



St Francis Xavier Parish

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**4th Sunday
Of Easter**

**17th 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 SHEPHERD SUNDAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

GOOD NEWS: Vocation Sunday

The Gospel picture of the Good Shepherd calling his flock has inspired the Church to focus attention this Sunday each year on vocations. The flock of Jesus Christ will always need the leadership of people who make a commitment to Christ and his gospel their professed way of life. In a very special way, priests are called to be the mediators who bring people to God and bring God to the people. Through the liturgical action of the Church they act as 'stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God'. (1 Cor 4:1)

A vocation to the religious life is a call to commit oneself to the service of God and the Church through the profession of a gospel based way of life. What is being highlighted today is the vast but untapped vocation of all the baptized to serve the cause of the gospel. Perhaps the most serious aspect of the critical shortage of vocations is the failure to call forth the potential of the laity. Too much emphasis on a clerical model of Church has left us with an impoverished legacy of neglecting the apostolic charisms of baptism and confirmation.

We are at a crossroads period in the history of the Church. At the close of the second Christian millennium, society in many traditionally Christian countries is seriously tempted to forsake the inspiration of the Gospel and take on secularistic ways of thinking and evaluating.

For the past four hundred years, the Church was confronted chiefly by doctrinal heresies. It was the age of the theologians and priests. Nowadays the chief arena of debate is in the secular society. And that's the world of the Christian laity. This is the age to call forth the vocation of the laity.

The voice of Christ the shepherd is muted by the incessant propaganda which calls souls away from his flock. The sacred dimension of life is not taken seriously. Exaggerated claims, based on psychological surveys or polls on behavior, are taken as the basis for moral guidelines. The authority of God is replaced by spurious democracy which settles for the lowest common denominator of agreed morality. At this lowest level, societies have condoned abortion and easy divorce.

Moral vagueness has stifled the voice of conscience to such an extent that for many, sin is no longer a word in their working vocabulary. Foggy thinking, which claims that all religions are more or less the same, had clouded the unique light of Jesus Christ, the word made flesh. Materialistic progress is promoted as the purpose of life. Amplified stimulation of the brain through loud music, flashing lights and accelerated change has shattered that quietness of mind which is conducive to reflection and growth in wisdom. These are the thieving voices which steal and kill and destroy members of the flock.

The threatened flock of Christ needs to hear a loud call to the value of the gospel, which are radically opposed to many of the accepted norms of secular society.

But how can they hear unless there are dedicated disciples who give their flesh and blood to embody the voice of Christ for the world of today? The challenge to the destructive voices must come through fearless proclamation of the Christian message and selfless dedication to the service of others, but especially through the witness of how we live.

Vocation Sunday renews the challenge of Christ to every disciple. Am I following the voice of Christ the shepherd and the values of the gospel? Or is my life a denial of the gospel, or a smug compromise which picks and chooses from any source? A Sunday Christian and a six-day pagan?

Am I concerned for the future of the Church? I prepared to serve> To give my life to full-time service of the Church? Or to serve with my time and co-operation in the local community? As a faith-friend to even one person?

Do I support those who give themselves fully to the parish mission? Do I pray for the perseverance of those who have given themselves to the service of the Church? Do I pray for the future of the Church and that many young men and women will answer the call of Christ to lead the Church into the third millennium?

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 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.

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.” Throughout April there will be a box at the two main doors of the Church for donations of new Sanitary items please no cash donations.

Share the Dignity provides nationally to homeless and at risk women, sanitary products to allow them a sense of dignity at a time when they need it most.

For more information regarding Share the Dignity here is their website www.sharethedignity.com.au

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 the 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.

Rosary Group will be holding a Novena on Wednesday evenings during the month of May to honour Mary. Start time will be the usual 6-30pm start.

