



St Francis Xavier Parish

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(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

**23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

9th Sept, 2018

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

"ephphatha"
Be OPENED!
-Mark SEVEN
THIRTY-FOUR

Be opened

Today we have a story of the man who had heard no evil and said no evil not because he was incapable of doing so but because he was not only deaf but also had impediment in speech. Unable to hear means a person lives in danger all the times because he knows not what is happening around him. Impediment in speech creates lots of misunderstanding because he was

unable to express himself clearly in words. Sign language had its limitations. It is hard to imagine how lonely and how much suffering and sadness the deaf man bore in his life? How much worry and fear he had endured? One can get accustomed to something in life but it is not easy to get use to an inability to express one's ideas and feelings. Fortunately, everything changed and changed for the better after the deaf man encountered Jesus. He began a new life in Christ, the goodness Jesus gave him which was beyond his imagination.

Let's see how did Christ heal the man? First, Jesus took the man by himself away from the crowd and applied touches to cure the man's sickness. The first touch made when Jesus took the man aside by himself. This act alone created some sort of separation the man from the crowd. The man was in the hand of the people who brought him to Jesus but now he was separated from the crowd and was alone in the hand of Jesus. Next, Jesus put his fingers into his ears. There was some sort of separation invisible to the eyes of the crowd but the man felt about it and later on the man was able to hear clearly. The final touch made when Jesus touched his tongue with spittle. Again this separation also hidden from the public eye and his tongue was loosened and he was able to speak clearly. There were several actions and yet only one single word uttered but the word was not uttered to the man but to his impediment- 'Ephphatha'.

"And his ears were opened and his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly" v.35

These gestures deeply touched not just the ears and the tongue of the man but rather it touched the heart of the man. The man had personal experience of God's power movements from within. Probably, like the experiment the haemorrhage women who longed to touch the fringe of Jesus' garment had experienced Lk 8:40ff, the man felt God's power was flowing into his own body. He could not hear or speak before but now he could he hear all good words praising God, ' *he has done all things well*', and he spoke with a heartfelt thanking God for his goodness. The man had lived in a hopeless situation and the crowd was powerless to heal the man. Meeting Jesus had changed the life of the man forever. His impediments were cured and he began his new life in joy.

The healing of the man tells us that Jesus spoke to the crowd but not all its members encountered Jesus. Encounters with Jesus happen at an individual level. We respond to him not as communal response but individual conviction. The public eye can observe the outward signs but the inward movements are hidden and those who have faith in Jesus will feel it from their own heart.

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.

In September there will be no Baptism Welcome or Preparation the next Welcome and Preparation will be Sunday 14th October due to Fr Tuong being on annual leave.

Could you help Caritas Australia? Caritas is urgently looking for Parish Representatives in our Deanery to help us connect our parish communities here with our sisters and brothers in some of the poorest places in the world. You can help us locally by holding our work in prayer, raising awareness of the causes of poverty and assisting us each year with our Project Compassion appeal and global emergencies. You can also choose what you do depending on what you're comfortable with and the time you have available. Guidance, information and materials are all available and anything you can do would be much appreciated. If you have a passion to build a fairer world please contact Lynda on 07 3324 3134 or Lynda.Mussell@caritas.org.au for more information.



Church Cleaning

The Church does not clean itself it takes a band of volunteers to keep it clean. At the moment we only have a very small band of volunteers who clean our Church so we **NEED YOUR HELP**.

Cleaning can be done at a time to suit yourself and takes one to two hours. Ideally the roster would allow for an 8 week turn around but at the moment we do not have enough people for that. Could your family help out? Or you and a friend?

Fr Tuong and Marie would like to thank Mitch and Pam Dodrill for their time and efforts over the years in regards to the cleaning and keeping the roster going.

CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2018

Queensland Child Protection Week is held during the first full week of September each year. Schools, businesses, community groups and government organisations come together, to consider how best to pro-mote the value of children and focus attention on issues of child abuse and neglect.

