

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 6th Mar. Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Mon 7th Mar. Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 IN ENGLISH. 6.00pm
 Wed 9th Mar. Rosary 6.30pm
 Fri 11th Mar. Stations of the Cross 6.30pm

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.

6th Mar Fourth Sunday of Lent

1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 (Year A)

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

13th Mar Fifth Sunday of Lent

Ezek 37:12-14; Rom 8:1-11; Jn 11:1-45 (Year A)



Services times this week:

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am Mass
9.00am Mass
Benediction 4.30pm

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

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 11th Mar. Mrs McGuire & M Brugger

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks) The current Roster is available from the Sacristy.

We Pray for the Sick:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Sr Helen Stanley, Breda O'Sullivan, Ellen Parker, Rose Logan, Edna May Tournay, 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, Wendy Marshall.
 (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: 6—12 March

Denis Kerwick, James Brydges, Maria Lupeamanu, Wolstan Blundell, Patrick Farrell, Joy Auld, Brian Watson, William Smith, Alf Hull, Bernadette Flanagan, Mary Collins, Jim Medlin, Eileen Murphy, Michael Jack, Sot Sibounheuang, Darrel Meakin, Geoffrey Twaddell, Michael Walters, Aileen Bradley, Laraine Jorgenson.

Recently Deceased Desmond J Maguire

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.



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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

4th Sunday
of
Lent

6th March
2016

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

Good News: In Your Light We See Light.

A woman who had been blind, but whose sight returned after an accidental fall one night, spoke of her hours of quiet ecstasy gazing at her sleeping husband and child for the first time. To have light and vision restored to life must be exciting beyond words. Yet John's story of this blind man is remarkable for the absence of any excitement on the part of the man or his parents. The reason for this understatement is that John is concentrating more on the inner vision, or faith.

The restoration of physical sight is but the outer shell of the miracle. The kernel of the story is the inner vision which has been woken up. A very early Christian hymn celebrates this awakening in baptism:

“Wake from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” *(Quoted by St Paul in Eph 5:14)*

It reminds me of how one man felt at the end of a very intensive three-day retreat. “I am very tired now,” he said, “but for the first time in my life I am awake.” His inner eyes had been opened. He would appreciate the lines of the American poet E.E. Cummings:

‘now the ears of my ears awake and
Now the eyes of my eyes are opened.’

The effects of this new way of seeing are indicated by St Paul in today's second reading: ‘Be like children of the light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth.’ *(Eph 5:9)*

These three effects of the light of Christ are worth pondering.

The first sure sign that one is seeing with the eyes of Christ is the ability to see goodness and beauty in the most unlikely places. The famous lines of Fredrick Langbridge express the power of one's subjective view:

‘Two me look out through the same bars:
One sees the mud, the one the stars.’

Jesus had a rare talent for sensing the hidden goodness in people who were notorious sinners or compromised tax-collectors, in a hot tempered fisherman and the sons of thunder, in zealous nationalists or a rich but unhappy young man.

In contrast to the eye of Jesus who saw goodness everything looks a sickly yellow to the jaundiced eye. Our prejudices are so influential that we use our eyes more as a filtering inlet than as windows of objectivity. The Pharisees had already judged Jesus so all they can now see is the breaking of the Sabbath. In their blindness they cannot see any goodness. Today, bad news has mesmerized the media of communication. This preoccupation has so eaten into people's minds that we now need a special ministry of affirmation.

Criticism has come to mean finding fault and nothing else.

Blame is more common than praise. But whoever has eyes that see with the light of Christ has the ability to see goodness, to appreciate effort, to pay complements, to praise. In the words of the psalmist; ‘In you light we see light.’ *(Ps35)*

The second effect of the light of Christ in the soul is right living or a concern for justice. The unenlightened mind operates on the purely selfish level. Self-interest is the primary motivating force. But the mind enlightened by faith operates out of Christ's vision. And its motivating power is charity.

The third effect of Christ's light is what St Paul calls truth. With the light of Christ one is no longer afraid to come out in honesty and openness. Even sin can be faced and truthfully admitted because the true light of Christ Shows a merciful love that is greater than sin.

By contrast, the works of darkness are secretive and undercover, full of shady dealings and underhand practices, blinded by prejudices and limited by selfishness. Guilt is not admitted but one hides behind the screen of euphemisms or tries to offload blame towards someone else.

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Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the Father.

Like the waters sent into the well, you were sent to be our light. With the clay of new creation, you open up our inner eyes to see goodness, right living and truth.

Light of the world, wake us from our slumbers so that in you light we might see light.

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap—the Good news of Matthew's Year.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Today, our catechumens who were enrolled in the elect will face their second scrutiny during the 9.00am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers, their names are: Simon Couch, Scott Donaldson, Kayla Seery, Andrew Scully and Riko Vangalo.

Children in Non-Catholic Schools and Sacramental Preparation Children in year three and above are eligible for the reception of the Sacraments. If you have a child in a Non-catholic school and would like them to take part in the preparation this year, there are booklets available in the sacristy, with the dates of sessions. Enrolment form will be available on Sunday 13th March, and the first session for parents and candidates is on April 17th.