Help Wanted We are in need of someone with Librarian Skills and/or Computer Skills to organise and catalogue the collection of books we have in the office. Once we have done this then the books can be borrowed by members of our community. If you can help please ring the Parish Office on 3818 0111

Cleaning of the Church If you are on the cleaning roster and cannot honour your commitment then could you please let the office or Pam Dodrill know. Rosters are in the Sacristy and there is one in the noticeboard on the outside of the Church.

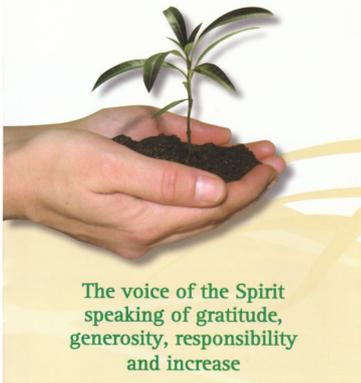
Also in regards to cleaning of the Church our cleaners ask that you please do not bring chewing gum into the Church as it gets stuck in the carpet and once there it is almost impossible to remove. Popcorn is another food that is hard to eradicate as well.

Humour At his first service, the new priest had a pitcher of water and a glass on the pulpit. As he preached, he drank until the pitcher was completely empty.

On the way out, someone asked the elder matriarch what she thought of the new Priest.

“He’s great,” she said with a smile. “But he’s the first windmill I ever saw that ran on water.”

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)

April 17, 2016

4th Sunday of Easter

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” ACTS 13:52

Because the disciples heard Our Lord’s call, they were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we take time to open our hearts, listen to God, ask for His direction and allow the

Holy Spirit to guide our lives and our decisions. Accessed on 1st April 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

Living As A Steward – Creation and Stewardship

Christians see human achievements as ‘a sign of God’s greatness and the flowering of his own mysterious design.’ (Guadium et Spes, 34)

God

settled humankind upon earth to be its steward – “to cultivate and care for it” (Genesis 2:15).

This human activity of cultivating and caring has a generic name: work. It is not a punishment for or a consequence of sin. . . God’s mandate to humankind to collaborate with him . . . comes before the Fall. Work is a fundamental aspect of the human vocation. It is necessary for human happiness and fulfillment. It is intrinsic to responsible stewardship of the world.

At my local supermarket, there is a checkout clerk who is always smiling. The clerk even smiles to those who are mean, abrupt, difficult, in a hurry, pressured. Why I asked? Well, because this is my vocation! I know many of these people are hurting. At least I can try to make their day a little better, and maybe they will go on to be nicer to someone else in turn – their kids, their spouse, someone else in traffic.

Questions:

Do you see your work as a vocation?

In what ways could you make your job more of a vocation?

We must be faithful in using the gifts that we receive from God. It is easy to be faithful and appreciate the spiritual gifts God shares with us . . . But I must also be faithful to what I would call my personal possession. Stewardship challenges us to ask whether anything we ‘own’ is really personal. Whatever we ‘own’ impacts our own lives and the lives of others. Our possessions call us to a sense of *accountability and responsibility*. Just as God is faithful to us in ways we never dreamed possible, we must be faithful to God by daring to see the face of God in others. Stewardship calls us to a new sense of *collaboration with God* where we are accountable and responsible. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 17th Apr. 4th Sunday of Easter
 Sacramental Talk for PARENTS 10.15am
 Mon 18th Apr. Divine Mercy Prayer Group
 IN ENGLISH. 6.00pm
 Wed 20th Apr. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 24th Apr. 5th Sunday of Easter
 Sacramental Talk for Parents of children
 Making their Confirmation.

Collections For Last Week

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

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: 22nd Apr. Maria & 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, Betty Douglas. (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: 17-23 April

Huong Tui Nguyen, Peter Bryant, Samuel Zaklan, Sr Jeanniela Spina, Frank Vella, Grace Sandford, Isadora Kiau, Phyll Mullins, Zaofia Dzduch, Daniel Perry, desman Rawnsley, Tia Tagi, Harry Murphy, Margaret O'Keefe, Joan Whiffin, Brian Mullins, Doreen Myers, Lykua Phonsavadathy, Joe Gurdon.

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.

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