



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am –4.00pm Closed Thursdays**

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**Parish Secretary:**

**(Local Safeguarding Children Representative: )**

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

**4th Sunday of  
Advent**

**23rd December,  
2018**

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



## **Intuition**

Intuition is an inner voice that proposes to a person how to assess any new situation without consulting of logical reasons. Most of our decision making is based on reasoning and intuition unconsciously takes some part in it. Human instinct is vividly in our daily living. Christian mystics listen to their inner voice and they live by that call. We call their inner voice spirituality. Their spiritual journey requires experts to explain it in ordinary language for us to understand. We all experience some sort of inner voice that judges our daily activities. Everyone has some sort of spiritual instinct whispering softly in their hearts. For believers we say it is the voice of God's Spirit actively working quietly in our daily living. When we act according to the inner voice, our mind is in harmony with our actions and we have a peaceful life.

Today we hear about the spiritual instinct of Elizabeth and her cousin Mary. Both of them hear their inner voice and their meeting became a joyful meeting. The visit communicates to us several significant biblical wisdoms.

First, we know that true happiness comes from God. Those who faithfully carry out God's will in their lives, their hearts are filled with great joy. Elizabeth felt that she is blessed by Mary's visit. The joy was so great that she could contain it no more but cried out loudly.

*'Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? v.42*

Elizabeth cried out to Mary with great joy and she acted according to what she felt in her heart.

Second, good news is supposed to be shared not kept to oneself. Mary comes to visit her cousin to share her good news and that fills Elizabeth with great joy. This ordinary visit becomes special because Mary carried God's Son both in her womb and in her heart and she becomes the Mother of the Lord.

Third, God's grace is given to that person and only that person can testify to it. Elizabeth claimed that she felt that the Spirit moved her heart; such claim she alone knew it, testified it and shared it with Mary.

Fourth, having faith in God will help us to recognize God's grace in our lives. Elizabeth claimed something even more extraordinary that her unborn child in her womb leapt for joy. Mary's greeting carried with it the joy of God that even her unborn child felt it and welcomed it with great joy. Without faith we think this is a fairy story but with faith we know that something is utmost important happening to our world. God's Spirit is working in a special way. In this case it is out of the natural laws.

Fifth, everything is possible to God. Elizabeth reveals that God's promises will soon be a reality. The double realities here are the birth of John the Baptist and the birth of the Messiah. Elizabeth had spent in vain for years to have a child and she now is in her sixth month. Mary responded yes to God's messenger and becomes the Mother of the Lord. Mary and Elizabeth listen to their inner voice and they recognized God's voice. Learning from them we hope to recognize God's voice in our heart.

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**

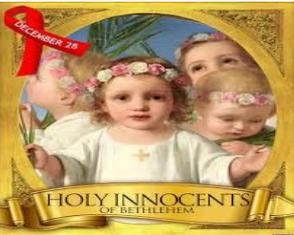
24th December Vigil 5.00pm Carols– Mass 5.30pm

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

28th December - Feast of the Holy Innocents Rosary 6.30pm Mass 7.00pm

1st January - Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass 9.00am morning tea after Mass

6th January - Healing Mass followed by morning Tea 9.00am



## **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.



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

The Manger and Pergola are lit of a night as well as during Masses.

## **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal**

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to our Appeal this year, we raised \$1782 on the weekend of the appeal and another \$850 has come in since that weekend. That makes \$2632 for this years Christmas Appeal. A big thankyou to everyone who has given so generously.

Also a big thank you to the School for all the goods they collected for us.

## **St Ann's School - Redbank Plains**

St Ann's School at Halletts Road Redbank Plains will be a P - 6 school, planned for opening in 2020 with Prep to Year 3. The school will grow by a year level each year.

Expressions of Interest are being sought from families who may be interested in being foundation families in 2020. The Expression of Interest form may be accessed at:

<http://www.bne.catholic.edu.au/schools-curriculum/new-schools/Pages/default.aspx>

This is an exciting opportunity to become a part of a new school community. Those who register an expression of interest will be contacted directly by email with updates.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Peter McKee, Senior Education Officer-Future School Planning at Brisbane Catholic Education on 3033 7000.

## 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.'*

### 23rd December, 4th Sunday of Advent

*"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44)*

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.



### **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.

### **Position Vacant – Administration Officer**

Applications are open for a position at Liturgy Brisbane. A person with excellent administration and finance skills is required for a part time position of Administration Officer for 15 hours per week, 2 days a week initially and then increasing.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

*The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.*

### **Are you Planning a Trip to Sydney in January?**

Why not stay at Mary MacKillop Place, in the heart of North Sydney! 30 minutes from the Airport, close to Ferries, Trains, Sydney Harbour foreshore, Opera House and more!

For Accommodation Enquiries please call 02 8912 4800

### **Cathedral Guides & Welcomers**

Invite you to an information session on Thursday 7th February 2019 at 10.30am to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. If this ministry appeals to you, please contact the Cathedral on 3324 3030 or email [deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au) by Friday 25 January 2019.

## the lights of **CHRISTMAS** CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show.

The enchanting new show designed by AGB Events, the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk, will celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. All the family will enjoy this exuberant Christmas tale, illuminating historic St Stephen's Cathedral every 12 minutes from 7:30pm through until midnight.

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Christmas Eve

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*Merry Christmas*



**Fr Tuong and Marie would like to wish everyone a Happy Holy Safe Christmas.**

The Office is closed now until the end of January as Marie has retired.

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary this week

**Monday Christmas Eve 5.00pm Carols Mass 5.30pm**

**Tuesday Christmas Day 7.00 & 9.00am**

**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 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

**Micah 5:1-4; Heb10: 5-10; Lk 1:39-44**

**Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

### 30th December The Holy Family.

**1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28; Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52**

### Services times this week:

**24th Christmas Eve 5pm Carols 5.30Mass**

**25th Christmas day 7.00am Mass**

**9.00am Mass**



Monday	5.00pm Carols 5.30 Mass
Tuesday	7.00 & 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: 28th Dec Jim Walsh**

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact 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-29th 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 Cajes, Leonardo Oblino, Constance Swales, Monica Pelu, Judy Harris, Ralph Tidey, Arlyn Tirant, Kath Daininth, Dennis Cavanagh, Eileen McCauley, Elizabeth Mahulik, Mildred McGrath, Millicent Sharman, Lusia Aiavao, Grace Ferguson, Albinas Bernotas.

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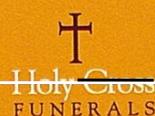
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