

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 10th Apr. 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Mon 11th Apr. Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 IN ENGLISH. 6.00pm
 Wed 12th Apr. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 17th Apr. 4th Sunday of Easter

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.

10th Apr. 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41; Apoc 5:11-14; Jn 21:1-19

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

17th Apr. 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Apoc 7:9, 14-17; Jn 10:27-30



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

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 15th Apr. 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) 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 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, Wendy Marshall, Eileen Monaghan. (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: 10-16 April

John Bliss, Lily Colville, Margaret Farrell, Mary Josey, Terry Mahony, Teddoro Boriongan, Angelo Torrisi, Mary Sherman, George Anson, Barbara Batley, Mabel Normile, John Hanson, Donald Breen, Annie Berkley, James Butler, John Foley, Joseph Pianta, John McElroy Snr. Henry Zamorski, Petro Bonderenko.

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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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

3rd Sunday
Of Easter

10th April
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 his name.*

'In his name ... you will be his witnesses.'

From this point on, to invoke the name of Jesus Christ is the same as invoking the name of God. The Divinity of Jesus Christ is implied in this phrase.

It is a great honour as a Christian to bear the name of Jesus Christ. Yet to hear the way that many Christians abuse his name makes one wonder about their understanding of it.

Nowadays names have nothing like the depth of significance that held in olden days. Sometimes it seems that there is more sense in the name of racehorses than in the names taken by groups of people who band together for musical or sporting purposes.

Many people know the sound of the name of Jesus but obviously they do not know the person. Otherwise they would not use the sacred name as they do. Father, forgive them for they do not know what they are saying. In the name is the presence and power of that person.

The second commandment protects the sacredness of God's name. Forbidding that God's name be taken in vain means that God's presence should not be invoked for wrong purposes, such as witnessing to an untruth in perjury; nor should God's power be invoked for destructive or evil purposes. What applies to God's name is equally applicable to the name of Jesus Christ.

The popular abuse of sacred names is hardly intended as an invocation of God's presence and power. But it does betray a serious irreverence and insensitivity to God.

On the positive side we should deepen our awareness of the power of goodness that is available to us in the name of Jesus Christ., risen from the dead. He is with us and his power is within us. In the Acts we read how Peter and John believed in the presence of Jesus within them. To the crippled beggar Peter said: 'I have neither silver nor gold, but I will give you what I have: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, walk.'

In the name is the presence and the power.

The sacred names should never be used without due reverence. In the name of Jesus Christ we invoke his presence. For what? To witness to our frustration, our displeasure with the referee, or to the inadequacy of our vocabulary!

The name of Jesus should be the centre of our prayer as Christians. In the name is the presence. The Orthodox church has long treasured the rhythmic repetition of the sacred name in the Jesus Prayer.. This practice is very different from the use of the mantra in oriental meditation. The oriental mantra is supposed to be meaningless and is used to quieten the mind. But the prayerful repetition of the name of Jesus in some short formula is not a hypnotic murmur but a living response of faith to Jesus who is present to us in divine grace. It is an alertness to his presence: not just a sort of cost drowsiness which relaxes a busy person. The Jesus Prayer is a means towards constant prayer, the way of the pilgrim towards the fullness of divine presence in the mystical Jerusalem.

Out of Jesus-centred prayer comes truly Christian action: the life and action of an authentic witness to Jesus Christ. 'In his name ... they will be his witnesses.

If my prayer centres on the presence of Christ-with-me and Christ-within-me, then my life will be an extension of the mission of Jesus into the time and place where I live. Out of the Jesus Prayer emerges Jesus-witness.

Through my baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist, the power of Christ is already in me to teach, to heal, to reconcile people and to bring them the peace of divine forgiveness. This seed of divine presence and power has been planted but it will grow only in the atmosphere of prayer.

In the name is the presence and the power.

A resolution for the Easter season might be to walk every day in his name with this little prayer never far from your mind:

Christ with me. Christ within me.

In the name is the presence and the power.

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap.—The Good News of Mark's Year. The Columba Press 1996

Sacramental Preparation Children in year three and above are eligible for the reception of the Sacraments. Enrolment forms are available from the sacristy, and the first session for parents and candidates is on **April 17th. Forms of Interest must be returned to the Church on or before next Sunday 17th April.** Please read carefully the Expression of Interest Form and supply the additional documents, namely: **Baptism Certificate and Birth Certificate of the Child, Baptism Certificate of the Catholic Parent. Also don't forget to complete the reverse of the form with regards to Court Documents, both birth parents must sign.**

ENROLMENTS FOR PREP 2017 AT ST FRANCIS XAVIER SCHOOL

All families with children to commence in Prep 2017 are invited to collect an Enrolment Application Pack from the School Office or contact the Office on 3818 0100 to have one posted out. If you know of anyone in the wider community who may be interested in enrolling their child in our school, please ask them to contact the School Office on 3818 0100 for information or for Enrolment Forms. Remember the school website www.stfrancisxavier.qld.edu.au

Children ready for Prep in 2017 must be born between **1 July 2011 and 30 June 2012.** Enrolment applications close on **Friday 15th April 2016.**

The Word Among Us Magazine offers the richness of daily reflections, articles on faith and personal testimonies. The Parish was recently given some free copies of the Lent edition. If you used this book during Lent and would like to receive it on a regular basis, please contact the Parish office—3818 0111.

