

Cleaning Roster for Next Week William Family



Flower Roster for Next Week Noela Leituala

Registering as a Volunteer

All Mass volunteers will need to be registered with the Archdiocese of Brisbane as a Volunteer prior to any volunteering duties can be carried out. The registration process can extend to either a Blue Card application and/or Police Check. To get more information and details about the new online registration process, please come up to the Parish Office if you are interested in helping out.

Lenten Program - 2020

Anyone wishing to register their name for a Lenten Program for Easter 2020 (12th April 2020), please contact the Parish Office.



Prayer for the Sick

Hudson Mc Hardy, Keith Auld, Lin Merrian, Marj, Gladys Robbin, Kim Shadwell, Jackie Ledger, Amy and Reagan Whiteman, Blake Dufty, Amanda Harding, Sarah Kathleen Jones, Marie Bonne.

Anniversaries: 1st December - 7th December

Elizabeth McGettigan, Mary Gallagher, Glenis Nugent, Edward Doyle, Audrey McCoy, Josephine Hurray, Ann Everett, Don Stubbs, John McElroy Jnr, Ethel Whiteman, Maria Hoang Thi Hanh, Evelyn Blundell, Bill Lewis, Ula Burke, Patrick Molloy.

Recently Deceased

Thomas James McCarthy, Peter John Burns, Unasa Mesi Galo Esera, Tofilau Uili Ponifasio Leafa, Irene Kelly wife of Maurie (dec'd).

Christmas Cards

We have Majellan Christmas cards for sale at \$10/pack (10 cards/pack). If you wish to purchase any cards, please contact the Parish Office. Get in early as we only have a limited number for sale.



Evangelii Gaudium (2013) 137

A **homily** is recommended on weekdays, especially during the seasons of Advent, Lent and Easter.

The homily has special importance due to its Eucharistic context: it surpasses all forms of catechesis as the supreme moment in the dialogue between God and his people which leads up to sacramental communion.

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1st December 2019 First Sunday of Advent



Spiritual Awakening

The first Sunday of Advent begins a new liturgical year. Each year, the Church reminds her members, that they need to be ready to welcome Jesus whenever he returns. We know for sure, that Jesus will return, but

either (a) the time is unknown or (b) when, is unknown to everyone except the Father. Images employed in the Bible give a sense of certainty that Jesus will return for the second time, but the time remains unknown to us. The Church calls her members to focus on the 'sense of certainty', and not on 'the time of when'. Because his return is certain to happen, it is better to prepare for it, and when it happens, we have already prepared. There is no easy answer to know how much in advance the preparation is needed. God's mercy saves us. God's mercy in our hearts makes us worthy before God. Those who aim to make long term preparation in advance are likely to fail, because they get tired of waiting, get bored and give up. Alternatively, the good option is making daily preparation, and that is much easier, because it takes less time and effort to do it each day. At the end of each day, one can reflect and see how much hope and faith that person had in God in a given day. There is no need to do preparation for tomorrow, because the time of his coming is unknown. Welcoming God into our life each day is a sensible thing to do. We wake up and go to work each day. Some people are offering that day for Jesus; others are not. St Paul calls us to wear the Christian virtues. Each day we conduct our lives in a good and benevolent manner. Each day we follow the way of the Lord. Children of God should make God's love known to others both at home and at work. Conducting our lives in that manner we bring



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hope for others. We live in the shadow of darkness of this world, and yet we don't lose hope; but become bringers of hope. Jesus talked about his return. He used the story of Noah to talk about human behaviour. First, when the time comes no human power can stop or prevent it. Second, the force of nature brings terror to every heart and tears to every eye, and that all human beings feel when they are confronted by the force of nature. Those who have faith in Jesus feel like others, but they have something extra, and that is hope in the Lord. In time of terror, the power of faith reveals its strength. Our hope anchors us in the Lord and we firmly believe that the Lord will never abandon his children. In the story of Noah, God gave Noah enough grace to have hope in God, to go on doing what he needed to do. Noah had the strength and wisdom from God, but he would never rely on his own strength. When human beings have a bit of knowledge they tend to rely on their own strength and knowledge, and believe that their own strength and knowledge can save them in times of need. God has no place in their lives. We are clever enough to learn from our failures and will be better equipped for the future. We are able to take control of natural disasters on a small scale level. Jesus reminds us that there are times human power is powerless to stop what is happening. When it happens there will be separation. One will be taken away and one will remain. We live in the dark, we don't know what happens both for the one taken away or the one who remains. Whatever happens, we live in hope, not in despair.

Vudinh Tuong

Christmas BBQ for all Volunteers - Thank You Party

We are beginning to think about organising this years Christmas BBQ. This year the BBQ will be held on the 8th Dec at 5.00pm. To help us with catering, can you please put your name down on this list in the Sacristy or contact Michelle in the Parish Office.

Thank You -

We wish to thank the volunteers for helping with the setup for the Nativity.

Seniors Lunch - Thank You

Thank you to all who helped make our Monday lunch a success. If you worked on the day, or gave donations so generously for the raffles, we could not have done this without you.

Wishing you the best Christmas can bring and may 2020 be a year to remember.

God Bless you and yours.

SFX Senior Group

Dates to Remember



3rd	Dec	Religious Instruction Christmas Concert	Redbank
You are invited to Redbank State School , Brisbane Road, Redbank - in the C.O.L.A at 1.45pm.			
6th	Dec	Religious Instruction Christmas Concert	Collingwood Park
You are invited to Collingwood Park State School , Burrell Street, Collingwood Park in the School Hall at 2.00pm.			
4th	Dec	St Francis Xavier Year 6 Graduation	SFX School Hall
5th	Dec	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Parish Office
The meeting will begin at 7.00pm.			
8th	Dec	Christmas BBQ for all Volunteers - Thank You	
This year the Christmas BBQ and turning on of the Christmas Lights will be held on the 8th Dec at 5.00pm.			
7th-8th	Dec	St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal	
This year a special collection will run during the weekend Mass. This appeal will allow the offering of Christmas Hampers to 25-30 families.			
13th	Dec	St Francis Xavier Christmas Carols	
The St Francis Xavier Christmas Carols will be on Friday the 13th December, starting at 6.30pm, with a Mass Reconciliation at 7.00pm. This will be followed by a shared Supper (Please bring a plate of food to share).			



Baptism at St Francis Xavier, Goodna

The next Baptism will be held on 21st December 2019.

Baptisms are held on the third Sunday of each month during the 9am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



Loop System

The Church is fitted with a loop system. If you wear a hearing aid, set the control to the 'T' to obtain a better sound.

Mass Times next Week

3rd	Dec -	Tues -	9.00am	Mass
4th	Dec -	Wed -	9.00am	Mass
5th	Dec -	Thurs -	9.00am	Mass
6th	Dec -	Fri -	9.00am	Mass

Saturday Mass

7th	Dec -	Sat -	4.00pm	Reconciliation (till 4.30pm)
			5.00pm	Mass

Sunday Mass

8th	Dec -	Sun -	7.00am & 9.00am	Mass
			5.00pm	Mass - Volunteers BBQ

Second Sunday of Advent 8th December

Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