Help Wanted With Easter fast approaching we are in need of the little battery operated tea candles are you able to help us locate some. Usually these little candles can be found in the cheap shops but I need helpers to locate and purchase if possible. At the moment we do not have enough to hand out at the Easter Saturday Vigil Mass. Thank you in advance Marie.

Lost Baby Bottles Over the last couple of weeks some baby bottles with milk in them have been left at the back of the Church. If you have accidentally left a bottle behind it is in the Sacristy please collect.

Queensland Irish Choir Invite you to their latest concert ***Song for Ireland*** on Sunday 20th March 2016, at The Brisbane German Club (416 Vulture Street, East Brisbane). Starting at 2-00pm –4-00pm Cost is \$15. Bookings: Jennifer Dunbar 07 3399 3129 or Mob: 0447 744 788. Email: jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com.

Caritas aid to Fiji. Following the devastating cyclone in Fiji, Caritas is working with their partner in Fiji, Peoples Community Network. Mgr Meneely VG, has written to all parishes asking us “to give generous support to Project compassion during the Lenten weeks. The funds raised through Project Compassion will go towards the ongoing long term support of the people of Fiji as they try to rebuild their lives after the terrible damage and loss of life caused by the cyclone.”

Baptism Preparation is usually held on the last Friday of the month but for this month only because of Easter it will be held on Friday 18th March at 7-00pm.

Easter Raffle Once again CCI Insurance have supplied us with an Easter Hamper to raffle with proceeds going towards a new Alarm System in the Presbytery.

Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 and the raffle will be drawn on Saturday 19th March at the 6pm Mass and winner will be advertised in the Easter Newsletter.

CCI is the Church's own insurance company, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community. For more information call **1300 655 003** or visit www.catholicinsurance.org.au

Chrism Mass Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Wednesday 16 March 2016 commencing at 7.00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

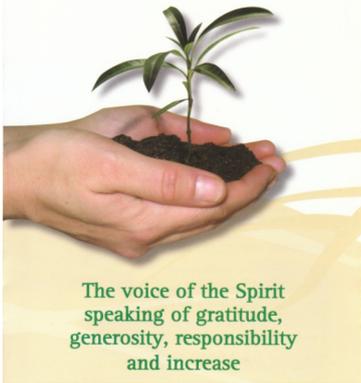
Humour The Minister and the smoke detector.

It was common for the Minister to invite the children to the front of the Church for a short talk before they left for their lessons.

On one occasion, the visual aid was a smoke detector. He asked the children if anyone knew what it meant when an alarm sounded from the smoke detector.

Young Johnny raised his hand and said, “It means Daddy's cooking dinner.”

Spirituality for Life



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)

March 6, 2016

4th Sunday of Lent

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Joshua 5:12)

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need. Accessed on 18th February 2016, from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>.

HOLY COMMUNION

In 2008, the Australian Bishops gave instructions as to the reception of Holy communion. The changes were about how we come forward to receive Holy Communion.

Quoting from the publication accompanying the changes:

“The General Instruction acknowledges that the common posture for Australia for the reception of Holy Communion is to stand. By everyone following the common practice and standing to receive communion. Holy Communion becomes a true sign of unity among those who share in the table of the Lord.

At present, different gestures of reverence are being used when people receive communion. To show that we are one in Christ, all communicants are asked to use a common sign of reverence from 11th May: **‘When approaching to receive Holy Communion, the faithful bow in reverence of the Mystery that they are to receive’**. Communicants are to make a simple bow of the head when they step forward to receive the consecrated elements from the minister. Such a bow can be simply done, without disrupting the flow of the Communion Procession.”

Holy Communion as the Bishops stressed is a sign of unity, that is why at the present time the Church only allows Holy Communion to be given to those who are in ‘Communion with the Church’. Members of other Churches are not able to receive the Body or blood of Christ during the Mass.

One of the greatest changes over the last couple of decades, is the fact that we can receive Communion in the Hand. This early practice of the Church is now accepted in most countries and most celebrations. The following method described by St Cyril of Jerusalem (who died in 386) as the proper manner to receive the body of the Lord, St Cyril said:

“Make the left hand into a throne for the right which shall receive the King, and then with your hand hollowed, receive the Body of Christ and answer “Amen.” Then consume it, taking care not to lose any of it.”

St Gaudentius said it simply: *“We hold the Eucharist in our hands, we receive it in our mouths, and we accept it in our hearts”*.

The most important part of the instruction of St Cyril is the last sentence: “Then consume it, taking care not to lose any of it.” **This means that the host is placed in the mouth before moving away from the minister.**

The best reason to receive from the cup is simply to respond fully to the commandment of Christ which is addressed to us in every Mass: “Take this all of you and eat it: This is my body which will be given up for you – Take this, all of you and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood....” **It is not permitted to receive the host and dip it into the chalice. This form of intinction is not acceptable since it does not fulfil the commandment of Christ to take and drink.**

See decree of the Congregation of Sacraments, June 17, 1977