



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Friday 9.00am –4.00pm Closed Thursdays

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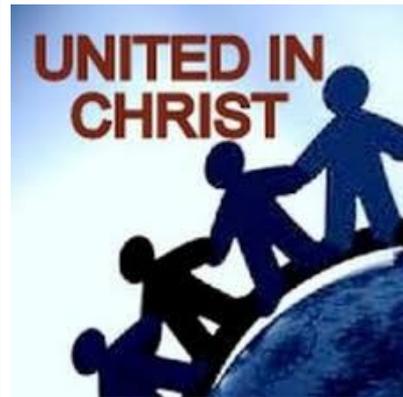
St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance and donations Please call 1800 846 643 - Weekdays only .

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

The Ascension of the Lord

13th May 2018

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



United in Christ

The last few weeks we have heard again and again the invitation to 'remain' in Jesus' love. Remaining in Jesus' love is to be united with Jesus and with God the Father. Jesus is going to be with the Father on the Feast of the Ascension we today celebrate but Christians are remaining in Jesus' love to make that connection flow, uninterrupted. First we remain in Jesus' love to bear not just ordinary fruit, but to bear extraordinary fruit, that they are plentiful, and that they are the best quality of fruits; the same kind of fruit of Jesus' work in the world. They are the quality of fruit Jesus desires us to bear and to make His glory known. Second, we are invited to remain in Jesus' love to be connected with Jesus, to avoid being alone in time of trouble. Sometimes our earthly friends are powerless to help because it is beyond their capacity to help. God alone can provide the friendship that nothing can stop Him to be with us because the Risen Christ is free from space and time. Remaining in Jesus' love for strength and courage which arise from within to go through the hard times. Jesus himself had personal experience of being deserted by his friends on His Passion. On His last hour on earth, in the garden of Gethsemane, He called His Apostles to stay awake and pray with Him. They all failed but Jesus forgave and prayed for them and He had never failed to love them. Remaining in Jesus' love helps us to encounter the faithfulness of God and through Jesus we are able to make the connection to the Father. The invitation 'remain' in Jesus or 'remain' in His love and be with Jesus comes to the final point and that is the most noble wish Jesus had for us.

Holy Father, keep them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one just as we are one. Jn 17:11

Jesus prays to the Father that through Him we are united with God the Father because Jesus wishes that what God has given Him will be united with Him and through Him we are united with the Father. And those who are united with the Father will enjoy life to the full and be ensured that the Father will give them protection. Jesus returned to the Father and that paved the way for us to follow suit when our pilgrimage on earth is ended. We live in the world but belong to Jesus and the gift that Jesus has promised, after returning to the Father, will come to us to protect us from the evil ones. The evil ones hate and want to harm us because we don't belong to them. We fail and fall into temptations when our prayer life is lacking, not remain in His love. We have been consecrated in the truth of God and to be true witnesses for Jesus and Jesus sent us to spread the message of Gods' love who is the truth and through Him we are saved by His unconditional and sacrificial love. Whoever remains in Jesus' love remains in God. Our motto in life sums up at the Eucharistic prayer.

'Through Him and with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours forever and ever. Amen.

Vudinh Tuong

Parish Lunch



Tues 22nd May, 2018

There will be a Parish Lunch in the Parish Centre starting at 10.30am with lunch to be served between 11.30 & 12.00. Our very own Jane Donovan will be playing some music before and after Lunch.

If you would like to come please put your name down on the sheet in the pergola or phone Agnes on 3271 2452 or Marie in the Office 3818 0111 by this Friday 18th May. Numbers are needed for catering purposes.

Mass on this day will be moved to 9-30am so that you may go straight over to the Lunch after Mass.



Marian Valley Canungra Saturday 19th May commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch avail). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet—Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane.

For those not wishing to drive, a bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church at 8.20am or the Polish Club Darra at 8.30am.

