



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

6 Church Street (PO Box 450) Goodna, Qld. 4300

**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am –4.00pm Closed Thursdays**

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**Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges**

**(Local Safeguarding Children Representative: Marie Hodges)**

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

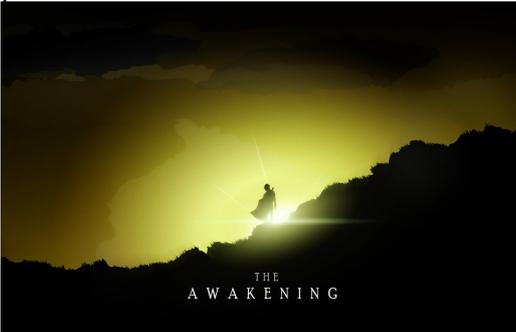
Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**2nd Sunday in  
Lent**

**25th February  
2018**

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

### **Awakening**



Awakening is a sudden spark of realization in coming into awareness of something that a person has been pondering for sometimes. It brings with it both surprises and joy of the experience of seeing something new in ordinary things which we see day after day and yet never recognizes. It enriches the inner knowledge of a person and makes that person feels that their eyes have just been opened to something new.

For a Christian a spark in faith opens the new horizon on their spiritual journey towards God or to uncover something buried deep within their hearts. It is a new discovery of the wonder of God in their faith journey in providing service to God's people. It revealed more about the mystery of God's love. It will not only help a person to enjoy God's love more but it helps that person sees clearer the purpose of life and enjoy life more. It strengthens their faith with the belief to live in God's presence. Their image of God improves greatly. It liberates them from misunderstanding that suffering and pain are not from God but rather they are parts of the human life in the process of evolving to a better place.

Peter and James and John followed Jesus for some time but they had never seen the glorification of their Master until they went up to the mountain where they had seen the glory of God for the very first time. It was to their experience that opened their eyes to know a bit more about Jesus. Their minds were shaken and their hearts were overwhelmed with joy and their tongue was tightened, lost of words.

*They did not know what to say. Mark 9:6*

Confronting with the incredible glory of God human language seemed to be lost. The chosen apostles were unable to utter their feelings that God's glory had wrapped them. They were free and yet they felt as if their minds were frozen to see the power of God from on high. Their postures revealed that they were in an awkward situation, didn't know how to behave to the glory of God? They probably heard about the Patriarch, Moses and Elijah and yet had never seen them and now in front of their eyes they encountered them, heard their voice, talking to Jesus. This awesome faith experience became part of their faith journey in following Jesus. They saw Jesus with new eyes, heard him with new ears and loved him with a new heart. The saying from on high reminds them is an invitation to follow.

*This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him Mark 9:7*

When they regained their control they looked around and saw no one but Jesus was alone with them. On the way down they walked with Jesus but no doubt in their mind and heart they replayed scenes of what they had seen on the mountain. Their mental block had gone and now was the time to confirm what they had seen on the mountain.

As they recalled the experience their spiritual journey continues to evolve wider and deeper in trusting Jesus. They enjoyed simplicity of life and detached from world's glory to live with God's glory. They now know that following Jesus is the best way to enter God's glory and yet not understand the term of *Rising from the dead. Mark 9:10*

**Vudinh Tuong.**

## **Sacramental Program**

The Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane states that *'in the year when the children turn eight (Year Three), they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation'*. In 2018, St Francis Xavier Parish will be celebrating Confirmation on Thursday 7th June. If families of children in year 3 feel that their child is ready to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are encouraged to see Fr Tuong after Mass or visit the parish office to collect an Expression of Interest form.

Fr Tuong will be conducting brief parent information interviews on and during the following times:

Tuesday 6 March 10am – 4pm

Wednesday 7 March, Thursday 8 March and Friday 9 March 10am- 4pm and 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 13 March, Wednesday 14 March and Friday 16 March 10am- 4pm and 7pm-9pm

Please contact Marie at the parish office on 3818 0111 to make an appoint to see Fr Tuong.

Details about the preparation will be announced after Fr Tuong finishes the parent interviews.

