



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

**Feast
of
Christ the King**

26th 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: *The Shepherd-King*

The thought of king David was very prominent in the early pages of Matthew. David was the shepherd boy chosen to be king. His name became a symbol of the hope that God would raise up a new shepherd to lead the people to the ways of Justice and love.

It is important in Matthew's eyes that the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb should be announced to Joseph, who was of the descendants of David. Furthermore, the birth of Jesus took place in Bethlehem, the town of David. Matthew reminds his readers of the words of the prophet Micha about the destiny of Bethlehem: 'Out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' David was the shepherd who was chosen to be king, but Jesus was the king who was chosen to be shepherd.

His style of kingship avoided all the pompous circumstances associated with worldly royalty. Shepherds were not highly regarded in a religion that greatly stressed the laws of hygiene. Jesus was born, not in a palace, but in a cave borrowed from the animals. The royal birth was announced, not to the royal courts of the world, but to the shepherds on the hillside and to some wise men who read the signs in the stars.

From Bethlehem he was taken down to Nazareth, a town so unpretentious that nobody expected anything good to come from it.

When Jesus began to preach to the people it was about the kingdom of heaven to be set up on earth. His dream was to have people living in such perfect accord with the plan of the loving creator that society on earth would be the mirror of heaven. Heavenly happiness would begin on earth.

But this kingdom ideal would mean reversing many of the principles upon which life was commonly operated. The sermon on the mount reversed the principles of this world. The blessed, in Jesus' mind were the people of no power.

At one stage people were so impressed with his miracles that they wanted to make him their king. But he avoided their move, because they misunderstood his notion of kingship. When the time came for him to acknowledge his kingship, the crown he received was of thorns, and his throne was the cross. As he had said, the good shepherd lays down his life for the flock. So identified was he with his sheep that the later writers called him the Paschal Lamb, whose blood was shed to release his people from their sins.

Jesus was not a power-hungry king, but one who took on the role of shepherd to his people. 'I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong.' (*Ezek 34:16*)

In baptism we are united with Christ in his kingship. 'he loves us and has washed away our sins in his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father.' (*Rev 1:6*) if we belong to Christ's kingly line, then we must live in imitation of his kingly way. We are the people of the king only if we have the loving heart of the king. We deeply long for the realization of the dream of Jesus for a world which would truly reflect the will of the Father in heaven.

On our knees we pray 'thy kingdom come.' And on our feet we go to work for that kingdom in the very practical everyday work of attending to the needs of our brothers and sisters. The kingdom is

About food and clothing, welcoming and visiting.

Matthew at the beginning of the gospel referred to Jesus as Emmanuel, God-with-us. At the end of the gospel, Jesus is again Emmanuel; 'know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Between the first coming and the last coming in glory, he is with us. And he awaits our daily attention.

Where? In the blessed ones who are poor in spirit, gentle, mourning or hungering for justice.

'in so far as you did this to one of the least of these my brothers of mine, you did it to me.'

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

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 this weekend.

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

Advent Fair at the Cathedral of St. Stephen: St Stephen's Cathedral Choir is holding their annual fund-raising event ADVENT FAIR on SUNDAY, 3rd December, the 1st Sunday of Advent, from 9 a.m. in between masses, at the Cathedral Precinct.

Call For Donations of Useable 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

Healing Meeting Tuesday 28th November at 7pm, St Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Tce., West End.

Awaken Together In Christ A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him.

The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit, people have been receiving many miracles and lives have been changed. We invite you to come along and enter into God's presence, watch Him move in your circumstances today. Everyone welcome!

Hosted by St Mary's & Dutton Park Parishes.

Seniors' Christmas Party. Many thanks to the team of volunteers who once again provided a great celebration. The children from the school as usual excelled in their presentation. A great day was had by all.

Fr Rogers' Farewell Sunday 17th December after the 9.00am Mass in the Parish Centre. Please bring a plate of food to share, bring your own drinks. Tea and Coffee will be supplied.

Fr Rogers' last Mass here in the Parish will be the 9-00am on Sunday 31st December. Fr Tuong will be saying Mass Monday 1st January at 9.00am.

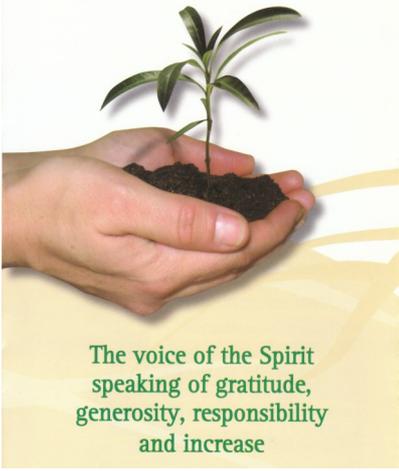
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal Weekend of 9th/10th December. Your donation will help the Saint Vincent De Paul conference to serve the needy in the parish this Christmas.

Christmas Carol Service Tuesday 12th December at 6.30pm in the Church. Come and sing a long with your fellow parishioners.

Penitential Service Wednesday 20th December at 6.30pm in the Church.



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 19, 2017 - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me”
- MATTHEW 25:40 Most of us are generous when it’s convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one’s time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it’s not convenient; when it’s not on our schedule, but on the other person’s schedule. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 16th November, 2017)

THE CALL – THE CALL OF STEWARDSHIP

Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God’s will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do . . . it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion. – *A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

As Vatican II remarks, all Christians are “bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech,” that new life of faith which begins in baptism and is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in confirmation.” (Ad Gentes, 11)

There is a woman I know who I see receiving communion at Mass every week. She positively glows! I didn’t know who she was, so I asked a fellow parishioner about her. While she has all the ‘attributes’ of our lives – a family, a job, a mortgage – my fellow parishioner told me she has stripped her life of all unnecessary encumbrances.

Though prosperous, she doesn’t work to get rich, she works to make a living and because she has found a job she likes. Though involved in our parish and the community, she doesn’t do it for public acclaim, but because she cares about helping others. Though she is a boss at work, a parent and spouse at home, an elder sister in her family, her direction of those for whom she has responsibility is merely to share wisdom, provide guidance, and support others.

She has found happiness in the ultimate paradoxes: that totally giving over control of one’s life to God is the truest liberation, that giving up your life brings eternal life!

Questions:

How is stewardship a part of being a disciple?

What does it mean to you to be a steward of the Church?

Do you see your baptism as creating a responsibility to follow Jesus?

Stewardship means I am not in control. It means the gifts I take for granted will not always be mine. It means that when it comes down to the basic gifts of life, love, faith, and relationships, what I possess and who I am makes little or no difference. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Peter's Pence Collection this weekend (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 27th Nov. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Wed 29th Nov. 6th Year Thanksgiving Mass 6.00pm
Thurs 30th Feast Day Mass in School Hall 9.00am
Sun 3rd December First Sunday of Advent

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.



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

Psalm Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

3 December First Sunday of Advent

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37



Services times this week:

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: 01.12.17 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, Macey Ingram, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Tom 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: 26 November—2 December

Steve Tirant, Beryl Shambler, Jane Keane, Maria Giollo, Bernadette Oddie, Francis Locke, David Laird, Ian Grayson, Leone McNamara.

Recently Deceased: Amelia Twaddell, Charles Van Bael

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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