

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 29th Nov. First Sunday of Advent  
 Mon 30th Nov. Divine Mercy Prayer Group IN  
**ENGLISH 6.00pm**  
 Wed 2nd Dec. Graduation Mass Yr 6  
 Thurs 3rd Dec. School Mass 9.00am  
 Blessing of new buildings in school 2.00pm  
 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting 7.00pm  
 Sun 6th Dec. Second Sunday of Advent

## Collections For Last Week

**First** ☺ ↑  
**Second** ☹ ↓  
 ☺ ↑ = Income up on last week.  
 ☹ □ = Income steady.  
 ☹ ↓ = Income down

**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.

**29th Nov First Sunday of Advent.**  
**Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36**  
**Response: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**  
**6th Dec Second Sunday of Advent.**  
**Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6**



**Services times this week:**  
**Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm**  
**Sunday 7.30am Mass**  
**9.00am Mass**

### Weekdays

Monday 9.00am Mass  
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass  
 Thursday 9.00am Mass in School  
 Friday 9.00am Mass  
 Saturday 9.00am Mass  
 Vigil 6.00pm Mass  
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am Mass  
**Benediction 4.30pm**

**Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm**

**Cleaning: 4th Dec. Laulu Family**  
 If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks)

## We Pray for the Sick:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Sr Helen Stanley, Breda O'Sullivan, Ellen Parker, Rose Logan, Edna May Tourney, Keith Auld, Kathy McMonagle, Kevin Ward, Matthew Berwick, John Ward, Allan Peterson, Kathleen Doherty. Rachel Scriben, Stan Brown, Carmon Z, Nancy McCarrick, Kath McGrath, Maria Vink, Claire Curry, Phil O'Dwyer, John Doherty, William Ryan, Hudson McHardy, Hini Habchi, Jamie Teal, Jaiden Madasferi, Maureen Shackleton, Macey Ingham, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Rebecca Harbraken.  
 (Some names have been removed from this list, so please contact us if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

## Anniversaries: 29th Nov.—5th Dec.

Harley Robinson, Leonora McNamara, Nellie Anderson, Mary Gallagher, Alan Johns, Kathleen Barratt, Pierre Chassin, Glenis Nugent, Cecilia Eustace, Margaret Robinson, Josephine Hurray, Charles Galea, Gerardus Krist, Lea Gonzales, Don Stubbs, John McElroy, Audrey McCoy, Ethel Whiteman, Leo Whittingham, Maria Thi Hank, Antonia Montano, Eric Jesberg,

## Recently Deceased

Yupin O'Dwyer

## 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.

**A gift in your Will** can provide support for the many ministries of your Parish and ensure a legacy of faith for future generations. A gift in your will is a wonderful way to express your Catholic faith. After you have provided for your loved ones, please consider a lasting memory to your parish. Booklets available from Parish Office.



**Newsletters by Email.**  
 If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to goodna@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.



## **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 Clergy: Fr Roger Burns PP. Fr Paul Chanh**

**Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges**

St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only . Meetings:  
Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

## **First Sunday of Advent**

**29th November**  
**2015**

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



### **Good News:**

Christ is coming back to meet us and lead us to the fullness of his glory. Our lives have a destiny and purpose: and we have every reason to be on our guard and spirituality awake.

Once upon time, God, the infinite, eternal and all powerful One, came down to meet us on the dusty roads of human life. In the flesh, Jesus Christ walked with us through our light and darkness, our joys and sorrows, our solitude and relationships. Scripture writers called it the 'fullness of time'. Things would never be the same again.

In Jesus Christ, God spoke to us in the human language that we can understand. His life warmly portrays God's love and concern for us. And yet the story is not complete. The journey stretches on until we fully share in Christ's glorification. That will be at the completion of life's journey. For the moment we are people on the way.

Advent opens the church's year by picking up the theme of our journey towards Christ who is coming back to meet us. We are not like wandering nomads who have no sure purpose or definite direction. We have the pilgrim's destiny with God. We travel forward on a road of unknown length until Christ will come again.

The focus of the first Sunday of Advent is on the Second coming of Christ. The parable of the doorkeeper speaks of the master who will come back to the servants. The message for the servants is two fold: 'Be on you guard and stay awake' ... watch and pray.

Do not think of the Second coming as so distant and unknown as to be irrelevant to the hurly-burly of today's living. If we are spiritually vigilant and alert then the future will draw us forward towards God. Our hope will engage us by supporting us when we are weak and encouraging us to persevere.

Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap

### **Sunday 28/29 November. Peter's Pence collection.**

Please note that today there will be a Retiring Collection held at each Mass for the Holy See – Peter's Pence. We are all grateful for the wonderful blessings God has showered on us through this Church we belong to. This Peter's Pence Collection gives us an opportunity to contribute towards the financial support of the Holy See and show our support and gratitude for the great work of His Holiness.

This material aid helps His Holiness, Pope Francis, to fulfill his apostolic mission in the world.

**Please give generously to the retiring collection this weekend.**



### **Prayer for Mercy Jubilee of Mercy.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,  
and have told us that whoever sees you sees him.  
Send your Spirit and consecrate  
Every one of us with its anointing,  
So that the Jubilee of Mercy  
May be a year of grace from the Lord.  
May our Church, with renewed enthusiasm  
Bring good news to the poor,  
Proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,  
And restore sight to the blind.

