



St Francis Xavier Parish

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

The Epiphany

7th January
2018

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



Being a star

The Magi made a journey of faith, looking for the new born king. We too have made many journeys of faith. The very first one was the baptism and then confirmation and Eucharist and other sacraments. Every time we try to look for Jesus we make a journey of faith. Our entire life is on the journey. Like the magi, we have a sense of where we need to go, but we cannot see the destination. We know God is up there somewhere, but we cannot see it.

We have a guide. It is not a star in the sky. We have something even better than the star. We have someone who creates the stars and control them and that person is our Lord Jesus, who is our guide, who is by our side, who is the way the truth and life, who leads us in the

direction our lives need to travel. But the journey is difficult. Sometimes we want to quit. The journey is clear and wide and rough and tough and it makes us from time to time exhausted, thinking it is too hard I can't make it. We don't want to quit and we encourage each other to keep going. Jesus understands that life is not easy and he requires us to care for each other. We encourage one another to complete the journey as the One Body of Christ. We care for all we meet, reach out to help a lonely person, the poor, the sick and the needy. Helping one another is important but the result or the outcome is not always in our favour. So we need God's help and grace to keep going and eventually we will achieve the noble goal and that is to be true disciples of Jesus not in words but in deeds.

We encourage each other, we support each other and our Church community, helps us complete the journey. What is it that we will find when the journey is over? We don't know exactly yet but we believe in the promise Jesus made for those who follow his way. What we do know is that Jesus is always true to his words and that is what we hope for, it will be beautiful, full of love with eternal peace and joy.

The journey itself is hard and yet it is wonderful. During the journey we continually come upon new experiences of God. Sometimes we experience God in the wonders of Creation, the mountains, the oceans, the skies. Sometimes we experience God in the wonders of people, those who care for others, those who radiate God's kindness through words and deeds. Sometimes we experience God within our hearts. "Were not our hearts on fire when we received the Blessed of Sacrament for the first time or being confirmed or at a wedding vows or one of the retreats or a Gospel message or enlightenment in a quiet prayers you made. We are called to be a star for Jesus, shine our light through actions that help others to recognize our light and give praise to God.

Vudinh Tuong

Used Nativity Cards Once again we are collecting Nativity cards to use with our Religious instruction classes in the State Schools. Last year, because of your generosity our instructors gave over 700 children a card which shared the real meaning of Christmas. There is no need to cut the cards, as they are all trimmed and attached to cardboard before being given out. Can you put them into the box is near the side door of the church ... beside the angel. Please pray for the RI in our State Schools. Thank you very much Christine Hodgkinson.



The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provides an opportunity for persons with a disability to access a social life, gatherings, and activities to help overcome loneliness and for them to enjoy the advantages of today's world in company, education and acceptance in a friendly atmosphere, all based on Christian values.



A special emphasis is placed on helping parents as well as the disabled with their personal, spiritual and social lives.

Although based on Catholic beliefs, it is ecumenical and all members and people with disabilities are welcomed.

There are no Government subsidies, and most activities are voluntary. **ALL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR DISABLED FRIENDS ARE FREE OF CHARGE.**

The Church Appeal is one of the major fundraisers for the year. In previous year this Parish has been very generous even in the most difficult financial times, for which the Movement is most grateful.

The annual appeal will be held in this Parish on the weekend of 10/11 February 2018.

To Giveaway There are a number of different items in the garage of the Presbytery that are left over from the Fete and from Fr Roger moving. We are offering you the Parishioners the opportunity to have a look and see if you could use any of the items. There are hanging pictures, overnight suitcases, kitchen items, bird cage, mans gardening hat just to name a few. Please see Marie in the Office if you are interested.

Advertising in the Newsletter

We are going to be printing the Newsletter in colour and to cover the cost of that we are asking for people to advertise their business in the Newsletter for a cost of \$25 per week.



Baptism at St Francis Xavier

The first Sunday of each month parents who want their child Baptised will present their child to the Congregation at the 9-00am Mass. Then the Second Sunday after the 9-00am Mass Baptism preparation will be held in the Church. After partaking in both of these then the Baptism can be arranged. Baptism's will be held on the Third Sunday of each month at the 9-00 am Mass. Forms are available from the Church, the Website or the Office.

First Friday of each month

The 9-00am Mass on the First Friday of each month will be a Healing Mass. Beginning with Friday 2nd February. The only change would be if it coincided with Mass in the School.



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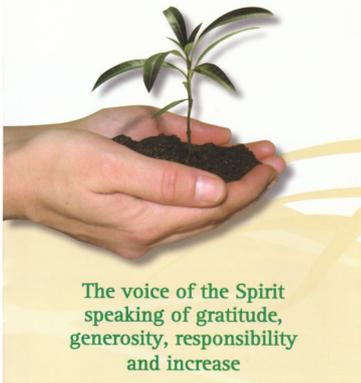
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Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

January 7, 2018 - Epiphany of the Lord *“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11*

Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

(Accessed on 3rd January 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/>

bulletin-inserts)

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.

Questions:

When you hear the above Gospel reading, do you feel called to ‘give it all away’?

Do you feel called to give up anything?

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.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy

PARISH NOTICES



Dates for your Diary

Sun 7th Jan. The Epiphany Mass 7.30 & 9.00am
Mon 8th Jan Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Sun 14th Jan. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mass 7.30 & 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.

7th Jan. The Epiphany

Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Psalm: Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

14th Jan. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42



Services times this week:

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am Mass
9.00am Mass

Weekdays

Monday No Mass
Tuesday 9.00am Mass
Wednesday 9.00am Mass
Thursday 9.00am Mass
Friday 9.00am Mass
Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 12.01.2018 Laulu Family

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:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Sr Helen Stanley, Breda O'Sullivan, Rose Logan, Edna May Tourney, Keith Auld, Kathy McMonagle, Kevin Ward, Matthew Berwick, John Ward, Allan Peterson, Kathleen Doherty. Rachel Scriben, Stan Brown, Carmon Z, Nancy McCarrick, 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 & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Bill McCarthy, Valerie Chew, Barbara Wakelin, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer. (Some names have been removed from this list, so please contact us if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

Anniversaries: 7-13 January.

Eutropio Basubas, David Kirby, Norma Finlayson, Suzanne Hall, David Kerslake, Bridget McKelvey, Mary Fryars, Dorrie Hall, Gerard O'Halloran, Leonard Galligan, Pauline butcher, Cheryl Bishop, Keith Berens, Martha Chew, Joseph O'Sullivan, Denis Peacock, Charles Nobel, Raymond Owens, William Gee, John Eustace, Dora Kreidel, Mavis Milner, Vera McCallion, Wilma Poek.

Recently Deceased: Marianne Bergel

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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