

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 17th Jan. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 18th Jan. Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
 IN ENGLISH. 6.00pm  
 Wed 20th Jan. Rosary 6.30pm  
 Sat/Sun 23/24 Jan Little Kings Appeal  
 Fri 29th Jan. Baptism Preparation 7.00pm

## 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.

## 17th Jan 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

Response: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

## 24th Jan 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21



### 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  
 Friday 9.00am Mass  
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am  
**9.00am Mass in School Hall**

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 15th Jan. Lulu 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 Habraken, Sr Carmel.

(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: 10th—16th January

James Edwards, John McCaughey, James Liddy, Neville Charman, Genowefa Podolak, Daniel Ray, Sheila Lennon, Patrick Kennedy, Stan Cymer, Paddy Liddy, Clair Sheehan, Renee Chassin, Kevin Coleman, Leslie Thomas, William Goldie.

### Recently Deceased

 Sue Hall, Kurt Geipel.

## 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

6 Church Street (GPO Box 450) Goodna, Qld. 4300

**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

**2nd  
Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**17th January  
2016**

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



**17th January 2016**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Mercy is the golden chain by which society is bound together."*

**GOOD NEWS:** Do whatever he tells you!

In the story of the wedding feast of Cana, we have an interesting interaction between Mary and her son Jesus. Enjoying the feast with his disciples, he is told by his mother that they have no wine. His reply can appear a little short: "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

But Mary simply tells the servants "Do whatever he tells you!" A phrase which she has repeated time and time again during many apparitions here on earth. There can be no better message: Do whatever Jesus tells you! This does not mean that we will hear a new revelation from Jesus which will tell us what to do today, but that our decisions today must be guided by what Jesus has already said to us.

Mary as the mother of God, is in a unique position to lift our prayers to her Son. This is what happens when we ask her to pray for us. She lifts our request to the one who then presents the request to the Father, the source of all blessing. We do not pray to Mary as some churches accuse us, but ask her to join in our prayers. Many cultures or nationalities have a particular devotion to Mary, to the point that they will often pray the Rosary during Mass. If our Lady was present with us, I am sure that again her voice would ring out telling us to focus on her son Jesus.

The centre of the Eucharist is her Son Jesus and the reforming of the liturgy with the language of the people being the language of the Mass, was meant to help us play an active part, by speaking the responses. Saying our own prayers, was part of the Mass before Vatican II, mainly because our involvement in the celebration of the Eucharist was severely restricted.

Remembering that Mary is also our mother, we should take to heart her words and : Do whatever he tells us!

### **MULTICULTURAL MASS NEXT SUNDAY AT 9.00AM IN THE SCHOOL HALL**

We have been blessed in Goodna with many people from many lands. Refugees and immigrants from countries throughout the world have come to call Goodna home.

Next Sunday we will celebrate both the diversity and at the same time the unity of our parishioners. Come along and join us in the celebration. Parts of the Mass will be in the languages of the people, but there will be a booklet with the English words for the Psalm and Prayers of the Faithful.

It would be great to see people dressed in their national costumes, the brighter the better.

After the celebration there will be refreshments outside the hall in the covered area. We invite ethnic groups to bring along a sample of their native food to share with others. As Australians, we no doubt will be able to ensure that there is a sausage sizzle to add to the food. Can you help? Are you bringing food? Please let us know at the Parish Office ASAP.

**AUSTRALIA DAY MASS TUESDAY 9.00AM  
COME AND JOIN US IN OUR CELEBRATIONS, SUNDAY AND TUESDAY.**

**School Watch** Once again you are asked to keep an eye on the school during the holidays. There will be some work being undertaken on the Tomasi Block near the Church. Building work is always attractive to those who want to take advantage of scaffolding etc. If you see anything suspicious please contact the Police first.

**Christmas Cards:** We would love to receive your used cards for our Religious Education classes. We use Nativity scenes. A box will be near the Angel in the church to put the cards in. We give out each year about 600 cards to the children we teach with the real message of Christmas. Thank you. Christine Hodgkinson.

**Church Cleaning:** We are in **URGENT** need of some more volunteers to go on the roster, at the moment the people who are on the roster have only been cleaning every 6 weeks but because of other commitments we have lost a couple of our cleaners so that is about to change to monthly. It only takes 2 people about an hour to clean the Church and pergola area. If you and a friend or partner would be interested in being put on the next roster please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594 or Marie in the Parish Office.

### **The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped**

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

This year's appeal is on next weekend 23/24 January so please take an envelope home this week so that you are prepared next week.

The Little King's Movement now has the facility to accept donations on the phone, using your Visa/MasterCard. The phone number is 3391 1432.