Amen.

**Masses for the Dead.** You are able to offer a mass for you deceased relatives and friends. Place your offering in an envelope and include the names of the people to be remembered. Place the envelope in the collection labeled Mass Intention, or use the envelopes at the Church door. The masses will be offered throughout the year.

**Christmas Carols in the Church** On the evening of Wednesday the 16th December we will be having Christmas Carols in the Church at 7.00pm. Please come along and join in the joy of Christmas in the form of Carols and some supper after in the Parish Centre.

**Catholic Church Insurances** have once again donated a Christmas Hamper to our Parish for us to raffle with all proceeds raised going directly to our Parish.

Could we **PLEASE** have some volunteers from each of our Masses to sell the tickets at \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5. As the Church's own insurance company, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community. As part of their commitment to serve, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community:

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**SVDP Christmas Appeal.** Thanks to all the generous people of our Parish who contributed **\$2023.30** to the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We ask God to bless you for your donations, which will help us restore hope to the poor of our area.

**Children's Liturgy** During the month of December there will be no Children's Liturgy due to Makerita having a well earned break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Makerita for everything she does for the Parish and hope she enjoys her time with her family in W.A.

Thankyou to Christine Freeman for offering to do the flowers in the Church whilst Makerita is away.

**The Car Boot Sale** raised \$526 for our Parish, these funds will go towards recouping the cost of the new Projector we had to purchase a couple of months ago. Special thanks goes to the **Redbank Plains RSL Sub branch** for the use of their chuck wagon for our sausage sizzle, also much thanks to Andrew Roberts of **Robo's Bakery** at Karalee for donating the bread and rolls. Also thanks to **Goodna Meat Mart** for the discounted sausages and last but not least the hard working ladies from our Senior Singers Group.

It was decided to have a Boot Sale on a regularly basis with the next one being held just before Easter next year.

The winner of the Raffle which was held on the day was Gus Kolle.

**Humour** After dying, a cat walks up to the Pearly Gates where he meets St Peter. St Peter says to the cat: 'During your time on earth you were a good little cat. You kept your master's house and shed free of pests, and for this faithful service, you get one wish for anything you would particularly like'.

The cat thinks for a moment before replying: 'Well, my master had a satin pillow that I loved, so I would like a satin pillow just like that one.'

A little while later a group of fieldmice appear at the Pearly Gates. St Peter greets them, saying: 'During your time on earth you were good little fieldmice. You kept the other pests from destroying the farmer's crop, so as a reward you may have anything you like in heaven.

The fieldmice converse briefly before one steps forward and says: 'The farmer's children had roller skates, and they looked like a lot of fun, so that's what we'd like.'

A while later St Peter is strolling through heaven when he come across the cat, who is sitting on his satin pillow purring contentedly. 'So, how are you enjoying heaven?' St Peter inquires.

'Oh, it's wonderful,' answers the cat. 'This pillow is just divine, even better than the one I had on earth, and the Meals on Wheels,' he kisses his paw, 'nice touch!'

## 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.”***  
***(1 Peter 4:10)***

November 22, 2015

November 29, 2015

**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

*“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” (Luke 21:28)*

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It’s never too late. Accessed on 13th November 2015, from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>).



## **STEWARDSHIP AND MOTHER TERESA**

In her simple way, Blessed Mother Teresa often explained things in words and stories that made it very clear what it truly means to be thankful, a good steward, and a Christian.

In 1994, she was the speaker at the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

In that speech she shared this story:

*“Those who are materially poor can be very wonderful people. One evening we went out and we picked up four people from the street. And one of them was in a most terrible condition. I told the Sisters: ‘You take care of the other three; I will take care of the one who looks worse.’ So I did for her all that my love can do. I put her in bed,*

*and there was such a beautiful smile on her face. She took hold of my hand, as she said two words only: ‘thank you’ – and she died.*

*I could not help but examine my conscience before her. And I asked: ‘What would I say if I were in her place?’ And my answer was very simple. I would have tried to draw a little attention to myself. I would have said: ‘I am hungry, I am dying, I am cold, I am in pain,’ or something. But she gave me much more – she gave me her grateful love. And she died with a smile on her face.”*

*Jesus often calls on us to love our neighbor, all those whom we may meet, in a similar way. The Lord asks us to feed the hungry, quench the thirsty, welcome the stranger, clothe the naked, care for the sick, and visit the prisoner. At this time of thanksgiving, we need in particular to reach out to those in need*

Ed McLaughlin

In the use of all freedoms, the moral principle of personal and social responsibility is to be observed. In the exercise of their rights, individual men and social groups are bound by the moral law to have respect both for the rights of others and for their own duties toward others and for the common welfare of all. Men are to deal with their fellows in justice and civility. *(Second Vatican Council—‘Religious Freedom’)*

Maurice Baring used to tell the following story:

One doctor said to another doctor:

‘About the termination of a pregnancy, I want your opinion. The father was a syphilitic. The mother was tuberculosis. Of the four children born, the first was blind, the second died, the third was deaf and dumb, the fourth was also tuberculosis. What would you have done?’

‘I would have ended the pregnancy.’

‘Then you would have murdered Beethoven.’

Dodgers often dodge into the danger they would avert. Don’t dodge anything except sin, sir, and you will be all right. *(Stonewall Jackson)*