



## **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 .

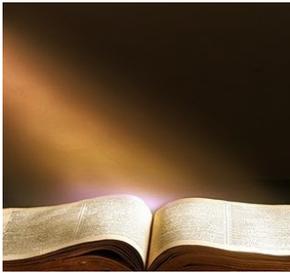
Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**Palm/Passion**  
**Sunday**

**25th March**  
**2018**

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

### **Revealing life**



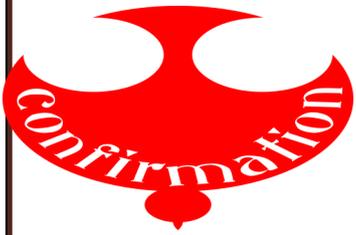
Leaves of a tree have many stories to tell. Leaves reveal time. Everyone can tell the difference between a young and an old leaf. Leaves tell us about the weather. Whether it has rained or not; has it been calm and quiet or stormy, leaves tell it all through its shapes. Leaves tell us about the health of a tree. Fresh looking and healthy leaves reveals that the tree is well look after. Whether it has enough nutrition and water and free from bugs. Leaves become home for birds and roof for our house. Leaves after use are discarded and people step on them.

It was no accident that the children of Israel used the leaves to welcome Jesus on his entrance into the Holy City. It revealed Jesus' hour was coming shortly and the climate the Jewish's authority who condemned Jesus unjustly to a violent death was eminent.

St Mark mentioned Jesus' journey from Galilee to Bethany and Mount of Olive to say that Jesus had won the hearts of people. It was in Jerusalem that the authority who were against him and wanted him to die. People who broke branches on the road side to welcome singing '*Hosanna to the Son of David*'. It is the same title a blind man sitting on the roadside pleaded Jesus to open his eyes. Luke 18:38 Jesus gave his sight back and he praised God. People on the roads could see Jesus the Messiah but not the learned from Jerusalem. Jerusalem was the end of Jesus' earthly journey but it was the beginning of his apostles' mission after Jesus had risen from the dead. The disciples on the way to Emmaus saw Jesus break the bread and *their eyes were opened and they recognized him*' Luke 24:31

Psalm Sunday reveals the kingship of Jesus. For a society the authority organized a parade on roads for the public to praise their king who had triumph returned from a battle field. For Jesus a parade on roads was from people who spontaneously happened to be on the road at the time Jesus passed by. They praised him as king. His kingship was different from a society. Jesus rode on a donkey. People were on the road side, holding fresh branches singing '*Hosanna, Son of David*'. The battle Jesus won was not for him but for the people. The triumph over sin and death to a new life Jesus won was not for him but for the people who had faithfully followed his way of life. Jesus' kingship is humble, close to the people and for the people. His kingship is of serving the needs of those who call upon him for the loving support and his followers would do the same. The glorified life Jesus has promised through providing services for others. Providing services requires some cost and for Jesus the cost was his own life and blood and the prize was the glorification of his resurrection. For Jesus' followers the cost of serving was sweat and tears before entering glory to share eternal life with him.

**Vudinh Tuong.**



### Sacramental Program—Confirmation

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 at 6.30pm. 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.

Instruction will start on Friday 20th April, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre and will continue for 7 weeks.

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

### Mass & Service times for Easter

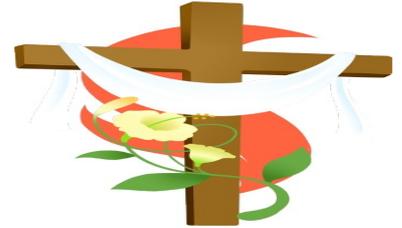
**Holy Thursday**—Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm followed by Altar of repose till 10.00pm

**Good Friday**—Stations of the Cross 10.00am in the School Hall

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 3.00pm in School Hall.

**Easter Vigil** Mass 7.00pm in the Church

**Easter Sunday** Mass 7.30 & 9.00am



We need more volunteers to have feet washed at Mass of the Lord's Supper on Thursday evening can you please speak to Father or phone the office on Monday.

Also for Mass of the Lord's Supper we need a person for Chalice

All 3 Masses over the Easter Weekend also require one more person for Chalice please see the Roster and fill in your name if you are able.