**Catholic Mission** are looking to expand their pool of volunteers who serve as Mission Ambassadors in 2016. Being a Mission Ambassador is your chance to make a difference. It is akin to what we hear about in the Gospel for this weekend: offering the "good wine" of insight and inspiration, and inviting others to respond generously to our annual appeal campaigns. These are the people who go into local parishes, on nominated weekends, and help raise awareness of, and funds for, the valuable work performed by missionary Priests, Brothers and Sisters around the world.

CONTACT: [ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:ajimenez@catholicmission.org.au) or text David McGovern on 0431 481 731

### **Baptism Preparation evening**

The next preparation evening will be held on Friday 29th January, beginning at 7.00pm in the Ron Illidge Centre. Parents should obtain and fill in a form before attending the evening. Forms are available from the Sacristy. Dates for Baptisms are only arranged after the parents have attended the Preparation evening.

Parents living outside of the parish must seek the permission of their local Parish Priest for the baptism to take place in St Francis Church.

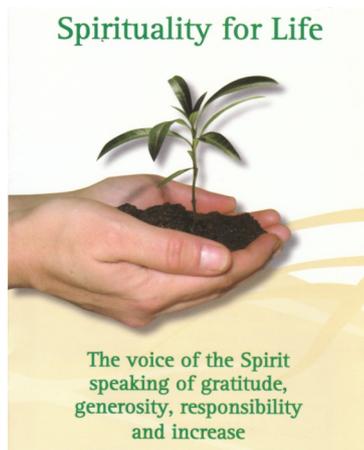
**A woman dreamed** she walked into a brand new shop in the marketplace and, to her surprise, found God behind the counter "What do you sell here?" she asked.

"Everything your hearts desires," said God.

Hardly daring to believe what she was hearing, the woman decided to ask for the best things a human being could wish for. "I want peace of mind and love and happiness and wisdom and freedom from fear," she said. Then, as an afterthought, she added, "Not just for me. For everyone on earth."

God smiles, "I think you've got it wrong, my dear, " he said. "We don't sell fruits here. Only seeds." (Anthony De Mello)

**Humour** After the Wedding Feast. Our Lady being a caring and thankful person, called on the parents of the bride after the wedding feast of Cana, to thank them. Sitting on the step of the house, she found the father of the bride, with his head in his hands muttering "Never again, not one more drop". Mary touched him on the shoulder and asked if there was anything she could do for him. "Yes", he replied. "I would love a glass of water, but please keep your lad away from it."



***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)***

January 17, 2016  
 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 Corinthians 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan; helping to do His work here on

earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Accessed on 9th January 2016, from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>).

## **STEWARDS OF TIME—ED LAUGHLIN**

A steward is one who manages and administrates what has been entrusted to her or him by another. For us, we are stewards of what God has given us, which is everything. Therefore, stewardship is the careful and responsible management of all that God has entrusted to our care.

The three traditional legs on the stewardship stool are often listed as TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE. In regard to “time,” God’s perspective of time is very different than ours. For God all time is but an instant, but we measure and view our time in specific amounts and allotments.

For example, to us, the following outlines what we see as time:

**1 DAY = 24 HOURS; 1,440 MINUTES**

**1 WEEK = 168 HOURS; 10,080 MINUTES**

**1 MONTH = 730 HOURS; 43,829 MINUTES**

**1 YEAR = 8,766 HOURS; 525,949 MINUTES**

Stewardship calls us to view all time as gift, as it surely is. We understand that each of us receives gifts in differing amounts — at least as far as talents and treasure go. However, we all have the same amount of time, at least in terms of minutes in a day, etc. The key to good stewardship is how each of us uses that time.

In addition to Sunday Mass, do we give other time to the Lord and in service to others? There are many ways to be a good steward of God’s time — prayer, Scripture reading, Eucharistic Adoration, time with our family, helping those in need in our parish and in our community, sharing time with others.

When we come to the realization that it is God’s time, not ours, then we are better able to be good stewards.

*(Ed Laughlin was one of the guest speakers at a Brisbane Stewardship Conference)*

### **Problems!!!**

We went to breakfast at a restaurant where the “Seniors Special” was two eggs, bacon, hash browns and toast for \$1.99. “Sounds good”, my wife said. “But I don’t want the eggs”. “Then I’ll have to charge you \$2.49 because you’re ordering a la carte”, the waitress warned her. “You mean I’d have to pay for not taking the eggs?” my wife asked. “Yes”. “I’ll take the special”. “How do you want your eggs?” “Raw and in the shell”, my wife replied. She took the two eggs home.

### **DON’T MESS WITH SENIORS.**

**We’ve been around the block more than once**

The world says: perfect smiles and beautiful bodies are more important than loving hearts and caring minds; success is skin deep.

The Bible says: success is about being more Christ-like and more Christ-centred; it is about loving God, loving other people and loving God’s world.