



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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

**25th Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**23rd Sept, 2018**

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

### **Good News: The way of God's servant.**

They are on their way through Galilee. In the second half of Mark—the journey from the height of perception down into the dark valley of death—the evangelist has six references to their being on the way. Scripture experts recognize that Mark's gospel is planned with the architect's attention to the number and placing of detail and events. Six references to being on the way correspond to six crossings of the lake in the first part of Mark.

Crossing the lake bridged the differences between the Jewish and Gentile territories. The miracles on one side of the lake deliberately correspond to those on the other side. Crossing the lake was a symbolic way of showing that Jesus was a Messiah for all nations. That was part of the answer to the first question of Mark. Who is Jesus?

Now in the second section of the gospel Mark's question is, Where is Jesus going? The repetition of the phrase 'on the way' is a refrain to make us aware of the journey. The journey of Jesus, as he predicts here for the second time, is towards Jerusalem, where he is to die and rise again. And the journey of the true disciple, as he explains to them, is to follow his ways by dying to selfish and worldly values so as to grow anew in the mind of Christ.

The mind of Christ is a radical reversal of worldly values. Jesus can see clearly that this clash of values will lead to a violent climax. When he would be 'delivered into the hands of men' he would be mauled to pieces.

Anybody who stands up for an ideal must recognize that this will set off a negative chain of irrational hatred in the consciences of all who suffer from suppressed guilt. Perhaps Jesus had in mind the observation of human nature which the Book of Wisdom provides for our first reading today. The godless man is annoyed, opposed, reproached and accused by the virtuous man. Instead of being converted, the godless one then turns to violence in an attempt to silence the voice of his guilt.

But for the moment all this was too much for the disciples. This view of the messiah was so contrary to their preconceived notions that 'they did not understand what he said.'

One can be sympathetic with their difficulty in coming to terms with the unpalatable prospect of the crucifixion. 'Human kind cannot bear very much reality.' We have an inbuilt defence mechanism which can turn off our clear thinking if the truth is more than we can bear at any moment. How often do you meet people who simply cannot read the writing on the wall about their drinking or smoking, about the inevitability of death, about failure or a score of other unpleasant facts?

Mark also tells us that the disciples were afraid to ask for an explanation. Was this a sort of holy fear in the face of divine mystery? Or was it the reaction that pupils have when they are afraid to ask teacher for an explanation of what everybody ought to understand after so much repetition?

Their misunderstanding of the destiny of Jesus is shown up in their misunderstanding of what it means to be a disciple. How can they follow his way if mentally they have not accepted his values? They are so far removed from the mind of Jesus that disharmony is still in their ranks. Worse again, they are arguing about which of them is the greatest.

Jesus uses this occasion of disharmony and ugly selfishness as a lead into one of the most beautiful and tender moments of the gospel. His lesson is that the first or greatest, according to his reckoning, would be the one who is most unselfish in the interests of serving others.

'Like this', he says, drawing a little child to himself and putting his arms warmly, protectingly, about the little one. "as a child rests in its mother's arms even so my soul.' (Ps 130, Grail)

To let God's motherly care and attention be expressed to others through me! The little ones of life before me represents God. To be lovingly attentive to the least of Christ's brothers or sisters is the way to follow Jesus.

The way of the world will make me keep others at a safe distance, or hold them in suspicion, or use them or manipulate them to my service. But God's way of Christian discipleship ... let us repeat it ... is to let God's motherly care and attention be expressed to others through me. A Christian delights in saying: 'I am here to serve.'

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap—The Good News of Mark's Year.



## **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 October both the Welcome and Baptism Preparation sessions will be held on Sunday 14th October.**

**If you want to have a Baptism in October please download the form from the website. Registration for baptism in October will need to happen from Monday 8th October and no later than Friday 12th October.**

**Baptisms will take place during the 9-00am Mass on Sunday 21st October.**

Cleaning  
Team



### **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.**

**ndis** National Disability  
Insurance Scheme

**The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)** is the new way of providing support for people with a disability in Australia and is now available for Ipswich and Brisbane residents.

To provide support for local residents who may have questions regarding the NDIS, Milton Dick MP is hosting an information session in partnership with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) on Friday 28th September 2018 for people with a disability, their families, carers and community members.

Date: Friday 28 September 2018

Time: 10am-1pm

Location The Salvation Army and Sony Foundation Youth and Community Centre, 27 Smiths Road, Goodna.

RSVP: Please RSVP directly to the NDIS by visiting the [Eventbrite page](#).

Please join Milton to find out more about the NDIS and get your questions answered.

### **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** "A community that cherishes the little details of love, whose members care for one another and create an open and evangelising environment, is a place where the risen Lord is present, sanctifying it in accordance with the Father's plan." (GE 145)

– 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 23, 2018 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."* (MARK 9:35)

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

(Accessed on 21st Sept, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

### **Housekeeping for next 3 weeks**

The Office will be closed from lunchtime Monday 24th September until Monday 8th October.

If you require assistance please call one of the Parishes listed below:

Our Lady of the Southern Cross –Springfield Phone: 3324 3900

Sacred Heart—Booval Phone: 3282 1888

Ipswich Catholic Community Phone: 3281 2133

**There will be no access for cleaning of the Church or to put flowers in.** If you are rostered and know someone who can let you in then please do so.

### **Cover for Father Tuong**

22/23 September—Fr Stanley Orji

29/30 September—Fr Roger Burns

6/7 October—Fr Peter Weineke OSA

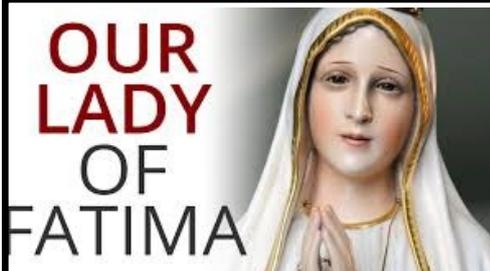
### **Brigidine College Open Mornings.**

Monday 15th October and Tuesday 16th October from 9.30am –10.30am.

To register online please visit

<https://goo.fl/forms/STNp7P77chbxtyHJ2>

Alternatively, contact the College Registrar at [enrolments@brigidine.qld.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@brigidine.qld.edu.au) OR 3870 7225,



### **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.



### **Thank you**

To Wayne and Neil from The Gap for donate the materials and their time in the building of the Confessional, Oil and the Statue space for our Parish.

You will also notice that the Tabernacle is back it has been restored at a cost by "Photograde" at Jindalee.

The Chalices have also been given a makeover thank you Peter Aiavao for taking them to and from Melbourne.

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary

**Mondays Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.**

**Wednesdays Rosary 6.30pm**

**NO Weekday Masses whilst Fr Tuong is on leave.**

**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.

### 23rd September, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37**

**Psalm: The Lord upholds my life**

### 30th September, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Num 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

### 7th October, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Gen 2:18-24; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16**

### 14th October, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Wis 7:7-11; Heb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30**



### 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: 12th Oct Nhu & Tien**

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: 23rd Sept—13th Oct

Betty Douglas (12/9) Dorothy O'Dwyer, Margaret Dunbavin, Beryl O'Donohue, Robert Freeman, Francesco Piotto, Emelie Kolle, Patricia Kroschnefski, Francis McCormack, Valerie Solomon, Robert Ives, Linda McVie, Janice Nugent, Frankie Gibilard, Avril Abbott, Brooklyn Reese, John Fryars, Josefina Steflicek, Ron Rice, Pauline Apps, Brenda Thompson, Vincent McKenna.



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