## **Hand up to serve**

Congratulations and thankyou to the 14 girls and boys for leading the way by putting up your hand to serve as Altar Servers. I am grateful for the parents who have encouraged their children to put their faith in action- serving the community of faith. The training will take place after 9 am Mass Sunday 25th of February 2018 and the children will start to serve on the first weekend in March. Names of the children are

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Phillip Vaoiva, | 8 Faatoese Auvao    |
| 2 Emma            | 9 Etuale Lauvao     |
| 3 Edward Timu     | 10 Chris Lauvao     |
| 4 Ally Semau      | 11 John Lauvao      |
| 5 Lehanne Fruean  | 12 Usoali Auvaa     |
| 6 Victor Fruean   | 13 Malachai Lolesio |
| 7 Sharon Fruean   | 14 Bronson Leituala |

## **More help needed**

There are other ministries that need more volunteers and support from the community namely Hospitality, Church Cleaners, Liturgical Linen, Counters, Set up for Mass, Set up computer and Lap top, take care of the Public Convenience and Lawn mowing. Most of the ministries require just half an hour per week or a couple hours at most and some of them can be done at your time of choice. Some ministries require expertise such as helping the Sacramental Program, Liturgy, RCIA, Out Reach and Communion for the sick. If you are good at website we need some one to clean up and up load from time to time. Talk to your friends and form a team of two or three persons to help each other to serve our Church Community and also for transportation and support one and other. The commitment is up to you to decide. It depends on your free time and circumstance you can serve for as long as you are able to, say six months weekly or fortnightly or a year or longer or even change to different ministry.

**Parish Pastoral Council** needs more members as well. They meet the first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the meeting room of the Parish Office.

I would be appreciate if you can make some contribution to care for our parish and serve our sisters and brothers in Christ. Please advice the parish office of your contribution or talk to me after Mass.

Thank you

## **Fr. Vudinh Tuong**



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## Spirituality for Life



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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 25, 2018 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent** “‘Here I am!’ he answered.” - Genesis 22:11 It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

(Accessed on 21st February, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



**During Lent SVdP are holding a canned goods drive so please drop any donations in the green plastic tub that is on the shelf in the Pergola.  
Thank you**

### Appeal to help the village of Pili in Tonga

One of our Tongan families in the parish have relatives and friends in the village of Pili which has been extensively damaged by Cyclone Gita.

Tamara has obtained a container which will leave Australia mid May. If you would like to help the villagers recover they are asking for donations of:

Screws, nails, hammers, drills etc.

Beds, bed linen

Towels

Clothes

Non perishable food items i.e. canned and dry goods.

Furniture

You can drop the smaller items into the Parish Office before 11th

April for Tamara to collect and if you have larger items please contact Tamara direct.

Tamara Taione Mob 0421 884 605

**Becoming a Catholic** are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

If so please see Fr Tuong.

It is hoped that instruction would start just before Easter.

Also if you would like to accompany and help any candidates on their journey please let Fr Tuong know.

### Chrism Mass

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 22nd March 2018 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

### **DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. - GENESIS 4:6-7 MSG

**FAMILY Funday**  
SAT 19TH MAY 2018 3PM-7PM  
ROBELLE DOMAIN PARKLANDS, SPRINGFIELD

**Share the Dignity** a charity to help homeless and disadvantaged women. In April we will be collecting Sanitary Items for this worthwhile charity. So start checking the specials in the Supermarkets and Chemists now.

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 26th** Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.  
**Wed 28th Feb.** Rosary 6.30pm  
**Fri 2nd Mar.** Healing Mass 9.00am followed by morning tea in Parish Centre.  
**(Vigil Sat 6.00pm) Mass**  
**Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass**

**Stations of the Cross throughout Lent will be held before Mass each Friday beginning 2/3**

Funeral Service for Helena Rudak will be held on Thursday at 11.00am

**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.

### 25 Feb. Second Sunday in Lent

**Gen 22:1-2, 9-13 15-18; Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10**

**Psalm Response: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.**

### 4th Mar. Third Sunday in Lent

**Ex 20:1-17; Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25**



### 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 Healing Mass  
 Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### **Cleaning: 2nd Mar. Lauu 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.

### We Pray for the Sick:

Keith Auld, Allan Peterson, 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: 25 Feb—3 Mar

Roslyne Watson, Mavis Goonitalilee, Mary Waterson, Jim Lennon, Rimantas Grigutis, David Leslie, Sr Eileen O'Sullivan RSM, Graham Harper, Fr Brian Horton, James Sullivan, Mary Powell,

**Recently Deceased:** Helena Rudak

### **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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