



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**10th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

**5th June  
2016**

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

### **GOOD NEWS: Giving our Time**

We are familiar with the expression “Time is money.” This is another way of saying that time is valuable. It is also another way of saying that time is a gift. None of us can claim ownership of the time that has been given us on this earth. Nor do we know how much of this gift we have been given. We are asked to use the time that we have been granted to us in an unselfish way. You may have heard another expression: “no one in their old age says, “I wish I had spent more time at the office.” In other words, when we look back on our lives, we tend to evaluate how well we have used our time and whether we used the time given us to pay attention to the needs of others.

In the famous book *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens, Ebenezer Scrooge compliments the ghost of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, for being a good businessman. The ghost of Jacob Marley replies with regret, “Business! . . . Mankind was my business! The common welfare was my business; charity, mercy, forbearance, and benevolence were, all, my business, the dealings of my trade were but a drop of water in the comprehensive ocean of my business!” Ebenezer Scrooge does not simply learn a lesson about how he should be using his money but also about how he should be spending his time.

In the same way, the call to follow Jesus more closely is a call to make the most of the time that has been given to us in service of others. We are called to use our time to serve the needs of others at work, at home, with friends, with our parish community, and with our brothers and sisters around the world. The call to stewardship is also a call to ensure that we are allowing time for rest and recreation of our bodies, minds, and spirits. The story of creation in Genesis tells us that God considered rest to be so important that he designated an entire block of time – the Sabbath Day – for what can be considered as recreation.

In Catholic tradition, men and women in religious communities take a vow of obedience. This vow is not about a superior saying “Jump,” and a religious responding, “How high?” it is a vow that deals with accountability – how one spends his or her time. Members of religious communities are not “lone rangers” who can come and go as they please. How they spend their time is influenced by the needs of the community. Each of us as members of various communities – families, parishes, neighbourhoods, workplaces – is called to consider the needs of the community when we make decisions about how to spend our time. As baptizes Catholics, we are indeed accountable to one another and are called to use our time wisely, not for selfish needs but for the needs of the community.

*“Living the Mass – How one Hour a Week can Change Your Life.*

*Fr Dominic Grassi and Joe Paprocki Layolla Press 2011*

This is the first in a series connected with Stewardship, which we will be repeating, to reconnect to the principles which we have for a number of years operated.

Catholic Stewardship is a way of life which calls for a response by:

Receiving the gifts of God with gratitude,  
cultivating them responsibly,  
sharing them generously in justice with others  
And returning them with increase to God.

**Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation** the Confirmations will be administered by Bishop Joseph Oudeman OFM Cap on Tuesday 21st June at 7.00pm. Parents and Sponsors are reminded that the practice for the Confirmations will be held on Sunday 12th June after the 9.00am Mass.

**All Volunteers** who have given details of their Blue Card to the Office, please call in at the sacristy or the Office. You need to collect a copy of the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour Document– you sign one copy and keep the other for yourself.

**Church Cleaners** could you please contact either Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594 or Marie in the office with contact details.

**Queensland Irish Choir** Invite you to **Celtic Winter** Featuring **Queensland Irish Choir INC**

Venue: St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Cnr Creek and Ann Stes. Brisbane.

Date: Sunday 12th June 2016 Time 2pm-4.00pm Cost \$15

Bookings: Jennifer Dunbar 07 33993129 Mob: 0447 744 788

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### **SVDP No Interest Loan Scheme**

- Do you know somebody who is receiving a Centrelink payment or low income?
- Do they need a new household appliance or medical equipment?
- Have they lived at their current address for at least 3 months?

WELL why not tell them about the St Vincent De Paul Society QLD NO Interest Loans Programs. LOANS can be up to \$1200, with repayments as low as \$30 per fortnight and never pay interest. If you would like more information on how to apply, please call SVDP Call Centre on 3010 1096.

