



St Francis Xavier Parish

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28th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

15th October
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: *Amen, Yes, to God.*

Is it likely that people might receive and invitation to the royal wedding banquet and not come? Is it possible that people might receive and invitation to the banquet of the Lord and not come?

Those who refused to come to the wedding were of two types. The first were not interested: rather, they were more interested in their own business. The second reacted with irrational violence to the invitation: they manhandled the poor messengers and killed them.

This hostile reaction to the good news is a recurring theme in the gospel. The light which came to earth was painful to the sore eyes of those who preferred the ways of darkness. Goodness always threatens those who are secure in their identity. The hostility of Herod to the rumours of an infant king triggered off an insane massacre of innocent children. We have seen how the preaching of the kingdom provoked hostile opposition and conflict. Should we be surprised when this hostile reaction rears its ugly head today among post-Christian secularists?

All committed Christians, who are imbued with a sense of their mission, should consider themselves as the servants sent to the cross-roads to invite everyone, good and bad, to the Saviour's banquet. But when we meet with an apathetic lack of interest, or an energetic hostility, who is to blame? Is it totally the fault of those who reject the message? Or must the messengers accept responsibility for the poor presentation of the message?

At least it is consoling that the Lord himself was met with apathy and hostility, so why should we imagine that we ought to fare better? The Lord registered surprise when he met someone who believed in him: we are dismayed whenever one does not.

Yet, we must be constantly examining ourselves on whether we are to blame for the poor way that we have presented the Lord's invitation. One remembers Pope Paul VI, at the conclusion of the Second Vatican Council, apologising for the faults of the Catholic church which hindered the mission of the gospel. Ghandi, it is said, was deeply impressed by Christ but not by Christians.

Where we ought to be drawing people to Jesus Christ, are we in fact turning the off? Is it true that in many instances our religious education gives a small, and painful dose which immunizes people from ever experiencing the real thing? Is it possible that we, preachers, have made God boring?

God, the one who makes all things new, the eternal spring to satisfy our deepest thirst. The life beyond all time and limitation, the love that heals, uplifts and offers hope! This God ... boring?

That religion might prove difficult to understand is understandable: but that religion should be boring is inexcusable.

I like the words of the American poet e.e.cummings:

'I'd rather learn from one bird how to sing than teach a thousand stars how not to dance.'

Have we become so depressed by bad news that we are forgetting to tell the good news? Are our Christian lives so pampered and protected that we are more like blocks for dead wood than fruitful branches invigorated by the sap of the Holy Spirit?

The liturgical word for *yes* to the invitation of God is Amen.

Christ is the Word of the Father, the perfect *Amen* of God.

In Jesus of Nazareth we recognize a life of total *Yes* to God.

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'The Son of God, the Christ Jesus that we proclaimed among you ... was never *Yes* and *No*: with him it was always *Yes*, and however many the promises God made, the *yes* to them all is in him. That is why it is 'thought him' that we answer ***Amen*** to the praise of God. (2 Cor 1:19-20)

As his followers, we are invited to come to the banquet and join in his unconditional *Yes*, *Amen*, to the Father.

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

Family Mass On the first Sunday in November, the 9.00am Mass will be celebrated in the School Hall and families of children attending St Francis Xavier School will be invited to take part. The last hymn of the Mass is one that the children know, but we have not used. Starting next week, we will practice the new hymn at all masses using a CD.

Replacement of the Church Roof. At long last, the final step in the process of replacing the church Roof has been completed. We have permission from the Heritage commission and have negotiated a loan from the Archdiocesan Development Fund. The roofing company has been informed and we await the details of when they will begin the work.

New Ministers. We are still looking to supplement the minister's roster for weekend Masses. Since our last training session, a couple of people have expressed an interest. If you are considering becoming a Minister of the Word or a Communion Minister, please let Father Roger or the Parish Office know. As soon as we have a reasonable number of people interested, a training session will be arranged.

Youth Group Next get together will be Sunday 22nd October at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Baptism Preparation Sessions are scheduled for the last Friday of the month. The session last one hour during which the expectations of the church on the parents are explained. The church now insists that for any reception of a Sacrament, there must be some form of preparation.

The process is quite simple. The parents complete a Baptismal Request form which is available from the sacristy. This is returned with a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, the baptismal certificates of the Parents and at least one of the godparents who is a Catholic. The parents then attend the preparation session. Parents must book a place on the Preparation Session and not just turn up on the night.

It is only after the attendance at the Preparation Session and the completion of the paper-work that a date for the Baptism can be arranged.

Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld

Date Claimer: **Retreat Weekend 11-12 November**

Quiet Day 11 November Stillness of Spirit

Join us for a weekend retreat with talks, periods of meditation and time for quiet reflection, or come for the day on Saturday. Opportunities also exist to stay on Friday night and unwind before the retreat commences.

