



St Francis Xavier Parish

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St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only .

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

2nd Sunday
In Ordinary
Time

14th January
2018

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



Trusting

Trusting is a must, not a choice; it is something we all need to have and it plays a key role in our life. We need to trust our own ability to learn and do things. We need to trust others in order to receive support and work together. Apart from trusting ourselves and others there is another source of trust we need to

have and that is the spiritual power that would help us to place our trust in the Lord. All today readings call us to trust God. First, Samuel had placed his trust in his master Eli. He believed that his parent was doing the right thing and had entrusted their son Samuel to Eli. In the middle of the night Samuel heard the call and he went to Eli. After three times Eli understood that it was the Lord who called Samuel and instructed him to respond. At the fourth time Samuel answered '*Speak Lord, your servant is listening*' (Sam3:19). Samuel had trusted his master Eli and the invisible God who he heard the calling but not seeing. Samuel had trusted the Lord and his life was changed towards God's guidance throughout his life.

The responsorial psalm is "*Here am I, Lord, I come to do your will*" (Ps39:2)

Those who had great trust in the Lord are able to answer that the purpose of my being on this planet, on this faith journey is to do not my own will but yours. It is your will that my body and heart and soul should serve you and make your glory shine to the world. Paul speaks to the Corinthians that our physical body is a temple of the Spirit. Because it is the temple of the Spirit we don't own it. It is God who creates it and owns it and we are given the task to take utmost care of it, to keep it clean and pure and worthy for the Spirit. The claim people often make is that 'it is my body and I am free to do to my own body'. It is a non-Christian approach because the reality is that we have no ultimate controlling of our sickness and aging and intelligent. When we realize that what St Paul reminds us is our body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. It comes from God, we know we don't own our own body and we are grateful for gift of life and eternal life.

The Gospel tells us that John the Baptist had great trust in the Lord and that he lived not for his own but he lived to give glorification to the Lord. He sent his disciples to Jesus and his disciples had great trust in Jesus and they stayed overnight with him and their lives changed and has changed the lives of generations. Trust is essential in life. It begins at home, starting from a very young age when you teach your children to trust you and trust God.

Trust opens to guidance and the willingness to learn. Students trust teachers will learn better. Good government is the ones who gain trust from the people and it is a healthy society. The disciples of Jesus had great trust in him. They followed and learnt from him and most of them accepted violent deaths to show to the world that they had trusted Jesus till the last drop of their blood.

Vudinh Tuong

Used Nativity Cards Thank you once more for your support of the Religious Instruction programme in our State schools. This year we gave every child a Christmas card, each one with a Nativity scene.



Please continue to pray for this wonderful ministry to our children. If you would like to assist in any way either by financial support, or as an instructor or assistant, [Training is available on Wed 24 January, 2018], at St Mary's Ipswich.], contact the Parish office, or myself.

Thank you, Christine Hodgkinson, coordinator. [PH: 0402494401]

A box for used Nativity cards is again at the church door for donations.

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.

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.

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.



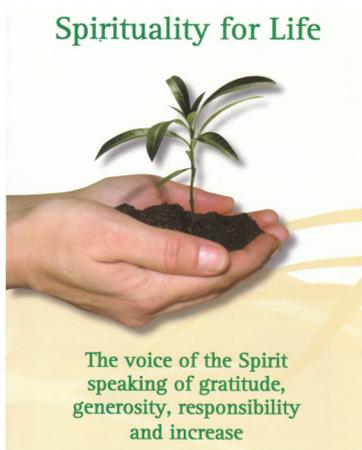
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Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

January 14, 2018 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time *“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38*

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

(Accessed on 10th January 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

Are you ever concerned about the approach of Lent (beginning 14th February) and the challenge of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that accompanies it? I used to feel that way, when whatever I chose to give up for Lent was chosen only to find something challenging to give up. It served no other purpose. Whatever I gave up had no relationship to my relationship with God or making me a more spiritual person, or helping the poor.

Now I have found something! I go to the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent, give up the usual video and popcorn I watch every Friday night during the rest of the year (and the comfortable flopping on the couch after a week of work) and give what I would usually spend on the video and popcorn to the ‘Rice Bowl.’ This ‘discipline’ has helped to realize that unpromising experiences like deprivation, loss, and pain can lead to redemption. It all involved better stewardship of my time and treasure.

Questions:

Has repentance or penance ever made you feel ‘liberated’? When? How?

Stewardship calls us into a new sense of collaboration with God where we are accountable and responsible. Such collaboration with God impacts creation, redemption, and the sanctification of the world in which we live. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*



Piety Stall will be open on the First Saturday of each month before and after the 6-pm Mass beginning Saturday 3rd February 2018. It will also be open each Sunday from 7.00am closing at 9.00am.



PARISH NOTICES



Dates for your Diary

Sun 14th Jan. 2nd Sunday in Ord Time 7.30 & 9.00am
 Mon 15th Jan Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 17th Jan Rosary 6.30pm
 Sat 20th 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sun 21st Jan. 3rd 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.

14th Jan. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42
Psalm: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.
21st Jan. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20



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: 19.01.2018 Julia Deng

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: Noleen Burghoffer, Mary Stevenson

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.

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.