For more information visit erdu.com.au

Share The Dignity “No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items.” So from this weekend and throughout April there will be a box at the two main doors of the Church for donations of new Sanitary items. **Please contribute to this worthy cause.**

Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist

We are in need of more ministers to assist us with either Reading at Mass or helping to distribute Holy Communion. For a reader it is essential that the person has not too strong an accent, and that they can be clearly heard. For this ministry there would be the need for a trial reading. For a Minister assisting with communion, what is required is someone who is steady on their feet, able to negotiate the steps up to the altar and someone with a devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

In both cases, training will be made available. A yearly afternoon of reflection is a must for all ministers. Because you are working within the Eucharist, we would require you to complete a set of forms and you should obtain a Blue Card, the parish office can help you with these. If you are interested, contact Fr Roger.

MenALIVE The next menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast is from 7am to 9am on Thursday 14th April at Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen St Brisbane. You can hear Denis Wagner tell his story of “Being concretely Catholic”. Cost is \$45 per person.

For more details visit www.menalive.org.au

For bookings email des@menalive.org.au

Humour Husband: My wife is missing. She went shopping yesterday and has not come home..

Sergeant at Police Station: What is her height? Husband: Gee, I'm not sure. A little over five-feet tall.

Sergeant: Weight? Husband: Don't know. Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant: Colour of eyes? Husband: Sort of brown I think. Never really noticed.

Sergeant: Colour of hair? Husband: Changes a couple times a year. Maybe dark brown now. I can't remember.

Sergeant: What was she wearing? Husband: Could have been pants, or maybe a skirt or shorts. I don't know exactly.

Sergeant: What kind of car did she go in? Husband: She went in my truck.

Sergeant: What kind of truck was it? Husband: A 2015 Ford F150 King Ranch 4x4 with eco-boost 5,0L V8 engine special ordered with manual transmission and climate controlled air conditioning. DVD with full GPS navigation, satellite radio receiver, 23-channel CB radio, six cup holders, a USB port, and four power outlets. I added special alloy wheels and off-road Michelins. It has custom running boards and indirect wheel well lighting. *At this point the husband stated choking up.....*

Sergeant: DON'T WORRY BUDDY. WE'LL FIND YOUR TRUCK

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)

April 10, 2016

3rd Sunday of Easter

“Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.” JOHN 21:17

All of us are challenged to show our love for Jesus by “feeding His sheep.” Through prayer ask God how you should best use your time, talent and treasure to assist those who are in need. Remember that giving is an act of worship and helps advance the mission of our parish and greater Church. Accessed on 1st April 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

THE CHRISTIAN STEWARD

In the lives of disciples, something else must come before the practice of stewardship. They need a flash of insight – a certain way of *seeing* – by which they view the world and their relationship to it in a fresh, new light. “The world is charged with the grandeur of God,” Gerald Manley Hopkins exclaims; more than anything else, it may be the grandeur in all that is that sets people of the path of Christian stewardship. *Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response*.

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.
(1 Corinthians 10:31)

Serve one another through love, bear one another’s burdens, and so you will fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 5:13, 6:2).

What is it that makes people grateful for Gods’ gifts – to see life in a whole new way?

For some it is a recovery from illness.

For others the birth of a baby, or the death of a loved one.

Others see God’s generous gifts in the beauty of the world that surrounds us, from the smallest flowers to the grandest vistas.

For me it is the amazing vastness of the universe – big almost beyond human comprehension. The power in the stars, the emptiness of the black void, the almost eternalness of the past and future of the universe.

I, with my life span (if I’m lucky) of 75 years, fade into insignificance in the face of all this. But God’s love for me, in creating me and all the universe, gives significance – and purpose to my life.

Christian Stewardship helps me connect my gratefulness for what God has created with my question about why I’m here: to be the good steward of God’s gifts, cultivate them for the Kingdom, and share them with others.

Questions:

Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ?

Then how will you become more aware that God has given you all you have?

Then how will you use the gifts God has given you to build up the Kingdom?

Then how will you share the gifts that God has given you?

My own experience with a long hospitalization made me aware – in way that I never dreamed possible - that God is the origin of life, the giver of freedom, the source of all we have and are and will be. I am not the independent person without the need of others. I do not have all the resources the resources that enable me to have a quality experience of life.

Archbishop Thomas J. Murphy