



St Francis Xavier Parish

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

32nd Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

12th November
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: *Be Ready Today*

The message of the parable is very clear: be ready for the coming of the Lord.

Yet we have an amazing capacity of complicating the simple and for casting a fog of confusion over what should be perfectly clear.

Nothing is more obvious about human life that the fact that everybody must die and some time. Yet our confused minds make us think and act as if we had the right to live on here for ever. As secularistic thinking takes more of a grip on people's mind, death is becoming a taboo subject. The inevitability of death is not being honestly faced. Coping with bereavement is becoming a widespread problem. People are tending to live with no thought of where the journey of life is going.

There is a sharp ray of wisdom in the story about the tree devils who were planning a strategy to confuse our thinking and lead us astray. The first said: 'tell them there is no hell, so there is nothing to be afraid of.' the second disagreed; "No, that's not enough. Some of them fancy that they act for more noble motives than fear. Why not tell them that there is no heaven. Take away all hope, take away a future to look forward to.' The third spoke out of experience of his years: 'Forget about this heaven or hell tactic. That is all too unreal for them. I know how they live and how they think> You must meet them where they are. Don't bother telling them there is no hell. Don't tell them there is no heaven, just tell them there is no hurry.'

The story of the ten bridesmaids reaches its climatic moment when the heavy crossbar falls into place and the door is closed. The heavy oriental door was a complicated affair. So, from that moment on, there is a clear separation of the wise, who were inside he door, from the unwise, who were outside. It was the moment of ending the time waiting and beginning the festivities.

One of our central beliefs in Christianity is about facing the light of judgement when we die. The doctrine that developed in the growth of sacred Scripture maintains that there is life after death: and that it is either a life of glory and reward or a life of damnation and punishment.

Earlier in Matthew we came across the mixture of good and bad in the earthly kingdom: wheat and weeds in the one field, good fish and useless in one net. The sorting out would not take place until the final day of judgement and separation. The moment of death is when the door is closed. The time of experimentation with the kingdom is over. The examination has started and it is too late for cramming: you have signed your name to the document and it is too late to pull back from the contract.

When we wonder about our readiness for that final examination the best indicator is our readiness to answer the call today. The past is gone. The future has not come back to meet us. Each present day is all we have to cope with. 'if you hear his voice today, harden not your hearts', said the psalmist. Today is the day you are to hear the call of the bridegroom, and bear his light, and be ready to follow him.

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

Women's Discernment Retreat Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling them.

Date: Saturday 25th-26th November 2017. Time 9am Saturday—5pm Sunday

Venue Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd Oxley.

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr Melissa 0484 007 508

Landscape of Prayer A retreat opportunity for women of all ages.

Friday 8 Dec 6pm—Sunday 10 Dec 3pm Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston.

Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full time students) To register or enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au. See notice board for flyer.

Share the Dignity have a Christmas appeal called **It's in the Bag** which as a Parish we will be participating in.

You have the power to make life better for a woman or girl experiencing homelessness or poverty this Christmas. Donate to our Christmas collection **"It's in the Bag"**. Provide Sanitary items, personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence. It's simple. First of all, choose a handbag you no longer use. Then, fill it with essential items like **Sanitary items, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo, conditioner** then anything else that would make a woman or girl feel special. Pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Show her that she matters because everyone deserves to feel that way.

Don't forget the teenage girls either if you do a teenage bag tie a yellow ribbon onto the handles so the volunteers who distribute know that that bag is for a teenager.

Next time you're at the shops, collect a few items for your Christmas handbag. Drop your completed bag into the Parish office.

I need to have all bags by the end of November so that I can drop them at the designated drop off point by the 2nd December. Thank you Marie

Parish Christmas Party Monday 20th November beginning at 10.30am in the Ron Illidge Centre.

For catering purposes we need numbers by the weekend of 18/19 November, so if you are attending please put your name down as soon as possible as we have only 80 places including our volunteers.

Youth Group The Youth Group require a Laptop. If you have a Laptop that you are no longer using would you consider donating to the Youth Group. The Laptop should be at least 2 years old with USB ports so that they can run programs from it and be able to link to the TV in the Parish Centre. Contact the office if you can help. Youth meet the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Parish Centre at 1.00pm with the next meeting being on 19th November.

Advent Fair at the Cathedral of St. Stephen: St Stephen's Cathedral Choir is holding their annual fundraising event ADVENT FAIR on SUNDAY, 3rd December, the 1st Sunday of Advent, from 9 a.m. in between masses, at the Cathedral Precinct. There will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, fresh homemade cakes, sweets, savouries and many more delectable food items. This will be in cooperation with COSSAG who will have their Christmas Market at the same time throughout the weekend, featuring all the gifts and decorations you will need for Christmas. There will be FREE Tea and Coffee throughout the event. There will Aussie Sausage Sizzle for the duration of the Fair. The Guides and Welcomers will be there to offer tours of St Stephen's. Come in the spirit of Advent and enjoy festive music!

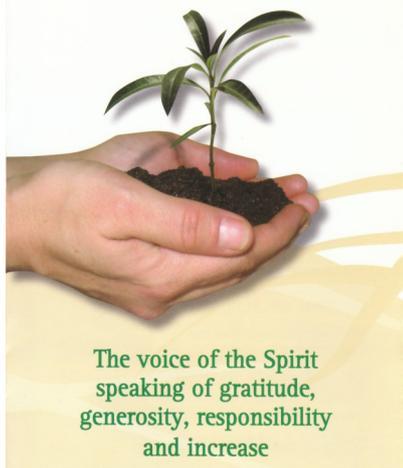
Christmas Day Community Dinner 2017 Do you want to make a real difference in someone's life this Christmas? We need table host, prayer team members, entertainers, hospitality and children's craft and activity volunteers to make this day a success.

For more details of how you can get involved: Please email info@ipswichawakening.com.au or call **Lee-Anne** on **0421 794 748** to be sent a **Volunteer Information & Registration Pack**.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane End of Year Event at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate on Saturday 25 Nov 2017 from 9.30am-2pm. All welcome. Bring and share lunch.

Enquiries: Miriam 3202 6856 or email secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au for more details.

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)

November 12, 2017 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” - MATTHEW 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We’ve all said, “I’ll do it later when I have time.” Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus’ call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. Don’t delay, how is God calling you to use your gifts today?

Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 7th November, 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
 Mon 13th Nov. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 15th Nov. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 19th Nov. 33rd 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.



12 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

Psalm Response: My soul is thirsting for you O Lord my God.

19 November 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; 1thess 5:1-6, Mt 25:14-30



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: 17.11.17 Anna & Madeline

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, Macey Ingram, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Bill McCarthy, Valerie Chew, Jim Wakling, Barbara Wakelin, Marianne Bergel, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer. (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: 12-18 November

Kathleen Martin, Rosalia Zupanc, Keith & Cecilia Leek, Doreen Lovell, Sergio Caro, Percival Power, John Gray, Patricia Randle, Malachy Makel, Stan Breuer, Bernadette Devlin.

Recently Deceased: Phillip Brady

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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