**Planned Giving** In our Parish there are three ways in which you can take part in Planned Giving, the first is via the Envelopes, Second Direct Debiting from your bank account and thirdly via Credit Card. If you would like to start any one of these methods then please see Marie in the office anytime between now and the third week of June when I will be working on the next years envelope numbers so that the new envelopes can be ready for collection prior to the new financial year.

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**Vocations Novena (V9) Prayer Campaign 7**

**A: At the sight of the crowds Jesus' heart was moved**

B: For they were like sheep without a Shepherd

**A: Jesus said, "The harvest is ready"**

B: "But the labourers are few"

**A: Ask the Lord to send out labourers for the harvest**

B: O Lord we pray that young men will answer the call to become priests in Your harvest

**A: And shepherd for your people.**

**Amen**

**Humour** Before a Pastor began to preach one Sunday morning he thought he should explain why he had a band aid on his chin. "As I was shaving this morning I was thinking about today's message when I lost my concentration and accidentally cut my chin with the razor." He then went on to preach the longest message of his life. After the service one of the teens greeted the pastor and said, "Pastor, next week why don't you think about your shaving and cut the sermon."

## 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)

June 5, 2016  
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, ‘Do not weep.’”* LUKE 7:13

This verse is a great reminder that the Stewardship lifestyle is one of service, putting God first and to “love one another.” Unfortunately today, many people have “passion” for activities they enjoy - their job and off-work activities. Many times our “passion” to excel is at the expense of someone else. Maybe we need to focus on a little less passion for our individual concerns and a lot more compassion for others.

(Accessed on 27 May 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## STEWARDSHIP

### What is catholic Stewardship?

Stewardship is a spirituality — a way of life — which calls for our response by:

- Receiving the gifts of God with **gratitude**
- Cultivating them **responsibly**
- Sharing them **generously in justice** with others
- Returning the gifts with **increase** to God

### The Gifts of God

Think of God’s gifts in broader terms, beyond simply the material goods or security we may enjoy. Consider the preciousness of the following gifts:

- Our faith, hope and love
- Our family and loving relationships
- Our intelligence and skills
- Our imagination and vision
- Our world in all its beauty.

“Stewardship involves a far more radical challenge than the sharing of our resources with the church. There is no doubt that it is important to ask people to live a life of stewardship which is prayerful, planned, proportionate and sacrificial”  
(Archbishop Thomas Murphy)

What this means in practice is that we have to recognize the gifts that God has given to us, then consciously make a decision to return a proportion of them with an increase.

The gifts may be grouped in three sections:

- Time
- Talent
- Treasure

In terms of **time**, how do you use your time, for yourself, your family, and your God? How much time do you give to the needs of your family? What proportion of your day is given to God in prayer? What sacrifice do you make of ‘your’ time so that others may benefit?

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 5th June 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 6th June Divine Mercy Prayer Group  
 In English 6.00pm  
 Wed 8th June Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 12th June 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Third Collection for Church Repairs this weekend

## 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 Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 17:17-24; Gal 1:11-19; Lk 7:11-17

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

## 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Sam 12:7-10, 13; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36—6:3.



### Services times this week:

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

### Weekdays

Monday No Mass  
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass  
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass  
 Thursday 9.00am Mass  
 Friday 9.00am Mass  
 Saturday 6.00pm  
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 10th June 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. If you cannot honour your commitment please let Pam know.

### 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, 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, Maria Purcell. (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: 4– 11 June

Helene Staarink, Anna Helmer, Michael Bramwell, Aileen Stevenson, Irene Varga, Wincenty Kucmin, Cath Cross, Elizabeth Donoghue, Arthur Burton, Franz Muellenbner, Thomas Grace, Catherine Jones, Eileen Stanley, Tegan Ngoc Ha, Wilhelmine Lubbers, Pataine Toloafa, Catalina Satsiano, Joe Monaghan, Adam Ventura, Levi Kereama, Zofia Janczuk.

### 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 good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.

