis Weekend is offered to young men considering the priesthood, to ask themselves the questions "where am I going, what am I doing, and how does God fit into that?"

Hosted by Vocation Brisbane and Holy Spirit Seminary, the Quo Vadis Weekend is held on the 26th-28th August 2017 at the Holy Spirit Seminary. Quo Vadis is designed as an immersive experience of priestly formation and discernment, giving participants the opportunity to gauge their understanding of God's call in their life.

To register for the weekend, contact Adam Burns by email: [burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au)

### **THE MASS SERIES A look at the Catholic Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge**

Each Wednesday, Archbishop Mark is presenting a talk on the Mass. A mobile App can be downloaded from the App store or by going to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>. The Video can be found at the top of the page and is well worth watching.

Carl Jung was counselling a man who had been receiving therapy for six months and was getting no better. Finally Dr Jung said: 'Friend, I cannot do any more for you. What you need is God. 'How do I find God, Dr Jung?' the man asked.

'I do not know,' said Dr Jung, 'but I suspect if you find a group of people that believe in Him passionately and just spend time with them you will find God.'

## 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)**

### August 13, 2017 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“He said, “Come”. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.” - MATTHEW 14:29 When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He’s doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say “yes” to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has in mind for you. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 8th August,2017)

## JESUS WAY – THE STEWARDS REWARD

By their worthy deeds in this life, people also make a limited but real human contribution to building up the kingdom. They do so with an eye to present happiness and also to the fulfillment, which the kingdom – and themselves as part of it – will enjoy in the life to come.

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

**P**eter was moved to say to Him ‘We have put aside everything to follow you!’ Jesus answered, ‘I give you my word, there is no one who has given up home, brothers or sisters, mother or father, children or property, for me and for the gospel who will not receive in this present age a hundred times as many homes, brothers and sisters, mothers, children and property – and prosecution besides – and in the age to come, everlasting life.’

(Mark 10: 28-30)

I am constantly in awe of the seeming paradoxes that run through Christ’s message (I think that is why it rings so true – who would preach a message so contrary to the ways of this world but God himself?).

The more we give up for God (to the church and community, of time and treasure), the more we receive from God! And not just in the next life, but in this life too.

I’ve found my friends who practice Stewardship as a way of life say they have found the meaning and purpose of life: serving others and giving of themselves. They are the happiest and most fulfilled people I know (certainly more so than those who’ve focused on getting as many material goods & toys as they can).

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### Questions:

Why should we do good here in this life?

What should you do best in God’s kingdom on earth to prepare yourself for God’s kingdom in heaven?

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Thank God our time is now! Stewardship is an enterprise that invites us into an exploration of a new world – an exploration into God. Which one of us can dare resist this incredible invitation from a loving and gracious God? *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass  
 Sacramental Preparation after 9.00am Mass  
**Mon 14th Aug. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm**  
 In English.  
**Tues 15th Aug. Feast of the Assumption.**  
 Mass 9.00am in School, 6.30pm in Church.  
**Wed 9th Aug. Rosary 6.30pm**  
**Sun 13th Aug 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Collections For Last Week

<b>First</b>	☺	↑	
<b>Second</b>	☹	↓	
	☺	↑	= 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.

## 13th Aug, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-23

Psalm Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

## 20th Aug, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28



### 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 School 6.30pm Mass Church
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

### Cleaning: 18.08.17 Luau 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, 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. Barbara Wakelin. (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: 13 – 19 Aug

James Beresford, Graham Huth, Joan Bell, Herbie Poek, Therese Waddington, Lucia Ceraldi, Patricia Lourigan, James Roddin.

## 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.