



St Francis Xavier Parish

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St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 1800 846 643 - Weekdays only .

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

33rd Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

19th November

2017

Embracing the suburbs of Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira, Carole Park, Collingwood Park, Ellen Grove. Gailes, Kruger, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Wacol and beyond.

GOOD NEWS: Judgement and Accountability.

This is a story about our accountability to God. There is a very serious sense of personal responsibility in the story which runs counter to the fashion of thinking today.

We have come from an age when many people were weighed down by an excessively strict concept of God. Theology was far more concerned with the defence of orthodoxy than savouring the delight of God: like somebody at a sumptuous meal who is so concerned about the possibility of harmful additives in the food that he cannot enjoy the taste of anything. Fear of God paralysed many people in their creativity and stunted their initiative. Many consciences were damaged for life.

From the extreme of strictness we have swung to the opposite extreme of leniency. Authority is rejected: discipline is not in favour: the need for punishment is not understood, correction is not accepted. As a result, we have a generation with no backbone, when people are incapable of making a firm commitment or of sticking faithfully to a promise.

It has led to a very feeble sort of religious thought and produces wishy-washy statements like: "All Jesus really asked for was love, but all the church give is laws.

But where is the single-minded Jesus who preached the need for repentance: who was angry with the money-changers and hypocrites; who forgave the adulterous woman but told her to sin no more: who asked his followers to take up their crosses and follow him? This feeble thinking picks and chooses what one likes from religion and disregards what does not appeal.

The existence and influence of the devil are not taken seriously. Hell is denied. And having to face the light of judgment and render an account of life is totally forgotten. At the old extreme, justice untampered by mercy produced a servile fear of God. 'Sir, ... I was afraid ... so I hid your talent in the ground.' But at the present extreme, a religion which stresses mercy but disregards God's justice is producing serious moral irresponsibility.

The parable of the talents makes the point that God has invested in us and expects to make a profit on each investment. The return that God expects is that the divine love which we have received would be spread out on earth by us.

St John seems to suggest that God's love is incomplete until we pass it on. 'As long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us.' (1 Jn 4:12) God's love does not come to perfection on earth until we accept it and pass it on to others. God's investment is to be turned to profit, not to be buried in the ground.

The mistake being made by our contemporary feeble thinking is in understanding how firm and tough Christian love must be.

Love is firm in its obedience to the commandments: in its faithfulness until death: and in its stubborn refusal to be turned aside by hurt of malice. Love is tough in its willingness to confront, to challenge, to correct. Love is the courage to take up the cross and the loyalty to stand with Jesus. Love is being faithful to God in every small moment and every small encounter, for the small moments accumulate and give the overall shape to life.

In the parable, the master congratulates and rewards those who were faithful and productive in the small affairs. And when we render an account for our lives, it will be according to these everyday use of God's talents in us.

Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join your master's happiness.

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

Peter's Pence Collection gives Catholics in Australia an opportunity to join in communion with the Catholic faithful throughout the world in support of the charitable works of the Holy See.

The collection will be taken as a retiring collection on the Feast of Christ the King next weekend.

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** and 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.

Please drop your bags into the office by 4pm Wednesday 29th November. Thank you

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 this weekend.

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 hosts, 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.

CALL FOR DONATIONS OF USABLE BEDS AND OTHER FURNITURE

The St Vincent de Paul society gives food, clothing and furniture free of charge to people in the community who ask for assistance because they are struggling to provide for their families. At this time we are asking for your kind donation of quality furniture, especially beds to help us meet an increasing number of requests.

For a collection from your home, please phone 1800 846 643.

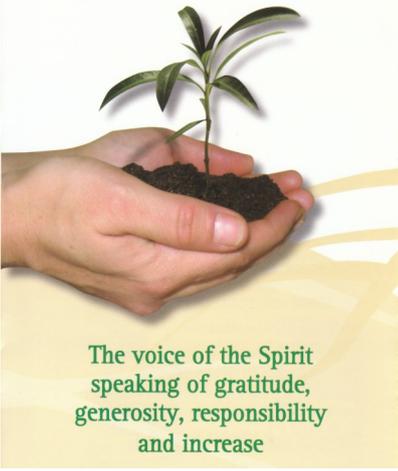
Alternatively, you can deliver your donation during opening hours to:

- Ipswich—272 Brisbane Street Ipswich, Ph. 3812 2450
- Sumner Park—9 Jijaws Street, Sumner Park, Ph. 3279 1030

Position Vacant Applications are open for a position at the Beaudesert Catholic Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time position of parish administration assistant for 10 hours a week, Thursday to Friday with the occasional Monday when required.

For additional information, please visit <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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)

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“Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you have been faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities.”- MATTHEW 25:21 God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 10th November, 2017)

God's Gifts to us of Time Talent and Treasure.

The Gifts of God

Think of God's gifts in broader terms, beyond simply the material goods or security we may enjoy. Consider the preciousness of the following gifts:

- Our faith, hope and love
- Our family and loving relationships
- Our intelligence and skills
- Our imagination and vision
- Our world in all its beauty.

“Stewardship involves a far more radical challenge than the sharing of our resources with the church. There is no doubt that it is important to ask people to live a life of stewardship which is prayerful, planned, proportionate and sacrificial”
(Archbishop Thomas Murphy)

What this means in practice is that we have to recognize the gifts that God has given to us, then consciously make a decision to return a proportion of them with an increase.

The gifts may be grouped in three sections:

- Time
- Talent
- Treasure

In terms of **time**, how do you use your time, for yourself, your family, and your God? How much time do you give to the needs of your family? What proportion of your day is given to God in prayer? What sacrifice do you make of 'your' time so that others may benefit?

In terms of **talent**, in what way has God blessed you with skills and abilities. Do you use these talents to help other people? When there is an appeal for the sharing of talents at church, do you respond?

In terms of **treasure**, do you think of your income as a gift from God? Are you well off compared to others around you. Do you use your treasure wisely, or wastefully? What proportion of your treasure do you give as an offering to the church?

Once you begin to ask these questions, there will be the opportunity to respond. The sharing of your time, talent and treasure can be enjoyable and even beneficial to your own health.

The starting point is to use a little of your **time** to look at how God has blessed you with **talents**, and then to make a decision how much of your **time** and which of your **talents** you would be willing to give back to God along with a portion of your **treasure**.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 20th Nov. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 22nd Nov. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 24th Nov. Baptism Preparation 7.00pm
 Sun 26th Nov. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Peter's Pence Collection next weekend

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.



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

Psalm Response: Happy are those who fear the Lord.

26 November Our Lord, Jesus Christ King of the Universe

Ezek 34:11-12, 15-17; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46



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: 24.11.17 Lau 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, 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: 19-25 November

Patricia Bennett, Kevin Ballinger, Freda Crawford, Tom Penny, Euphemia Keppel, Beth Dynan, Sam Azzopardi, Kathleen Kohu, Mary Doyle, John Jonker, Frank Breuer, Noela Harvey.

Recently deceased: Maureen Evans

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.

