



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

**3rd Sunday of
Advent**

**16th December,
2018**

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



God's gift

The third Sunday of Advent we will look at the notion of God's love in hope because we believe what God has promised, God would never fail to deliver. God promised to give the world the Messiah, God's only Son, to save the fallen world. In preparation for the delivering God's special gift; other God's gifts were heralded. First, John the Baptist was chosen to prepare for the birth of Jesus. John went before the Lord calling

his people and calling us to prepare our mind and heart by means of repentance and renouncing sin and changing our way of life. According to John the Baptist our task is supposed not to change the outside world but to change our inner world. How? By adding love into what we are doing and that would make our ordinary actions to be the extraordinary ones because St John the Evangelist told us: '*God is love*' 1.1. God's love is best recognized when it is shown in actions. Sharing and caring for the less fortunate and treating others with kindness was what John advocated. Embracing others with tender love and promoting the sanctity of life we make God's love relevant to their daily lives. Changing our inner world is shown in good work and that is the fruits of repentance and faith in God.

The power of God's love is incomprehensible. How could the Creator humbly come a creation and dwell among us? How could the Creator become the subject of the law of nature and suffer in the hands of human ambitions? St John the evangelist told us that God loves the world so much that God gave us God's only son. We believe God's love has the power to change our lives; it strengthens us to conquer evil's power and abandon bad habits. God's love knows no boundary and it never stops giving. Jesus came into the world to be like one of us it, except sin; He gave us his entire life and died on the cross to pardon our sins. Advent is about active waiting in hope to welcome the Saviour into our lives. The Saviour came to change our life, something that we alone are unable to do.

Second, God had given us another special gift, Mary, to prepare for the coming of the Saviour. The human race may get tired of waiting for what God has promised but not Mary. She joyfully welcomed the message of hope into her life. Through her message, we hear the echo manifested from within her heart

He has come to the aid of Israel his servant, mindful of His mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors, of his mercy to Abraham and his descendants forever. The Magnificat Lk 1,46-55

The message of God's love through Jesus was joyfully welcomed by John the Baptist and by Mary and they were able to be true witnesses for Jesus in their lives. When we truly have faith in God and His promises and place our hope in God- not in human power- then we can joyfully join Mary joyfully singing *The Magnificat*. You and I are called after the birth of Christ; each of us is special God's gift and has a mission to do. We are not called to prepare for the birth of the Saviour but we are called to be witness of God's love for the fallen world. Each of us needs to make God's love real and relevant to the lives of others by adding love into what we are doing.

During Advent, we are invited to contemplate the mystery of the Word made flesh who dwells amongst us and through the flesh of Jesus we come to understand our own flesh and the purpose of our dwelling on earth. 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.

Upcoming Events

19th December - Rite of Reconciliation, Carols start at 6.00pm, Sausage Sizzle

22nd/23rd December- Fourth Sunday of Advent.

24th December Vigil 5.00pm Carols- Mass 5.30pm

25th December - Christmas Day Masses- Christmas Day 7.00am & 9.00am



Rite of Reconciliation, BBQ and Christmas Carols Wednesday 19th December 2018

Rite of Reconciliation and Carols at 6.00pm followed by Sausage Sizzle BBQ in front of the Bell.

Come along and get into the Christmas Spirit with your fellow parishioners.



Annual Special Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents

Rosary 6.30pm and Mass 7.00pm Friday 28 December 2018.

St Francis Xavier Church, Celebrant Fr Tuong

Arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross

Especially pertinent due to the horrendous abortion laws in Qld.

St Vincent de Paul No Interest Loan Scheme

Do you know somebody who is receiving a Centrelink payment or low income?

Do they need a new household appliance or medical equipment?

Have they lived at their current address for at least 3 months?

Well, why not tell them about the St Vincent De Paul Society Qld NO Interest Loans Programs.

LOANS can be up to \$1200, with repayments as low as \$30 per fortnight and never pay interest.

If you would like more information on how to apply, please call SVDP Call Centre on 1800 846 643

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.



Thank you Peter Mc Mullan and Khang and Manh for the construction of the Manger outside, in front of the bell. You make God's Word visible.



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.'

16th December, 3rd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to our Appeal this year, we raised \$1782 last weekend. Also a big thank you to the School for all the goods they collected for us.

St Vincent de Paul Goodna Conference



For Sale: Majellan Christmas Cards

We have packs of 10 Christmas 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.

Ipswich Awakening Community Christmas Lunch has now been handed over to **"Glory City Church West"**.

This years lunch will be held at Tivoli Drive In, 50 Coal Road Chuwar.

They are welcoming families and/or individuals who are isolated or without support on Christmas Day.

This event focuses on bringing together the community, the vulnerable and homeless; we do this by encouraging them to enjoy a free hot Christmas dinner and a celebration.

Glory City Church West, a church that has always been involved with distributing food hampers and providing help to the disadvantaged in our community as well as running the very popular Tivoli Drive in theatre.

For Table Bookings Please Email Us at events@tivolidrivein.com

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

This Christmas St Stephen's Cathedral will host a spectacular sound, light and projection show to celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. From the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk, the Lights of Christmas will illuminate the side of the Cathedral with an enchanting 12-minute show, which will run continuously from 7:30pm until midnight every evening from 12 to 24 December.

We are thrilled to invite all parishioners to join us on the lawn at St Stephen's for this magnificent event.

Humour

After being fed at Christmas diner every one loves a cup of coffee and no one wants to work. Dad asked mum to do it he received 'a hmmm'. He asked his daughter to work on the new coffee machine. 'I love to but don't know how' she replied. The youngest child said: Dad, 'The bible said you do it'. Where is it in the Bible said that? Yes, there is a book in the Bible that says: Hebrew.

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary this week

Mondays Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

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.

16th December Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Psalm: Cry out to God with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

23th December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mica5:1-4; Hebrew 10: 5-10; Lk 1:39-44

Services times this week:

24th Christmas Eve 5pm Carols 5.30Mass

25th Christmas day 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
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.00 & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 21st December

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.

Flowers: A new roster is in the Noticeboard and on the board in the Sacristy.

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, Oliver Liddy. 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: 16th Dec-22nd Dec

Cecilia & Daniel Gorman, Fr Ron Illidge, Norman Beardman, Teodorico Caracal, Gordon O'Donohue, Felice Pastro, Antonis Stevenson, John McGrath, Joseph Vu Van Ngon, Bonifacio Cajés, Leonardo Oblino, Constance Swales, Monica Pelu, Judy Harris, Ralph Tidey, Arlyn Tirant, Kath Daininth.

Recently Deceased: Amalia Landaverde & Kathleen Hodges

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