



St Francis Xavier Parish

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21st Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

27th 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 Christian Disciple

In recent weeks we have seen how a Christian disciple is someone:

- nourished by the bread of God's compassion:
- saved from sinking by the hand of God:
- persevering in faith like the Canaanite woman.

Now we see that a true disciple is like Peter, blessed with the divine gift of faith.

There is an old principle in theology that what God wills to accomplish in many he first manifests in one person. That is a way of saying that God writes a headline in one person's life for all people to copy.

Simon Peter is a headline or model of faith. A good model too, because he was moulded from no extraordinary clay. We do not stand back at a fearful distance from Simon as someone or unattainable perfection. We have seen his flesh and blood mixture, being weak and strong, cold and hot, fearful and courageous.

And now, into this vessel or ordinary clay God pours an extraordinary gift ... faith.

"It is not your flesh and blood mixture that gave you this light, but my Father in heaven. Simon, son of Jonah, you are the recipient of a great blessing."

Faith is a gift.

In the gospel pages it is noticeable that Jesus was amazed when he met with someone who believed; and was moved to bless the Father in thanksgiving for the faith of the little ones. Yet we today have ceased to be amazed at faith: rather we are surprised and dismayed when we come across someone who does not believe.

If you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the saviour of the world, then you are truly blessed. You are more than a creature of flesh and blood. Like Simon you deserve a new name.

Like Simon, you too are a new Peter, a new rock in the temple of God's presence upon earth. Your faith will be a rock of foundation to give strong roots to withstand the most severe storms and floods of life. Your faith will bring you the keys to open and close the door of life's mysterious castle. You have the key to open up God's forgiveness and to lock away the terrors of guilt. Your key will open up the light of wisdom, understanding and knowledge: lock out the powers of darkness.

You have the key of faith to throw open the chains of fear and anxiety which restrict our growth: and to bind in chains the phantoms of terror which come up from the mind's cellar.

You have the key of hope which will sustain you. And the key to love, for if you believe in God's love, then you have the motive to overcome every denial of love in your life: you love will be greater than the hurts it receives.

In fact you have the key to salvation.

If you have the gift of faith you are truly blessed. You have a gift to be treasured with wonder and amazement: to be carefully protected and daily nurtured by prayer and study.

You have a gift which should move you to thank God and to praise him without ceasing.

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



On Friday last week, Archbishop Mark sent out a list of new appointments.

At the end of the letter there was the following:

“Earlier this month I spoke with Fr Roger Burns who has advised me of his intention to retire from ministry at the end of the year. I thank him for his service to the Archdiocese of Brisbane and wish him every blessing as he enters the next phase of life.

I now call for expressions of interest in the following appointment: Parish Priest of Goodna.”

It is now a matter of waiting to see if any priest wants to take on the responsibilities of the parish and then await the Archbishop to appoint someone. Please pray for the parish and intercede for the right man to be appointed as your Parish Priest.

What happens to Fr Roger?

In the meeting with the Archbishop the question he asked was “What do you want to do?” The reply was : certainly not just sit back and put my feet up. At the present time, there is no-one in this part of the Archdiocese able to help out with priest either ill or on holiday, our supply priest come from either the West End of Brisbane or Camp Hill.

My intention is to be available to help with Masses and services, but at the same time have the ability to relax a bit, to take up again my hobby of working with wood and metal. There is also the whole need to become used to living not on my own but with my sister in Forest Lake. The Archbishop is insistent that until a priest is not able to carry out his priestly duties, he does not actually retire but moves to lesser duties. You may see me from time to time helping out the new Parish priest.

I shall probably write more as we approach the end of the year, but I would like to say that it has been a blessing to serve here in Goodna.

Share the Dignity Once again we are 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 put this envelope in one of the collection plates during Mass.

I am a little disappointed in the response to this worthwhile cause. Please when you do your groceries look at the Sanitary items and grab a pack of whatever is on sale and donate to this worthy cause.

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.

