



## **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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**Parish Clergy: Fr Vudinh Tuong PP.**

**Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges**

**(Local Safeguarding Children Representative: Marie Hodges)**

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

**17th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**29th July, 2018**

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

### **A prisoner for the Lord**

Correctional services aim to reform deviational behaviours of a prisoner. The reform takes place in the form of restriction of movement. At an institution there are set times for inmates such as time to wake up, do washing and exercise and feed and bed time. Inmates respond to the bell of the changes and act accordingly and learn the routine of life. There are signs of good performance but not sure of significant change made from the inside, the inner life of mind and heart of a person.

Prisoner for the Lord doesn't mean that one is being confined in an established institution. It means that one volunteers to do it for the Lord, putting faith and love in actions for Jesus. There are no wardens to observe one's behaviours but rather volunteering to correct oneself, not by fear of the laws, but by the fear of not loving God enough.

According to the letter from St Paul to the Ephesians 4:1-6; a prisoner for the Lord doesn't do it for a short period of time but it is a lifetime of faithful commitment. It is our vocation to love God and love our neighbour. Christians are called to live a life of worthiness. It doesn't mean that we are worthy before the Lord but rather God calls us and makes us worthy by the love of God. When we

*2: Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience.*

They are used in the service of God and God will make us worthy and precious. We are called to unite into the Body of Christ and through Christ, God's love and grace will flow into our lives and make us worthy before the Lord. We attain the divine life, to be brothers and sisters in Christ and heirs of the kingdom, and that we will inherit all what Christ has gained for us through his passion and triumph resurrection.

We are united in the faith Jesus offered. We are united in the service we have for one another and we are united in the Spirit. When we follow the guidance of God's Spirit we are certainly free from all deviational behaviours because the Spirit of God set us free. The Spirit helps us to call God our Father and the Spirit empowers us to bear with one another. The Spirit makes us gentle, patient and humble. The Spirit helps us to realize that everything we have comes from God. Our life is orientated on oneself no more but God alone who is the source of our wisdom, strength and goal in life.

To serve another means to put God's gifts given to us into actions, to make God's love real and relevant to the life of the people. In the Gospel Jesus revealed his power over the natural laws by feeding the five thousand people from barley five loaves and two fish. The apostles had nothing to do with it except to follow Jesus' instructions. They couldn't see how the child's lunch could be of help. By feeding the crowd Jesus let them know that God had the power to magnify our little contribution, weakness to be massive and strong. The feeding showed that Jesus is able to provide even when our resources are limited. God can make our humble and gentle service to be great for others.

Fr Vudinh Tuong



### 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.

**Please note there will be no Baptism Welcome or Preparation in September.**

### Upcoming Events

- 2nd Aug - 9.00am Mass will be the monthly Healing Mass with morning tea to follow.
- 2nd Aug - 7.00pm Parish Pastoral Council Meeting
  
- 3rd Aug - 9.00am Feast of Mary McKillop whole of School Mass in the School Hall
- 3rd Aug - 7.00pm 2nd Session for children making their First Communion
  
- 15th Aug - 9.00am Feast of the Assumption Mass in School Hall 6.30pm in the Church
  
- 19th Aug - 10.00am Multicultural Mass in School Hall and the children will make their First Holy

**Wanted:** Help with counting of the weekly collections on a Monday morning, please phone the office.

**Found:** One pair of reading glasses. Also found behind the Parish Centre on the grass one wedding band. Both of these items can be collected from the Office.

### Share The Dignity

**Share the Dignity** is a charity that helps homeless women and girls with Sanitary items that they otherwise would be going without.

“No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items.” From next weekend and throughout **August**. The box for this appeal will be in the Office so you can drop off your donations during Office hours.

Start shopping now also for the “It’s in the Bag Appeal which will run from 16th November through to 2nd December. Remember in the bags put the essentials a woman needs and maybe a luxury item as well.

Further information can be obtained from their website: [www.sharethedignity.com.au](http://www.sharethedignity.com.au)



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## Spirituality for Life



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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.'**

**July 29, 2018 - 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** *"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" JOHN 6:9* The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

(Accessed on 25th July, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



### Wanted for Multicultural Mass

We need volunteers from our different nationalities to carry the flag of their country in the Entrance Procession of the Mass.

Please see Fr Tuong or make contact with one of the steering committee members listed below with your name and phone number.

### Multicultural Mass 19th August, 2018 10.00am in School Hall

Steering Committee: Elaine Walters, Filo Laulu, Uiki Vaoiva, Joe Masalu, Peter Aiavao. Volunteers are required for setting up and serving lunch also to clean up afterwards.

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch, with your dish can you label what it is and ingredients for the benefit of people who may have allergies or digestive issues.

For Mass all are welcome to wear your national or traditional costumes.

Mass starts at 10.00am in the School Hall. If you wish to assist please contact one of the Committee members listed above.



Preparation for the Plenary council 2020 begins with open Listening and Dialogue. It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary council. Your experience of faith and the Church is important. Read about how you can [#shareyourstory](https://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](https://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

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### For Sale: Majellan Christmas Cards

I know its early but get organised now for your Christmas Cards this year. We have packs of 10 cards for sale at \$10 a pack. See Marie during Office hours to purchase or ring during Office hours for pick up at Mass on the weekend. Hurry and get in early as we have a limited number of packs for sale.

**Humour:** What did the grape do when he got stepped on? He let out a little wine.

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 30th July Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.**  
**Tues 31st July Frank Keppel's Funeral 11.00am**  
**Wed 1st August Rosary 6.30pm**  
**Thurs 2nd August Healing Mass**  
**Thurs 2nd August Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm**  
**Fri 3rd Mary McKillop Mass in School Hall**

**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.

### 29th July 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**2 Kg 4:42-44; Eph 4:1-6; Jn 6:1-15.**

**Psalm: The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.**

### 5th August 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35.**



### Services times this week:

**Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm**  
**Sunday 7.00am Mass**  
**9.00am Mass**

Monday No Mass  
**Tuesday 11.00am Funeral Mass no 9.00am**  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass  
 Thursday 9.00am Healing Mass  
 Friday 9.00am Mass School Hall  
 Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass  
 Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm**

### **Cleaning: 27th July William**

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 (22mths), Maureen McCallion, Pat McCallion, Jean Silvester, Martin Hindley, George Potter, Christine Walker, Phillip Hoy, David Robinson, Wilhemine Peters. 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: 29th July-4th August

Ken Mahoney, Mary Fitzpatrick, Robert Jeffery, Frederick Smith, John McNulty, Erno Gross, Nicko Mamea, Mark Fergus, Lee Roy Fruean, William Fruean, Osovale Ulugia .

**Recently Deceased:** Frank Keppel, Yvonne Smith, Rob Simpson, Falongosani Masalu (Joe's brother).

### **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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