



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**13th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

**26th June  
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:**

A professor stood before his students with some items in front of him. Without a word he picked up a very large empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He asked the students if the jar was full - and they all agreed it was.

Then, the professor picked up a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar, shaking it gently. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. Again, the professor asked his students if the jar was full and they all agreed it was.

Now the professor picked up a box of sand and poured this into the jar, shaking it gently once more. Of course the sand filled the gaps between the golf balls and the pebbles. "Is the jar full now ?" he asked his students and they all said, resoundingly, that it was.

So then, the professor produced two cups of coffee and poured these into the jar, effectively filling the spaces between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now" said the professor, "I want you to recognise that this jar represents your lives."

"The golf balls are the important things - your children, your family, your health, your friends and your passion. Things that, if all else was lost and only they remained, would make your lives full."

"The pebbles are the other things which matter-your job, your house, your car, holidays and the like. The sand is everything else-the small stuff."

"If you put the sand into the jar first" he continued, "there would be no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all of your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to you."

"Play with your children. Take time to get regular medical checkups. Take your partner out to dinner. There will always be time to clean the house or tidy the shed. Take care of the golf balls first, the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand."

One of the students raised her hand and enquired what the two cups of coffee represented.

"I'm glad you asked that " smiled the professor. "They show that, no matter how full your life may seem there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

**An alternative way of celebrating the fullness of life with older people...You know you're getting older when:**

*You bend down to tie your shoe laces and look for something else to do when you're down there*

*Dialling long distance wears you out*

*You feel like the morning after—but you haven't been anywhere*

*You get out of the shower and are glad the mirror is all fogged up*

*When you look in the mirror and you see one of your parents*

*The Chemist offers to carry your medication home for you*

*You've got it all together, but don't know what to do with it.*

**CONGRATULATIONS to the young people Confirmed last week.** Thirty-two young people this week received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Joseph. Please keep these youngsters in your prayers. Some of them will next month begin their preparation for the Sacrament of First Eucharist.

**Food in Church** A plea to any parents who bring biscuits or food to Church to keep the children happy during Mass. We ask you **not to do so** for two very good reasons: Firstly the mess left behind has to be cleaned up by cleaners and other parishioners, and secondly it is one way of encouraging vermin into the building.

**All Ministers** are asked to make a date in your diary for an afternoon of reflection and updating of procedures on **Saturday 16th July at 2.00pm**. This will be the time that potential new ministers will be instructed in the ministry of the Word and Ministers of Communion. If you are unable to make this day, please let Fr Roger know, whether you wish to continue in the ministry.

**Planned Giving Envelopes** are available for collection from the Pergola from this weekend. Can you please check the address on your box as for some reason the system has picked up some incorrect or old addresses as well as current ones when I was doing the labels. If you find a discrepancy please ring the office and let me know. Also some of you have different numbers again, the reason for this is some people have opted out of the envelope way of giving as well as some that were not being used therefore making that number available so to keep things tidy new numbers are allocated.

**Marie**

**Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults** On Wednesday of last week the parish underwent an audit in connection with the Archdiocesan Policy. We await the report which is being drawn up by an external body for the Archdiocese.

Currently the Archbishop is in Rome at a meeting concerning safeguarding and the policies regarding abuse issues. The Church has shown that one of its priorities is the safeguarding of all members. The policy implemented by the Archdiocese is meant to protect children, vulnerable adults and those who minister to them.

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

**Pope Francis on Reconciliation and Mercy:** In this Jubilee Year of Mercy an opportunity is being offered for people of the Ipswich Catholic Community and other parishes within the deanery to gather to listen to a presentation on the topic of Reconciliation and Mercy. The facilitator for this gathering will be Fr Anthony Mellor who is currently working as the Parish Priest of Clayfield, as well as Academic Dean of the Seminary and the Theological Advisor to Brisbane Catholic Education. Fr Anthony will open up the understanding of the Jubilee Year of Mercy and what it means for us today. There will be two sessions to choose from and both will be held on Thursday 7th July in St Joseph's church, Pine Mountain Road, North Ipswich. The first session is offered from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and repeated from 6.30pm to 8.00pm. We ask that you RSVP to St Mary's Parish office on 3281 2133 by the 5th July so we have an idea on numbers attending.

**Catholic Mission: Our Parish will conduct the Catholic Mission Church appeal on July 9/10**

Two weeks from now, our parish will hear about the good news of the work of the Catholic Church in Cambodia. Like the call to discipleship, we do not want you to rush into making a response. We invite you to pray about it and respond according to what you can share for the good news to continue to grow and serve many more people around the world, including us here in Australia. May our response allow us to experience true freedom leading us to depend on the Spirit who will keep us away from the dangers of yielding to self-indulgence (Gal 5:16).

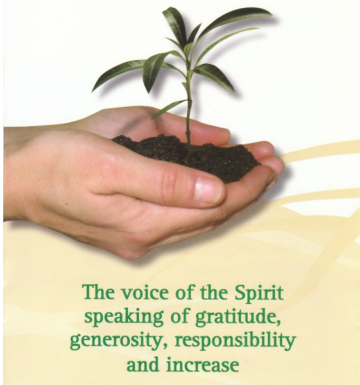
**Anna Jimenez, QLD Parish Appeal Coordinator**

**Humour** St. Peter greeted a Minister and a Politician and gave them their room assignments. "Pastor, here are the keys to one of our nicest efficiency units. And for you, Mr Politician, the keys to our finest penthouse suite."

"This is unfair!" cried the minister.

"Listen," St. Peter said, "ministers are a dime a dozen up here, but this is the first politician we've ever seen."

## 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)

June 26, 2016

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love.”* GALATIANS 5:13 We like to celebrate the fact that we are free to “live the good life.” But Jesus calls us to a different kind of free-dom. St. Paul reminds us that

Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God’s work here on earth to glorify His name and not honour our-selves.

(Accessed on 14 June 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION & PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10:14

**The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.**

**They are to be treasured nurtured and safeguarded by all.**

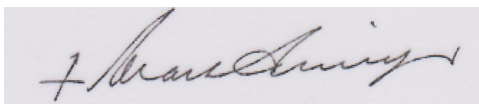
This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan *Code of Ethical Behaviour* and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State.

**This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, students on placement and Visitors to our sites.**

In order to support this policy it is mandatory that all Parishes and Agencies of the Archdiocese engage in the following four strategies:

1. safe recruitment and selection practices—helping prevent those who pose a risk to children from holding positions of trust;
2. adhering to the *Code of Ethical Behaviour*—having clear guidelines that set out what is and is not acceptable behaviour as an essential part of keeping children safe;
3. operating safe activities for children—can help ensure a safe environment for children;
4. mandatory reporting of harm or suspected harm.

The Archdiocese is committed to safeguarding children through vigilant prevention and protection practices as prescribed by the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference and legislation.



**Most Rev Mark Coleridge DD**  
**Archbishop of Brisbane.**