Children are a gift from God and must be protected from harm of every kind. Many Archdiocesan personnel through their ministries and services are in a unique position to identify child abuse and neglect and to do something about it.

The Archdiocese expects all personnel, including clergy, employees and volunteers to act upon concerns or complaints of abuse, and comply with reporting obligations.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 2018



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.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

"Do not be afraid of holiness. It will take away none of your energy, vitality or joy." (GE32)

– Pope Francis

Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate *On a Call to Holiness* in Today's World

Spirituality for Life



The voice of the Spirit speaking of gratitude, generosity, responsibility and increase



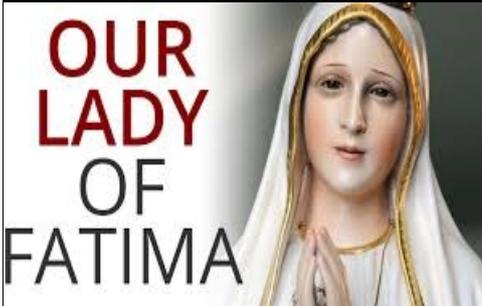
'Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.'

September 9, 2018 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" (JAMES 2:5)

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

(Accessed on 29th August, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->



101 Anniversary Saturday 13th October 2018 11 am

Rosary will be prayed in our Church led by Linda Parry (a parishioner). Please join Linda and our Rosary Prayer Group for this wondrous occasion with a light lunch to follow. For more information please contact the Office and I will put you in touch with Linda.

Our Church, our community. Doing good.

This weekend our parish is holding a special collection for the **Annual Catholic Campaign**, in support of the vital ministries in our Church.



HOLY SPIRIT SEMINARY



CENTACARE



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PRIESTS FOUNDATION

It's the one time a year that all of the parishes in the Archdiocese pull together to help build these good works of our Church and local community.

Please consider a thoughtful gift.
It will be the answer to someone's prayer.



2018 ANNUAL CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN
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Support the good works of the Church.

Give today: 07 3324 3200 or catholiccampaign.com.au

Office Hours next week

Monday no change.
Tuesday closed due to Marie doing training at the Archdiocesan Offices.
Wednesday no change
Thursday Office will be open
Friday CLOSED.

Whilst Father Tuong is away I will also be taking some time for family events which could not be changed.

Please note the last week of September and first week of October the Office will only be open on Monday 24th September.

Marie

Dad there's a moth on the outside of the bathroom door can you get rid of it?

Pls hurry because I'm going to cry

Dad

Dad

Dec 26, 2012 2:30 PM

Dad is dead. You're next.
Love, Moth

The ACU Centre for Liturgy, in partnership with Liturgy Brisbane, is offering a public Short Course **"From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals"** at the Leadership Centre Brisbane Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, BRISBANE on Saturday, 22 September between 9.15am and 4.45pm. The cost is \$60 and registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

Cover for Father Tuong

15/16 September—Fr Peter Weineke OSA

22/23 September—Fr Stanley Orji

29/30 September—Fr Roger Burns

6/7 October—Fr Peter Weineke OSA

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 10th Sept, Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

Wed 12th Sept Rosary 6.30pm

Mon 10th Sept Fr Tuong begins 4 weeks leave, there will be no weekday masses whilst Father is away.

Weekend Masses will be as per usual.

Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm Sunday Masses 7.00 & 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.

9th September, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37.

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

16th September, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35



Services times this week:

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

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.00 & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 14th Sept, Jim & Oliver

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Marie in the Parish Office. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks) The current Roster is available from the Sacristy. If you cannot honour your commitment please let Marie 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 (2yrs), Maureen McCallion, Pat McCallion, Jean Silvester, Martin Hindley, George Potter, Christine Walker, Phillip Hoy, David Robinson, Wilhemine Peters, John Appelman. 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: 9th Sept-15th Sept

Lelio Bedit, Helen Doyle, Mary Keppel, Josephine Liddy, Jennifer Hasted, Noel Gorman, Aat de Roos, Michael McMahan, John O'Connor.

Recently Deceased: Donald Lowry, Alan Mooney, Jaime Teal



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