Where: Santo Teresa Spirituality Centre 267 Wellington St, Ormiston Qld 4160

For any queries and to register your interest contact: Gabby Nelson

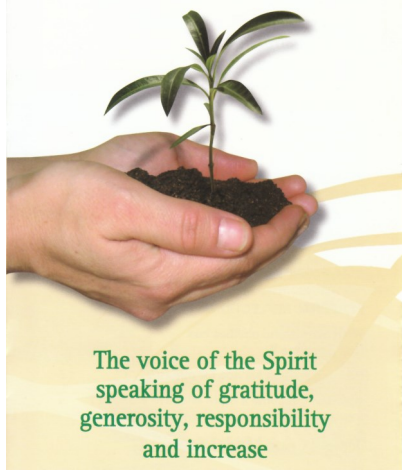
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November—Month of the Holy Souls November 1st is All Saints Feast Day and 2nd November All Souls Feast Day. In order to celebrate the feast of All Souls there will be an evening **Mass at 6.30pm**. You are able to offer Mass intentions for your deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes are available at the door of the church. Place your contribution in the envelope and list the names on the back of the envelope. In the weeks following the masses for the people will be celebrated. Any masses which are left unsaid at the end of the year will be handed over to Fr Tuong.

HUMOUR: We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the "Seniors Special" was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. "Sounds good", my wife said. "But I don't want the eggs". "Then I'll have to charge you \$2.49 because you're ordering a la carte", the waitress warned her. "You mean I'd have to pay for not taking the eggs?" my wife asked. "Yes". "I'll take the special". "How do you want your eggs?" "Raw and in the shell", my wife replied. She took the two eggs home. **DON'T MESS WITH SENIORS.**

We've been around the block more than once

Spirituality for Life



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)

October 15th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“My God will supply whatever you need...” - PHILIPPIANS 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 6th October, 2017)

DOOR OPEN TO A NEW MISSAL

In 2011 the English Roman Missal was produced amidst some disagreement regarding the 'Churchy' language. According to Gerard O'Collins writing in the Tablet, the production of an English translation of the 1970 missal was completed by the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) in 1974. The 11 bishops' conferences who were full members of ICEL approved the translation and the Holy See gave the required confirmation. By 1973 the Missal was ready to be printed and distributed.

'ICEL then set itself to revise painstakingly the 1972 translation. From the early 1990's it submitted the revised texts to the bishops' conferences. All 11 English-speaking conferences approved the new translation and in 1998 submitted it to Rome for confirmation. However, instead of discussing the text with the episcopal conferences or with ICEL, the prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the sacraments (CDW), Cardinal Medina Estévez simply rejected the 1998 Missal. Cardinal Medina then demanded wide-spread changes in the mandate, structure and personnel of ICEL which in 2003 led to new statute governing its operation.

Now in *Magnum Principium*, after hearing the views of a commission of bishops and experts he appointed at the end of 2016, Pope Francis has recalled from Vatican II the "right" of all "faithful of whatever age and culture" to "share in a conscious and active way in the liturgical celebrations." This calls for translations that are not only faithful to the Latin original but also intelligible when they are proclaimed in the vernacular languages.' (Tablet 16.09.17)

In the Archdiocese in 2008, preparation for the introduction of the New Missal the priest met with a Jesuit priest Keith Pecklers. "Praying with the new Missal" gave some insights into the translation and some of the difficulties that were being encountered with the style of language. Many priest present were not please with the new translation, but unfortunately there was nothing that could be done about it.

The Pope has opened the door to the text being reinvestigated. This will of course be up to the individual bishops' conferences. There will be a need for the bishops to meet to discuss this and then inform the church.

Here in Australia the bishops are preparing for a Plenary Council. Archbishop Mark has been appointed as the chair of the Executive for the Council. *In the Tablet interview, Archbishop Coleridge said the Church had been "shaken to the core" by the abuse scandal and today was being called to a "greater authenticity".*

He explained: "In this, the call of the Royal Commission and the call of Pope Francis converge in what looks to be one of the strange disruptions of the Holy Spirit."

The crisis, Archbishop Coleridge stressed, was "both threat and opportunity" but required the Church to adopt a new approach. To that end the bishops have announced a Plenary Council to take place in 2020 which will undertake a wide-ranging review of its mission including how to give more responsibility to lay people. One of the major criticisms of the Church in Australia has been clericalism, which has seen too much responsibility placed in the hands of priests and bishops.'

A changing church is a 'living' Church meeting the needs of the people of God.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 16th Oct. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 18h Oct. Rosary 6.30pm
 Sun 22nd Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Parish Youth Group 1.00pm in Centre

Collections For Last Week

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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.



15th Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-4

Psalm Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

22nd Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

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| 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: 13.10.17 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, Marianne Bergel. (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: 15-20 October

Frank Peters, Raimond Vicic, Kevin Carlyle, Alifo Spina, Kerry Fitzgerald, Urbano Oblino, Alapati Sala, Geoffrey Walsh, Albert Gallagher, Francis O'Neill.

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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