### Share The Dignity

**Share the Dignity** is a charity that helps homeless women and girls with Sanitary items that they otherwise would be going without.

"No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items." From next weekend and throughout **April** there will be a box at the two main doors of the Church for donations of new Sanitary items.

Following on from the fantastic response I had with the "Its in the Bag Appeal" in November I am hoping you will be as generous with this appeal.

### Prayer Calendars

for our Seminarians and Priests are available on the tables at the back of the church and just inside the door of the Pergola entrance.

The new sound system is now fully installed and we have two outdoor speakers in the Pergola which will be on during the 9.00am Mass.



## Spirituality for Life



The voice of the Spirit speaking of gratitude, generosity, responsibility and increase



**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)**

**March 25, 2018 - Palm Sunday** “Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ again, ‘Crucify him.’” – **MARK 15:12-13** Jesus told us “whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.  
(Accessed on 21st March, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## FRESHENING UP OF THE PRESBYTERY

Since Fr Tuong arrived in the Parish there have been a number of changes in the Presbytery. The carpets which were the original carpets have been pulled up and the timber floors that were under the living quarters of the Presbytery have been sanded and polished. Down the office end we have new carpet tiles which look a treat. All the flooring cost and materials were donated by a very generous friend of Fr Tuongs whose company is DP Construction and Development. Many thanks to Joe Masalu and his family for all their help with the heavy lifting and removal of the carpets. Also a big thankyou to Uiki Vaoiva and the Youth Group for their help on Sunday. Father also now has a roof on the patio at the back of the Presbytery by recycling old and new products from the Church Roof with the manual labour being done by Fr Tuongs’ nephew and his friends. New curtains have been purchased by Catherine a friend of Father’s sister and we are gradually putting them up. Marie also has two new desks. With all this work the place is a bit of a mess at the moment but we are slowly getting it back in order. Another big thanks to Sonia from Outside School Hours Care for her help with getting all the books back on the shelves and putting the curtains up in Marie’s office. If you would like a look please feel free to call in during Office Hours for a tour.

## **Good Friday Collection 2018**

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from the Good Friday collection. The collection is also used to maintain 74 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.35 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and increasing costs of living which put a strain on family budgets and financial resources. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land again on this Good Friday. Please also pray that peace and harmony will become a reality in the birthplace of Jesus, the ‘Prince of Peace’.

There are envelopes at the two main doors of the Church for use on Good Friday.

Have you been thinking about the suggestion from Father regarding the change in the Mass times of the Saturday Vigil and the 7-30am Mass? If you have concerns now is the time to make them known as these changes are due to take effect after Easter.



## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary    Holy Week

**Mon 26th Mar** Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.  
**Wed 28th** Rosary 6.30pm  
**Thurs. 29th** Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm  
**Fri. 30th** Stations of the Cross 10.00am in School Hall  
                   Passion of the Lord 3.00pm in School Hall  
**Sat. 31st** Easter Vigil 7.00pm in Church  
**Sun 1st April** 7.30 & 9.00am in Church

**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.

### **25th Mar. Palm Sunday**

**Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47**

**Psalm Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

**1st Apr, Sunday of the Resurrection**

**Acts 10:34, 37-43; Col 3:1-4 Jn 20:1-9**



### **Services times this week:**

**Saturday** Vigil Mass 6.00pm  
**Sunday** 7.30am Mass  
                   9.00am Mass

### **Holy Week**

Monday 9.00am  
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass  
 Thursday 9.00am & Lord's Supper 7.30pm  
 Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am  
                   The Passion of the Lord 3.00pm  
 Saturday 7.00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
 Easter Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### **Cleaning: 29th Mar. Oliver & Jim**

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, 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, Stan & Betty Seymour, Matilda (Tilly) Mahon (18mths), Maureen McCallion, Pat McCallion. 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 Mar—31 Mar**

Jean Clarke, Sarah McElroy, Robbie Lewis, Stanislaw Borowski, Gemica Cao, Ivy O'Halloran, William Larter, Isabella Mills, Jean Burns, Canuto Bianco, Desmond Jones

### **Recently Deceased:** Tom Robbins

### **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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