



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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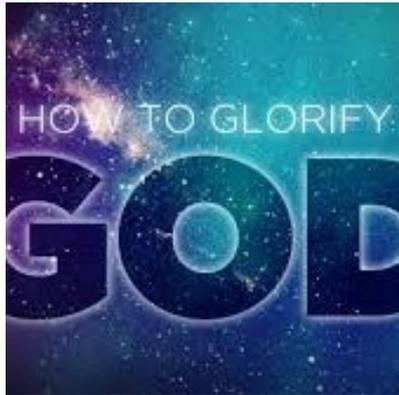
St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance and donations Please call 1800 846 643 - Weekdays only .

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

**4th Sunday of  
Easter**

**22nd April 2018**

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



### **Glorifying God**

When Jesus called the apostles to follow they followed Jesus and yet the purpose of following was not clear. One day Peter said to Jesus that they had left everything to follow and what would they get? Mk 1:28. Jesus told them they would receive abundance and plus persecution. The gospel of Matthew indicates that it would happen 'when all is made new' in Jesus Mt 19:27.

These things would make no sense to them at the time but after the resurrection of Jesus they came to realize what Jesus had said. In a spiritual sense the apostles became the new creation in the Risen Christ. Being filled with the Holy Spirit Peter boldly embarked on the mission and the first fruit of his

mission was to give a command for the cripple from birth to walk. They all went into the temple to praise God Acts 3:1-10. The captain of the Temple and the Sadducees were furious at it and arrested them.

Peter gave the address:

*'If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence Acts 4, 9-11.*

Peter now had only one single purpose in life. There was no more confusion or uncertainty as before, but one thing which was clear and achievable was to give glory to God. It was whether he lived or died to give glory for Jesus. Being challenged by the Temple authority for doing a good act, Peter made clear to them that it was in the name of Jesus the one whom they crucified and in no other name but Jesus alone deserved all glory. Peter claimed no praise, no fame, no credit for himself, but for the Lord. Peter also made clear to the whole people that the Risen Lord had the power to heal our physical body but more importantly that he saved our souls and that he alone has such power because he has forever defeated death. Death had no more power over him but instead Jesus had power over death and death was submitted to Him. Peter also affirmed that apart from Jesus there is no salvation.

*'There is no salvation through anyone else, nor is there any other name under heaven given to the human race by which we are to be saved.'*

Peter also mentioned to the leaders that you once, by following your arrogant attitude and human wisdom, had rejected Jesus- *the stone rejected by you-* The Risen Christ Who in his mercy gives you a second chance, be humble and come to your senses, to welcome the Risen Christ in your lives and give the praise and glory to God and be a member of God's family.

For Peter and other apostles the goal is clear - live to give glory to God- and the mission field is plenty. They had been renewed in the Risen Christ and bear in mind that persecution is ahead of them but fear not because glorification comes after persecution, not before.

We ask God to renew us in the Risen Christ

Vudinh Tuong

Marie is on holidays this week.

Cleaning roster is on the back page for the two weeks also the Deceased Anniversaries are up until Saturday 5th May. Dates for your diary are also over a two week period.



This Anzac Day there will be Mass at 9-00am. Church St and Queen Street will be closed from 7-30am till 10-30am. From Mercy Lane down towards the Police Station Church St will be open it will be closed up here near the Church so please if you are coming to Mass please be aware that you will not be able to get into the Church Carpark and will need to park down near the Police Station or over at the St Ives Shopping Centre.



**Save the Date: Tues 22nd May, 2018**  
Parish lunch in the Parish Centre at 10.30am.  
Keep an eye on the Newsletter first weekend in May for more information as this will be an RSVP lunch.



**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." Throughout **April** there will be a box at the two main doors of the Church for donations of new packets 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.

**Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care** (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness to be trained as pastoral carers.

The volunteer training course runs each Wednesday 9:00am - 3:30pm, from 2 May to 21 November 2018. Upon graduating volunteers commit to eight hours ministry per week across day centres, hospitals and hostels. Applications close Friday 20 April 2018. Written applications can be sent to: Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. For more information contact CPPC on 07 3252 5461.

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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)**

**April 22, 2018 - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter** *"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."* – JOHN 10:14-16 Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life. (Accessed on 17th April, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->

## THE CALL – RESPONDING TO THE CALL

Jesus' call is urgent. He does not tell people to follow him at some time in the future but here and now – at *this* moment, in *these* circumstances. There can be no delay.

*Stewardship – A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

*Jesus told (the rich young man), "If you seek perfection, go, sell your possessions, and give to the poor. You will then have treasure in heaven. Afterward come back and follow me." Hearing these words, the young man went away sad, for his possessions were many. (Matthew 19, 21-22)*

A big stumbling block for me was 'impulse buying.' It wasn't buying stuff on TV, but it was walking through the big 'warehouse stores' (you know the ones). I had my shopping list (which my spouse had generously put together for me). But there were always so many things that would be *nice* to have! I'd inevitably end up spending about a hundred dollars more than I had planned. And I wouldn't use what I bought very much (and sometimes never!) My spouse says that the road to bankruptcy is paved with impulse buying. I've learned though that the road to generosity is easily followed when it is mapped out – when it is planned. So, though I still feel the desire for things I want (but don't need) now I stick to my shopping list, just like I plan my giving to the Church and charity.

### **World Day of Prayer for Vocations.**

"For this year's World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the Vocation Brisbane Office is holding a special live stream event, where young people can come together to experience prayer celebrating vocations and young people. If you are interested in participating in this live stream event, please meet outside St. Stephen's Cathedral, at 1:30pm Sunday 22nd April."

Have you ever heard these words and actually given something away that was keeping you from following God? Satan assembles his junior apprentices looking for fresh ideas of how to populate hell. One apprentice raises his hand and suggests, "I have an idea. Tell them there is no heaven." Satan isn't happy with that. He says sarcastically "We've tried that, much as we try to tell people there is no God, but people understand in the deep recesses of their stupid heart that there is, so forget it." A second apprentice raises his hand and says "Well, tell them there is no hell." Satan says, "We've tried that too, and it won't work. Sooner or later people realize that mass murderers can't wind up in the same place as Mother Teresa." Finally, a third apprentice raises his hand and says slowly, "Then tell them - there is no hurry." And Satan smiled.

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 23rd & 30th April Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.**  
**Wed 25th April & 2nd Mary Rosary 6.30pm**  
**Thursday 3rd May Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm**  
**Saturday Vigil Masses 5.00pm take note of new times**  
**Sunday Masses 7.00 & 9.00am**

**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.

### 22nd April. Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18**

**Psalm Response: The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.**

### 29th April. Fifth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 9:26-31; 1 Jn 3:18-24; Jn 15:1-8**



### Services times this week:

**Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm**  
**Sunday 7.00am Mass**  
**9.00am Mass**

Monday No Mass  
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass Anzac Day  
 Thursday 9.00am Mass  
 Friday 9.00am Mass  
 Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm**

### **Cleaning: 27th Mitch and Pam**

### **4th May William and Anthony**

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, 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 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, Jean Silvester. 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: 22nd April—5th May

Lykua Phonsavathdy, Joe Gurdon, Katharina Muellebner, Maureen Swords, Annie Galligan, Desmond Duncan, Denis Hughes, Katharina Arbeiter, Noreen Cogan-Browne, Corrie Van Hoof, Candice Dieperink, Ivy O'Halloran, Margaret McCrudden, William Hales, Stephen McGuire, Frank Plumbridge, Christina Richardson, Stanislaw Gorbacz, Ngac Van Dinh, Elaine Wilson.

### **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.**

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