Fare is \$20—bookings and info Ann 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

Multicultural Mass—It is envisaged that we will have a Multicultural Mass and Celebration afterwards on Sunday 19th August. Seems like a long way off but for the day to be a success it needs some planning and so we need some volunteers to come forward to help organise the morning. If you would like to be a part of this please let a

Parking during the Week

If you come to Mass during the week please refrain from parking anywhere near the industrial bins. Fr Tuong has no objection to you parking up beside the schools shed and the lawn surrounding as long as that is a last resort. And remember NO PARKING in the Kindy Car park.

Corpus Christi Procession is on Sunday 3rd June at St Stephens Cathedral, beginning at 2.00pm.

St Vincent de Paul “Emerging Young Vincentian Leaders Program”

Applications for “Emerging Young Vincentian Leaders Program are being called.

Applications close at midnight 18 May, 2018

For full details please email: youth@svdp.org.au



Open Day Saturday 30th June 9.30-11.30am.



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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)

May 13, 2018 - Ascension of Our Lord “Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.” – 1 JOHN 4:15 Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love? (Accessed on 9th May, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->



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TUESDAY 22 MAY | 4 - 6PM

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Baptism at St Francis Xavier Goodna

Baptisms are held on the **Third Sunday** of the month during the 9-00am Mass.

Before a Baptism can take place the parents must complete a Baptism Enrolment form which is available from the Sacristy, the Office or download from the Website.

Parents must also attend the 9-00am Mass on the **First Sunday** of the month and at that Mass Father will welcome the child to our community. On the **Second Sunday** the Parents then attend Baptism preparation which is held in the Church after the 9-00am Mass.

When completed the Baptism Preparation form is returned to Father or Peter Aiavao and is to be accompanied by a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, copy of one Catholic parent and one Catholic God parents Baptism Certificate or extract from parish records.

Humour Ron is a 67 year old man who would ride his bicycle to his brother's house every weekend. It usually took him 2 hours, and he always made it there by 2pm.

One day he was feeling especially frisky, and decided he'd try to make the ride in just 1 hour.

With a determined grin, he put on his helmet and started pedalling.

30 minutes later, he collapsed from exhaustion while going up a hill. While sitting there, a Corvette pulls up and asks him if he needs a ride.

Ron looks at his watch and sees that he would be late otherwise, but there is already a passenger in the car.

Ron says, "Thanks for the offer, but how am I supposed to get a ride if there's no seat left in the car?"

"No problem," says the man in the Corvette, "I've got a rope in the back. We'll tie your bike to back bumper and you can ride. It'll be a bit windy for you but I'm sure we can make it work."

Ron thinks that this doesn't exactly sound safe, but he doesn't want to be late, so he agrees to the solution.

They take off and the driver yells back, "Just yell 'beep beep' if I'm going to fast."

Ron gives a thumbs up and off they go.

For the first 5 miles, everything goes fine. Suddenly, a Ferrari blows past them. Not to be outdone, the Corvette takes off to race him, pedal to the metal.

A short distance down the road, both of the cars—by now going well over 120kmh—blow past a police speed trap.

With wide eyes, the police officer notes the speeds from his radar gun and radio his colleagues.

"Hey guys, the weirdest thing just happened to me. A Ferrari and a Corvette just blew past me at over 120kmh on Main Street."

"What's so weird about that?" asks the other cop.

The cop replies, "There was this old guy on a bike behind them screaming 'BEEP BEEP' and trying to pass!"

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 7th May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
 Wed 9th May Rosary 6.30pm
 Sunday 13th May Baptism Preparation 10.15am in the Church.
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm Pentecost Sunday
 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.



13th May The ASCENSION of the LORD

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 4:1-13; Mk 16:15-20

Psalm Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

20th May PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23



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
 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: 18th May, Mitch & Pam

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, Martin Hindley, George Potter. 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: 13th May—19th May

Alfonas Navickas, Edward Galligan, David Newman, Annie Atwood, Allen Maybanks, Alan Wilshire, Souphalack Manavanh, Robert Leary, Billy Wright, Fr John McGrath, Tony Ryan, William Van Den Heuvel, Frank Rilarto, Cornelia Hedrick, Ivan Fuller.

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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