



St Francis Xavier Parish

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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

**31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**4th November,
2018**

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

God's gifts

**God gave us the gift of life; it is up
to us to give ourselves the gift of
living well.**

Voltaire

Brainy Quotes

God's gifts are given to us to enable us to live life to the full and to have relationships with God and with God's creations and with others. Human love is selfish and conditional and that means our love is limited. Apart from the love for members of a family and relatives and friends we don't love everyone else as we should. It is the power of God's love given to us freely that enables us to love everyone freely.

Jesus gave insights to one of the Scribes who approached him with the assumption that God's commandments have different degrees.

Which is the first of all the commandments? v.28

The question raised probably came from different interpretations of the traditions. They grouped their laws into minor and major groupings, the minor ones were less strict while the major ones were strictly observed. This thorny issue was embedded throughout the history of the nation. The Scribe had laboured hard to reconcile the traditions but it seemed to him that his hard work could go nowhere. He approached Jesus for wisdom. After hearing the teaching of Jesus, the Scribe seemed to see the insights of the teachings of the prophets. Prophet Hosea taught that

What God wants is love, not sacrifice; knowledge of God, not holocausts Hs 6:6.

Prophet Mica claims that

This is what Yahweh asks of you: to act justly, to love tenderly and to walk humbly with God Mi 6:6-8

Jesus told the Scribe that

To love God with all your heart, with all your understanding and with strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice v.32.

Jesus interpreted the ancient traditions in the light of scriptural traditions, citing Deuteronomy and Leviticus that loving God and loving others are unseparated.

Yahweh our God is the one Yahweh. You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength -Deut 6:4-5

You must love your neighbour as yourself- Levi 19:18

It is God's love that empowers our human love to feel and to act. We need to put God's love for others both in emotion and action-oriented rather than simply emotion- oriented. Having love for others only with emotion is an empty word. It has no substance. Loving people who are within your capacity to act by providing services for them is the way to make God's love real and relevant to the life of others. It is to make God's love in motion.

Jesus' teaching was new and revolutionary because their traditions taught them to offer burnt animals as offerings as the way to show their love for God. They couldn't understand the concept of showing love to their gods without animal sacrifices. Jesus praised the Scribe for his astute response:

'You are not far from the kingdom of God.v.33

There was no evidence indicating that the Scribe followed Jesus. Being wise in having knowledge of God was insufficient for joining Jesus. It is the love deep rooted in our heart we have for God that makes us a believer. Probably the Scribes had the knowledge of God and the love and wisdom of Jesus but to follow Jesus was another matter. Having the knowledge of God was the door to lead us to follow but passing the threshold with love in our heart that is what counts. It is our love for God, not knowledge that leads us to seek opportunities to serve God.

Vu Dinh 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.

Upcoming Events

9th November - McAuley Mass 9-00am in the School Hall led by Year 5B.

16th November - Share the Dignity "It's in the Bag" Appeal begins.

26th November - Parish Christmas Lunch 10.30am Parish Centre



Parish Christmas Lunch—Monday 26th November, 10.30am—2.00pm

Everyone is invited so keep an eye on this space for when names will be taken and remember you will need to get in early as we can only seat 60 people comfortably. This year will mark our 7th year of these lunches. All the funding for the lunch comes from the raffles held on the day. Thank you to the parishioners who have previously donated prizes for the raffles and the lucky door prizes. Previously we have had 15 raffle prizes and 10 lucky door prizes. If you would like to donate to our raffles then please see one of the ladies listed below at the Masses.

We have continued to have the pleasure of watching the children from our School perform for us and this year will be no different. The Children love performing for us as much as we love watching them.

RSVP from this weekend on the sheets provided in the Pergola, numbers are needed by Friday 23rd November.

5.00pm Christine Freeman and Veronika Fenech

7.00am Grace Burton

9.00am Agnes Fryars. You can also drop your prize donation into the Parish Office during Office Hours.



Assignments abroad

- Could your skills assist communities overseas?
- How does the Palms approach work?
- Just want to know more?

Palms Info Session

Friday 9 Nov, 5:30 pm

Brisbane Square Library

266 George St, Brisbane QLD 4000



Find out more at www.palms.org.au/events
or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

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.



Plenary Council

What is a Plenary Council?

The Plenary Council is a gathering of the Church in Australia to take stock of where we are and work to understand the context and society around us. It provides an opportunity for us to consider how we can be the presence and witness of Jesus amidst contemporary Australian society and discern the future God is calling us to as a Church.

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.'

November 4, 2018 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.
They are to be treasured nurtured and safeguarded by all.**

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. safe recruitment and selection practices—helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. adhering to the *Code of Ethical Behaviour*—having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. operating safe activities for children—can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and legislation.

**Most Rev Mark Coleridge DD
Archbishop of Brisbane.**

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

Mondays Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wednesdays Rosary 6.30pm
Friday 9th Nov. McAuley Mass 9-00am in the School Hall
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.

4th November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34

Psalm: I love you, Lord, my strength

11th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Services times this week:

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



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

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 9th November, Madaline & Caroline

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, John Appelman, Lorna O'Neill, Kathleen Hodges. 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: 4th Nov-10th Nov

Frank O'Dwyer, Catherine Richardson, Florence Beattie, Brenda O'Malley, Maria McHugh.

Recently Deceased: Rev Ray Kearney

Fr Ray Kearney's funeral will be held on Tuesday 10.00am in St Stephens Cathedral.



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