



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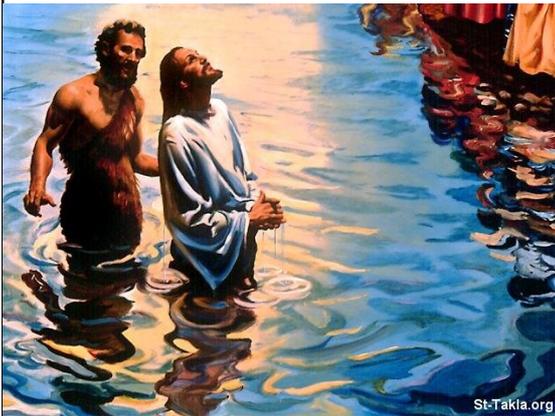
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Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**24th June 2018**

**Nativity of John**  
**the Baptist**

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



### **A man from river bank**

Every time I read this Gospel's passage I envisage in my mind the image of St John standing in the river to immerse Jesus into the water to baptise him. For this reason they called him John the Baptist. John isn't an ordinary man. He is a special person with many significant events unfolding throughout his life. It began even before his birth and Jesus spoke highly of him after John's violent death- being beheaded. His conception happened after when his mother, Elizabeth, had lost all hope of having children, caused by her advance in age. John's birth was announced by God's messenger. His father, Zechariah, had lost his voice for not trusting the Messenger who told him his wife

was going to bear him a son and he should name him John. On his naming day, all his relatives were surprised because the name given him had nothing to do with the family traditions. His father, Zechariah, regained his voice after John had been named. What the prophet Isaiah had prophesized became clear.

*The Lord called me from birth, from my mother's womb he gave me my name Is. 49,1.... He is to be called John. They said to her: but no one in your family has that name. Lk1,61*

What happened at his naming day ceremony had made people wonder about 'what will this child turn out to be? Lk 1,66. John enjoyed a simplicity of life, no luxury clothing in his appearance as he wore a garment made out of carmel skin; he lived not in a castle but in the wilderness; he had no taste of expensive banquet but simply wild honey and insects; his message was short, sharp and simple: *calling people to a baptism, a sign of repentance, for the forgiveness of sins. Lk 3,3.* His entire life was dedicated to the Messiah and he strongly believed that whenever the Messiah began his mission, his own mission would come to an end, giving way to the Lord. Several times John had made it clear when the Priests and Levites challenged his mission. John simply answered about his vocation that he is,

*A voice that cries in the wilderness. Make straight way for the Lord Jn 3,23....I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy spirit and fire. Lk 3,16*

During his life John always remembered that everything he had that came from the Lord. His popularity, his public speaking skills and even all his followers were given to him by the Lord. John kept nothing for himself. When he saw Jesus passing, John stared hard at him and said: *'Look, there is the lamb of God' Jn 3,35* and two of his disciples who followed Jesus. *I am made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and my God is now my strength!....He must be increased and I must be decreased. Jn 3,30*

We follow human instinct but for John the human instinct needs to be confirmed by the Spirit. The Spirit played a very prominent role in his life. He jumped for joy when Mary came to visit his mother. His name was given by the Spirit of God. No doubt he was not in the wilderness alone but the Sprit trained him for the mission. Prompted by the Spirit he recognized Jesus as the Saviour at his Baptism. Seeing Jesus walking past, John told his disciples that *he is the lamb of God.* The Bible briefly said *The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel. Lk 1,80*

We learn from John as we listen to the voice of the Spirit in our heart.

Fr 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**

25rd June - CRI Training day for State School Religious Instruction at Kruger Baptist Church 9.00am—2.30 pm.

.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

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

**CRI Training day for State School Religious Instruction** at Kruger Baptist Church 9.00am—2.30 pm.

For all those who feel called to this wonderful ministry to our children in our local State Schools.

Come along and see how you can help.; as an instructor, an assistant, prayer or financial support.

For information contact Christine Hodgkinson [coordinator] 0402494401.



## **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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## Spirituality for Life



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*'Behold, one is coming after me, I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet.'*  
(Acts 13,25)

**June 24, 2018 - 12<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Stewardship is a life style, it is not a program or a process. It is how we are called to live our lives twenty four hours a day, seven days a week! It challenges us to live 'God centered' lives, not 'self centered' lives. Reflect on your daily activities, do you do them for the glory of God or the glory of your own name?*

*(Accessed on 24th 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

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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.

### **Going for a break?**

The garbage collector came, but the mans rubbish bin was no where to be seen, so he says to the man;

'Where's yer bin?'

Guy says 'I've bin away on holidays.'

'No,' the garbo says, 'Wheres yer weely bin?'

The guy replies, 'Well I weely bin in jail, but I did not want anyone to know!'

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 25.1th June Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.**

**Wed 27.3th June Rosary 6.30pm**

**Friday 29 Sts Peter and Paul, apostles Mass 9.00 am**

**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.

### 24th June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

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

**1st July 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Wis 1:13-15,2:23-24 ; 2Cor 8:7,9,13-15; Mk 5:21-43**



### 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: 27th June, Mitch and 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, 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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