



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm

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

4th Sunday
In Ordinary
Time

28th January
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 a mystery

We all have life and enjoy living simply because life is a mystery. When things go our way we enjoy life and think that life is real and simple and down to earth. When life is facing with pain and sickness and failures life is a mystery. It is so mysterious that we don't understand ourselves. We can't understand and explain things that most concern us. Questions like who am I and what we live

for or what is the purpose of life on earth and whether there is life after death are questions that have many answers. Fairy tales were created to explain what the minds could not comprehend. Some welcome the belief that there is another life after the earthly ended; others believe about nothingness. Believe it or not we all have something in common and that is to respect our human body and commemoration of the deaths on their anniversary. Life is both fragile and tough. Our mind can travel faster than the speed of light because with just a simple blink of an eye we can recall what we have seen years ago at a distance of thousands of miles away. Our feelings can change from an unhappy mood to a happy mood within a fraction of a second. A single word can make your heart sink and also a single word can make us smile. Both happiness and sadness we know but what makes us truly happy is debatable. We can't turn back the clock to fix what went wrong yesterday. It is a thing of the past and we are powerless to change but things of the past are foundation of our future. The answer for the purpose of life is varied from person to person. Some follow their own instinct and hope that things turn out alright. Others look to God for guidance and comfort and follow God's will.

Both the Scribes and Jesus taught to the people but Jesus had made tremendous impression on the people while the Scribes made little progress. Jesus taught them with authority and made life easier to bear while the Scribes placed burden on the people and made life that was a heavy burden. Our politicians have authority because people vote for them and they have authority to govern the people. The authority of the democracy political system is given by the people, confer by the people through voting and there is a term applied and the people can vote them out. Jesus, on the other hand, has authority which is not given by the people but recognized by the people. The authority Jesus has which is eternity and it comes from himself, from God and the public has no power to confer or to take it away. What they can do is to accept it with joy or they can make personal choice but no one has the power to take away the authority Jesus has. Children accept authority of their parent because by birth they have responsibility to look after their own children and by the love they have for their children. Similarly Jesus loves us as parents love their children. His love is eternal and unconditional. His love is a sacrificial and unreserved love. Followers of Jesus enjoy his authority simply because his love for them is true and genuine. His teaching is real and relevant to their daily lives and what he has to offer is permanent and that is what the world don't have.

Vudinh Tuong.

Would you like to be part of a Lenten Group

Lent is fast approaching and now is the time to start thinking about whether you would like to participate in last years Lenten group or set up a new one at home as a host.

The theme for this year is "Blessed & Broken" Books are \$8 each, Box set of 1 DVD and 2 CDs is \$16.

Lenten groups can meet in someone's home or by arrangement in the Parish Centre.

Expressions of interest and to register for the CD and booklet please contact the Parish Office.



The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped

was founded in 1968 under the umbrella of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary. It provide 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.**

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 (next Friday).

School Mass Friday 16th February in the School Hall 9.00am all welcome.



Wanted: Altar Servers and Readers

Children in Years 4 & 5 are wanted to be Altar Servers.

Children in Year 6 would you like to be a Reader at Mass?

If any children are interested in the above can they please see Father Tuong. Father will provide training for both the Altar Servers and Readers.



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. Next Sunday is the first Sunday so please get your forms to the office before Friday.

Advertising in the Newsletter

We are trialling printing the Newsletter in colour and to cover the cost of that we are asking for people to advertise their business in the Newsletter. Size of ad would be postcard size at a cost of \$25 per week.



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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 28, 2018 - 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time *“Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties.” - 1 Corinthians 7:32* How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word “pray” instead of the word “worry” in the future. (Accessed on 24th January 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

Apologies for the Anniversaries not being up to date over the last couple of weeks.



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.

Thank You

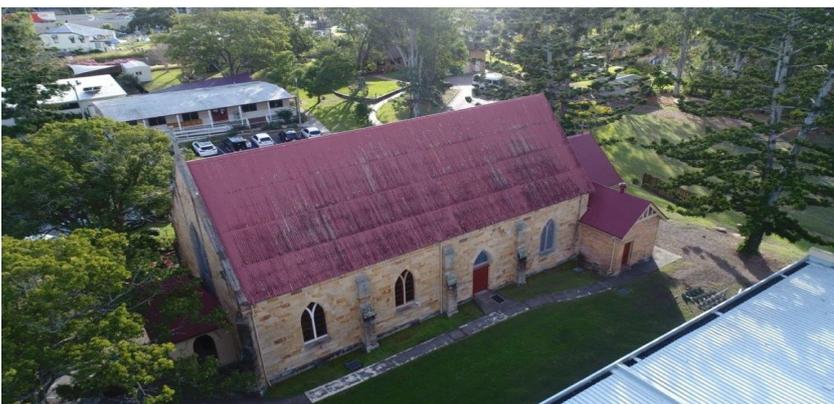
To Frank & Therese Demmers, John Borowski and Frank Fenech for the wonderful work fixing the pavers at the back of the Presbytery.

Also thank you to Jo Masalu and his family for all your hard work getting the Presbytery timber floors ready for sanding and polishing.

Lent begins Wednesday 14th Feb. Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in celebrations of solemnities and feasts. Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. (CCL 97, 1251-52).

For Sale

Chef upright Electric 4 Plates, Grill in the Oven stove. Stove is from the Presbytery is 12 years old and hardly used. Is in excellent condition. Electrician and Plumber have recommended to sell for \$150. To view please phone the Office on 3818 0111 and press 4 to arrange a time.



The scaffolding is up so please take care when walking around the perimeter of the Church. Works should take 2 weeks weather permitting.

PARISH NOTICES



Dates for your Diary

(Vigil Sat 6.00pm) Mass Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 29th Jan Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Wed 31st Jan Rosary 6.30pm
Wed 31st Jan Parish Finance Council 5.30pm
Thurs 1st Feb Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm
Friday 2nd Feb Healing Mass 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.

28th Jan. Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Psalm Response: If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

4th Feb. Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



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

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 02 February, Mitch & 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:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Breda O'Sullivan, Rose Logan, Edna May Tournay, 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, Tom McCarthy, Valerie Chew, Barbara Wakelin, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer, John Hodgkinson. (Names that have been on here for some time 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: 28 Jan-3 Feb:

Cecil Hamilton, Syd Leoni, Peter Chew, Julietta Uela, Sonny Folkes, Geraldine Keller, Joseph, Carmel Simoni, John Byrnes, Jack Dynan, Jimmy Moore.

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.