



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

**11th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

17th June 2018

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



Natural process

Plants grow and develop and pass on all necessary quality of life to a next generation. By nature a tiny cell of life has already implanted within a seed and with the right conditions the cell will activate itself to shoot and that is the beginning of life. All plants begin with a tiny cell and start to grow taller and bigger.

Human beings are unable to provide life but can protect it, providing best conditions for plants to grow well and healthy free from bugs or diseases. Nature provides life and we nurture and protect life. We can help plants to grow faster, healthier and with greater harvest. We humans have nothing to do with

the tiny cell of life. It all depends on nature. It is the same for faith in Jesus. It all begins with God. When God creates us God has already implanted in each one of us the seed of faith. Our role is to recognize the faith that is given to us and make it grow. The lucky ones recognize the faith straightaway and very early in life; others only through life experiences recognize faith in Jesus and then there are others who continue to search for faith or even suppress the growth of faith by denying its existence. The process of searching for the spiritual world that leads us to have faith in Jesus is a challenging one. It is a real challenge for those who believe and for those who disbelieve. For believers 'faith in Jesus is a free gift God gives to us and we are challenged to make that faith real in life. For non believers faith is the product of the human mind and it bothers them for the entire life on earth. The question one needs to ask is that can a human mind be capable of proving or disproving the existence of faith? Second what the mind can't find it doesn't mean that it does not exist. A humble mind would accept that there are things that are beyond the power of our mind to hold, especially when it relates to the question of faith in Jesus. Third, those who believe faith is the product of ones' mind; their spiritual life is shallow.

Fourth, the denial of faith in Jesus means denying the origin of life. Christians believe that all life came from God who is the giver of life. We believe that faith in Jesus is much bigger and far deeper than what a human mind can envisage and that it's richness and the mystery of faith. A human mind can make some sense of it and would never fully understand it. Jesus used the image of a growing plant to talk about the growing of faith in him. Prophet Ezekiel used images of birds that make nests and eat fruits of a tree but would never understand it. We believe God who provides for our needs and salvation, out of his love, and we will never fully understand God's love.

St Paul is saying to us we live '*by faith and not by sight*' 1Cor 6:7

Faith in us is like a growing plant. It is tiny and has life hidden in it and with the right conditions it will grow to be big like a cedar tree. Our faith in Jesus is small and weak and when we nurture it with God's love we can achieve amazing things in life. It is much bigger than we can imagine. It is the power of faith when it is deep rooted in God. Jesus tells us that our faith should be useful like the cedar and a mustard seed.

Vudinh Tuong



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for children in Year 4 and above who have been Confirmed will begin on Friday 20th July at 7-00pm in the Church and will continue over 3 Fridays with Friday the 3rd August being the final session.

Reconciliation will then take place for the children over 4 nights beginning with Tuesday 7th August. With First Communion taking place during our Multicultural Mass which is on Sunday 19th August.

Fr Tuong would like to interview the parents before instruction starts so please contact the Parish Office to book a day and time.

Interviews will be conducted last week of this School term and first week of next term.

Tues 26th, Wed 27th and Thurs 28 between 6-30 and 7-00pm.

Tues 17th July, Wed 18th and Thurs 19th same times as above.

Application forms are available from the Parish Office or ask Fr Tuong after Mass.

Upcoming Events

23rd June - 10.30am The Samoan Community of Goodna
Celebrate Mass for their patron ST JOHN THE BAPTIST followed by lunch in the Parish Centre.
ALL WELCOME

29th June - 9.00am Mass Feast of St's Peter & Paul
School holidays begin.

30th June/1st July Peters Pence Collection at all Masses

6th July 9.00am Healing Mass followed by morning tea on the back deck of the Presbytery

7/8 July - St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal and Expo



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 register with the office and let the office know what month you would like the Baptism to take place. On the **First Sunday** of the month the child is welcomed at the 9-

00am Mass. 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 the office, Father or Peter Aiavao and is to be accompanied by a copy of the child's **Birth Certificate**.

Once all the above has been completed then the baptism will take place on the **Third Sunday** of the month during the 9-00am Mass.

Remember to register with the Parish Office first.

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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)

June 17, 2018 - 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body.” – 2 CORINTHIANS 5:10* We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond? *(Accessed on 12th June, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)*

The Loft Student Accommodation is a project of St Paschal’s Church, Wavell Heights.

There are a few rooms still available for Mid-Year 2018 intake.

Affordable accommodation for tertiary students and apprentices in Brisbane.

Current tenants attend QUT, UQ, ACU and TAFE in Brisbane.

If rooms are available, we will also consider short term stay for students doing placements at hospital or at TAFE.

For further details or inspection, please contact 0467 515 130, (07) 3359 0239

Or email: theloftsa38@yahoo.com

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Survey of Catholic families attending non-Catholic schools

The Archdiocese of Brisbane is conducting research into the reasons that some Catholic families choose to send their children to non-Catholic schools. We know that there are many reasons for this. We are seeking families who have chosen to send their children to state, independent or other denominational schools to take part in a short, anonymous, online survey. We hope the responses will give us a better understanding of the needs of the families in our parishes.

It is estimated that the survey will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. If you would like to help our community in this way, please access the survey at this web link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J3P7TJQ>
The survey will be open until 24 June. Thank you for your assistance

Plaques One of the two plaques in the Church Porch has had a revamp and the other has been replaced. They both look awesome, so have a look and let Father Tuong know how good they look.

If you went looking for the Plaques last weekend and found them missing it was because the timber was getting a make over as well. Everything is back in its place now.



Open Day Saturday 30th June 9.30-11.30am.

This Will Rot More than Your Teeth

The hospital's consulting dietician was giving a lecture to several community nurses from the Southampton area of Hampshire.

'The rubbish we put into our stomachs and consume should have killed most of us sitting here, years ago. Red meat is terrible. Fizzy drinks attack your stomach lining. Chinese food is loaded with msg. Vegetables can be disastrous because of fertilisers and pesticides and none of us realises the long-term damage being done by the rotten bacteria in our drinking water. However, there is one food that is incredibly dangerous and we all have, or will, eat it at some time in our lives.

Now, is anyone here able to tell me what food it is that causes the most grief and suffering for years after eating it?'

A 65-year-old nursing sister sitting in the front row stood up and said, 'Wedding cake.'

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 11th June Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wed 13th June Rosary 6.30pm
Saturday 23rd Feast of St John the Baptist Mass Samoan Patron 10.30am
Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm **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.

17th June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 17:22-24; 2 Cor 5:6-10; Mk 4:26-34

Psalm Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

Is 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80



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: 22nd June, Jim and 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, Barbara Wakelin, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer, 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: 17th June—23rd June

Maria Bonderenko, Nola Kennedy, Helga Parades, Margaret Kozak, James Martin, D W Keppel, Gerry Fitzgerald, Andras Pal Varga, Sergion Panzani, Betty Dwyer, Sr M Stanislaus Ryan, Teresa Gorman, John Moloney, Susanna Phillips, Madison Taylor, Cathy Pearl.

Recently Deceased: John Hodgkinson, Gabriel Hoang Van Ninh, Maria Pham Thi Loan.

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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