



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

6th Sunday of
Easter

6th May 2018

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

Life is
Better
with
Friends

Friendship

Friendship is a special bond one has for others. Friendship is deeper than acquaintances. Friends are the ones to whom we trust and call to share our deep feelings; namely hurt, pain, joy and happiness. When we are in trouble they are there to give support and love and be our companions. Acquaintances are the ones we can rely on for minor things but not for big and important ones. True friendship demands time and effort, and sometimes requires real sacrifices as one does it for his/her own. The kind of friendship Jesus talked about was even deeper than any human friendship. His love for us is much greater

than we can imagine. He loves us so much that He gives his entire life to His friends, reserved nothing for Himself, but gave fully till the end. He chose to die on the cross reconciling to God the Father for our salvation.

The parable of 'Vine and branches' Jn 15,1-8, several times Jesus used the word 'remain' in Him to bear more good fruit. Jesus asked his disciples to 'remain' in Him for various reasons. First, His disciples, out of respect, continue to relate to Jesus as the way disciples relate to their Master. Jesus wants to overcome this barrier by telling them to be more open to His love. He came to this world to teach them not simply about the knowledge of God but more importantly about God's love, His sacrificial and unconditional love for us. His disciples misunderstood it and Jesus three times openly told them about His death and resurrection to give them peace, joy and everlasting life.

Second Jesus knew that one of His disciples was going to betray him and had chosen to go his own way. By doing that the betrayer thought he would be better off without Jesus but he soon realized that he was wrong; apart from Jesus he was nothing. Instead of returning to apologise and admit it he committed himself further onto the wrong path and died alone in the wilderness.

Jesus called his disciples and us his friends. We didn't choose Him because we didn't even know that He existed. We came to know Him because He has chosen us, made Himself known to us and made us His friends. Through this self-revelation we came to know Jesus and God the Father. By choosing us as His friends Jesus told us about himself, His sacrificial love and about His Family and about the will of God the Father. He told us what he had heard from the Father v.6.

Jesus expects us to love Him and love one another in return for His love. He loves us with the same love He had for the Father.

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love'. v. 1.

Those who accept His invitation to love should show that they would remain in His love by keeping His commandment "to love one another". The other quality of his love is the completion of joy. Those who love Him sincerely will make His great joy in its fullness and that is the way to show God's glory in our lives. They are appointed to bring God's love for others and become active witnesses for Jesus in the world.

Vudinh Tuong

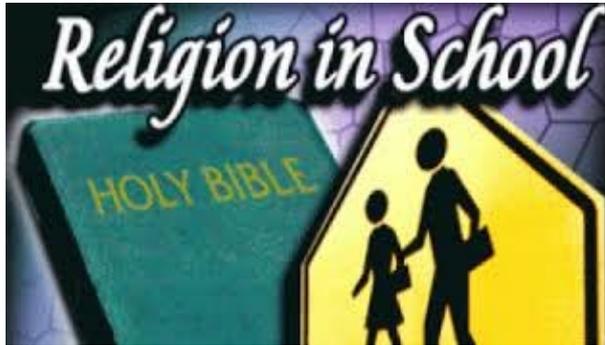
Parish Lunch



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 Friday 18th May. Numbers are needed for catering purposes.



Religious Instruction in our State Schools

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me"

This is an exciting opportunity for ministry to our children.

QLD legislation provides for Classes of 30 mins each week, and the children really enjoy the lessons. Class teachers, who are always present, are also very supportive of the programme.



We need help as we are short of both instructors and assistants. Some local schools do not have RI, and want it. It would be wonderful if we could help them also.

All materials Instructors manual, bibles and colourful student workbooks which include scriptures, puzzles and prayers. ... are provided.

Anyone interested in helping needs a blue card and to attend the training course to be part of the team. (Both are free).

The next training will be held on **FRIDAY 11th MAY 2018**, in the Springfield/Camira area.

If you want to find out more about this, please contact Christine Hodgkinson for details on 0402494401.



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.

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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 6, 2018 - 6th Sunday of Easter *“This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends” – JOHN 15:12-13* 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 2nd May, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->*

Canossian Sisters/Young Adults Retreat

A day of input, prayer and reflection while seeking to discover more about the importance of a personal relationship with Jesus.

Who for: 18-40's

Cost: \$10

Time: 9am - 4:30pm

Date: Saturday 19th May

Venue: [Canossa Complex, Oxley](#)

More info: [Facebook](#)

Praying the rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! The husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents..... praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong.
Prayer. (Pope Francis)

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.

The Brisbane team of Catholic Mission is expanding.

We are looking for someone with passion, energy and a sense of humour to join us as a donor relations officer.

If you know someone who wants to make a difference in the world and has a heart for mission and evangelisation please share the link below with them.

<http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/work-with-us>

Thanks, in anticipation for your prayers in this matter.

Groups that use the Parish Centre

The remote control for the Air Conditioners in the Parish Centre is missing. Can you please check your bags, cars. If found please return to the Parish Office.

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 7th May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
 Wed 9th May Rosary 6.30pm
 Saturday Vigil Masses 5.00pm take note of new times
 Sunday Masses 7.00 & 9.00am
 Sunday 13th May Baptism Preparation 10.15am in the 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.

6th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1 Jn 4:7-10, Jn 15:9-17

Psalm Response: The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

13th May The ASCENSION of the LORD

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



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: 11th May, 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:

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: 6th May—12th May

Stasis Bernotas (5 May), Elaine Wilson, Ellen Meredith, May Vella, Alfonso Deniega, Noel Blom, Ralph Burke, Lillian Quickfall, Emma Crocker, Terence Gallagher, Bonifacio O Festejo Snr, Steven Wood, William Meredith, John Kalksma, Tim Shrumme, Frankie Le Rocca.

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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If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.