No Mass on Wednesday morning. This coming week the priests of the Archdiocese are meeting to hear from Fr Hans Zollner SJ, president of the Centre for Child Protection at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. This is part of the Archbishop’s intention that the Archdiocese of Brisbane should be if any thing leading the way in addressing the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults. Because of the start time of 9.00am. It is not possible to celebrate the usual mass in the parish on Wednesday morning.

Did you know?

In 2016, your donations have transformed the lives of **20** students through the gift of a Catholic education, through a MacKillop Fund bursary. Please support the **2017 Annual Catholic Campaign** — your gift will be a blessing to a child, and bring hope to their family.



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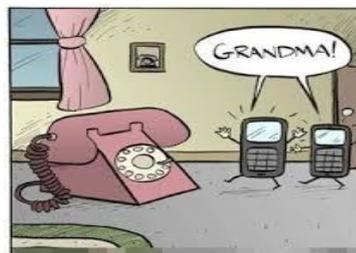


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Youth Group Due to the School Fete being on this weekend the first get together for the Youth Group has been postponed till Sunday 17th September.



More pics on www.imfunny.net

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 27, 2017 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot **give** the Lord anything, because God already owns it all. God made everything.

All that we can do is **return** a portion of God's many gifts back to Him.

Sincere gratitude for our gifts opens our hearts to joyful generosity!

(Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 18th August, 2017)

Receiving Holy Communion

Preparing for the talk on Holy Communion, I was surprised to discover that the changes made by the Australian Bishops date as far back as 2008. It does not hurt to be reminded from time to time. This is what the Liturgical Commission stated:

The General Instruction acknowledges that the common posture in Australia for the reception of Holy Communion is to stand. By following the common practice and standing to receive communion, Holy Communion becomes a true sign of unity among those who share in the same table of the Lord.

At present, different gestures of reverence are being used when people receive communion. To show that we are one in Christ, all communicants are asked to use a common sign of reverence from 11th May:

"When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive". Communicants are to make a simple bow of the head when they step forward to receive the consecrated elements from the minister. Such a bow can be done simply, without disrupting the flow of the Communion Procession."

Notice the instructions do not say that the communicant has to receive the host on the tongue or in the hand. Nor does it mention making a sign of the cross after receiving.

Making the sign of the cross as a sign of reverence to the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle seems to go against the reality, that Jesus Christ is now inside of you. There is no need to make the gesture of the Sign of the cross.

Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem describes the early manner of receiving communion in an address to a group of newly baptised Christians on the Sunday after Easter in 348AD. It can be seen that communion was received at the Eucharist under both the forms of bread and wine, with the people reverently taking the bread and then the cup in their own hands.

'When you approach (communion) do not come with your hands outstretched or with your fingers open, but make your left hand a throne for the right one, which is to receive the King. With your hand hollowed, receive the body of Christ and answer "Amen". After having, with every precaution, sanctified your eyes by contact with the holy body consume it, making sure that not a particle is wasted, for that would be like losing one of your own limbs, Tell if you were given some gold dust, would you not hold it very carefully for fear of letting it fall and losing it? How much more careful, then you should be not to let fall even a crumb of something more precious than gold or jewels! After receiving the body of Christ, approach the chalice of his blood. Do not stretch out your hands, but bow in an attitude of adoration and reverence and say, "Amen".'

The instructions of the Bishops are meant to bring about unity and by adhering to them show that we are one with each other.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 28th Aug. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
Wed 30th Aug. Rosary 6.30pm
Sat 2nd Sep 9.00am Mass
 Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sun 3 Sep 22nd 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.

27th Aug, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20
Psalm Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!
3rd Sept 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27.



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	No Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	9.00am Mass 1st Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Cleaning: 25.0817 Julia Deng

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: 27 Aug – 02 Sept.

Connell Fryars, Stefan Janczuk, Gus De Glas, Valda Grigutis, Janina Mykolaitiene, John (Jack) Neden, Jim O'Hagan.

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.

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