



St Francis Xavier Parish

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

Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

5th Sunday
In Ordinary
Time

4th February
2018

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



Humble servant

This week readings give different ways of how people express their faith in God. In the first reading Job gave thanks to God because he believed that everything he owned God gave him, including his life. God had the full right to take it away and he kept thanking God. Job showed his faithfulness to God through his utmost sufferings. Job tells us that having faith in God doesn't mean that our earthly life is

free from misfortunes but rather we are called to be witnesses for God in all circumstances, good and not so good, including our sickness and suffering. Job is a faithful servant who absolutely has faith in God. Nothing can crush his faith. His faith in God is stronger than all the miseries that evil spirits had tried on him. He is a true servant, truly humble from the heart. Having a steadfast faith in God enables Job to have God as first priority in his life. God in a mysterious way is the source of consolation and wisdom even though Job feels the loneliness in his misery and yet day and night Job beholds God's name and takes shelter in God alone.

The second reading is the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. Paul expressed his faithfulness, no matter what, through his zeal to spread the Good News. After his personal encounter with the resurrection of Christ on the way to Damascus, Paul became a new person and pleasing Jesus is his first priority and also the final goal in his life. Paul shared different struggles in his mission to spread the Gospel. He denounced his career and world privileges to slave for the Gospel. To bring the Good News to everyone and every race is the responsibility Paul volunteering to take it on himself. He labours without counting the cost and looks not for reward for himself but to gain more souls for Christ is his reward. For Paul, success in ministry means pleasing Christ.

Jesus, in the Gospel of St Mark, tells his disciples that his mission on earth is preaching God's will to everyone. Through the person of Jesus the hidden face of God is revealed and the mystery of the Good News is no more hidden but it is manifested through the teaching of Jesus. The crowds praised that his teaching is news and he taught with authority. His reputation spread like fire but Jesus takes no credits or fame for himself. He simply wants to proclaim the Good News and to heal *'the broken hearted and binds up their wounds'* Ps 146:2 Curing people's sickness and diseases is a way to show God's care and mercy upon the people and also shows that God has the power over evil spirits.

Jesus' first and primarily goal on earth is to do the will of God the Father and he would not miss any opportunity to tell openly to the people about God's will and that is.

Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise them up at the last day. Jn 6, 40

Through prayers Jesus keeps God's will active and be united with God the Father. We, the disciples of Jesus, are united with Jesus through constant prayers and receive God's grace through the Eucharist and others sacraments of the Church to be faithful witnesses for Jesus. We encourage each other to make their baptismal promises alive in our faith community at St Francis Xavier.

Vudinh Tuong.

Would you like to be part of a Lenten Group

Lent is fast approaching and now is the time to start thinking about whether you would like to participate in last years Lenten group or set up a new one at home as a host.

The theme for this year is "Blessed & Broken" Books are \$8 each, Box set of 1 DVD and 2 CDs is \$16. Last chance this week to order.

Lenten groups can meet in someone's home or by arrangement in the Parish Centre.

Expressions of interest and to register for the CD and booklet please contact the Parish Office.



The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped annual Appeal

will be held next Weekend was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provide opportunity for

persons with a disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance in a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.

A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as the disabled with their personal, spiritual and social lives.

Although based on Catholic beliefs, it is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. **ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.**

Humour

My computer suddenly started belting out "Someone like you". It's a DELL

Q: Why did the computer show up late for work?

A: It had a hard drive.

**School Mass Friday
16th February in
the School Hall
9.00am all
welcome.**



Wanted: Altar Servers and Readers

Children in Years 4 & 5 are wanted to be Altar Servers.

Children in Year 6 would you like to be a Reader at Mass?

If any children are interested in the above can they please see Father Tuong. Father will provide training for both the Altar Servers and Readers.



Baptism at St Francis Xavier

The first Sunday of each month parents who want their child Baptised will present their child to the Congregation at the 9-00am Mass. Then the Second Sunday after the 9-00am Mass Baptism preparation will be held in the Church. After partaking in both of these then the Baptism can be arranged. Baptism's will be held on the Third Sunday of each month at the


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Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

February 4, 2018 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time *“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38* In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

(Accessed on 31st January 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



Piety Stall won't be operating whilst the Church Roof is being replaced and the scaffolding is up. If you have an order in or would like something in particular please see Therese or Cameron. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Thank You

To Frank & Therese Demmers, John Borowski and Frank Fenech for the wonderful work fixing the pavers at the back of the Presbytery.

Also thank you to Joe Massalu and his family for all your hard work getting the Presbytery timber floors ready for sanding and polishing.

Lent begins Wednesday 14th Feb. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others.

In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

(CCL 97, 1251-52).



WANTED Church Cleaners

Are you free for a couple of

hours at most once a month to clean our beautiful Church? Due to a few people not able any longer to help out we are in need of more volunteers to take the pressure of those that are left.

If you think this could be you please phone Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594.

Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane 2018
Opening Event with Mass celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the CCR Brisbane Centre, 688 Nudgee Rd, Northgate on Sat 10 Feb from 9.30am-1.30pm. All Welcome.
Bring and share lunch.
Enquiries: Miriam (3202 6856) or email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au for more details.

Awaken Together in Christ

Every Tuesday 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.

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PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

(Vigil Sat 6.00pm) Mass Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 5th Feb. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wed 7th Feb. Rosary 6.30pm

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.

4th Feb. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Psalm Response: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted

11 Feb. Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45



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

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 9th Feb. Jim & Oliver

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.

We Pray for the Sick:

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, Barbara Wakelin, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer, John Hodgkinson, Allan Nolan. (Names that have been on here for sometime will be removed over the next couple of weeks. Please contact the office if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

Anniversaries: 4 Feb—10 Feb.

Valda Ayoub, Zofia Grun, Michael Hansen, Hendrika Habraken (Herlings), Val Bird, Norma Finlayson, Luis Vela, Kazimierz Borowski, Bernice Falvey, Paul Cortis, Sayong Ebias, John McCaughey.

Recently Deceased: John Paddock



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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