



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Friday 9.00am — 4.00pm Closed Thursdays

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St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only . Meetings:

Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**21st Sunday
in Ordinary
Time**

**21st August
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: The Last Shall be First.

God's ways are not our ways; we cannot set limits on his actions. He has every right to call to his kingdom anyone he chooses: we have no exclusive right to a place at his table.

Death Comes for His Aunt.

A long time ago there lived a little boy whose parents had died. He was taken in by an aunt who raised him as her own child. Years later, after he had grown up and left his aunt, he received letter from her. She had a terminal illness and, from the tone of her letter, he knew she was afraid of death. This man whom she has raised and touched wrote a letter in which he said:

It is now thirty-five years since I, a little boy of six, was left quite alone in the world. You sent me word that you would give me a home and be a mother to me. I've never forgotten the day when I made the long journey of ten miles to your house. I can still recall my disappointment when, instead of coming for me yourself, you sent your servant, Caesar, to fetch me. I well remember my years of anxiety as, perched high on your horse and clinging tight to Caesar, I rode off to my new home.

Night fell before we finished the journey, and as it grew dark, I became more afraid. "Do you think she'll go to bed before I get there?" I asked Caesar anxiously. "Oh, no" said Caesar, "She's sure to stay up for you. When we get out of these woods, you'll see her light shining in the window."

Presently, we did ride out into the clearing and there was your light. I remember that you were waiting at the door; that you put your arms around me; that you lifted me—a tired, frightened little boy—down from the horse. You had a fire burning on the hearth, a hot supper waiting on the stove. After supper you took me to my new room. You heard me say my prayers. Then you sat with me until I fell asleep.

You probably realize why I am trying to recall this to you memory now. Very soon, God is going to send for you, and take you to a new home. I'm trying to tell you that you needn't be afraid of the summons or of the strange journey or of the dark messenger of death. God can be trusted. God can be trusted to do as much for you as you did for me so many years ago.

At the end of the road you'll find a welcome waiting. And you'll be safe in god's care. I'm going to watch and pray for you until you're out of sight. And I shall wait for the day when I make the same journey myself and find you waiting at the end of the road to greet me.

Arthur Gordon.

Have ever found yourself wondering what heaven will be like. Children's stories of the last judgement and St Peter at the gate with his reckoning book, have resulted in a fear of what is too come. How we are deaf to the message of Jesus: 'Do not fear little flock for it has pleased the Father to give you the kingdom.' Lk 12:32 What awaits us is a welcome from the Father himself, and all our loved ones who have gone before us to their promised reward. The future lies in our own hands, care for others and not just self, a willingness to live by the Father's commandments rather than those of the world, and a trust in a loving and forgiving Father in heaven is all ours. 'Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it an no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will you heart be also,' Lk 12:33-34.

Fundraising Event—Car Boot Sale Saturday 24th September 2016

Our Parish will be holding a Car Boot Sale on Saturday 24th September. Starting at 7am with a finish time of 1pm, gate will open for stalls at 6am. No cars allowed into the carpark after 7am.

One space is \$20. We are looking for donations of good condition goods for the Parish stall, if you have any please drop off to the Parish Office during Office hours. Please no electrical items or clothes. Any queries contact either Marie in the office on 3818 0111 or Agnes Fryars on 3271 2452 email: afry@gil.com.au

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult Enquiries

Recently we have had a few enquiries from adults who have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic. Therefore we are offering the opportunity for adults to attend Enquiry sessions on **Wednesday 31st August** at Sacred Heart Parish Centre, Cothill Road, Booval. There will be two sessions offered and you only need to attend one of these sessions. The times for the sessions are 3.30pm to 4.30pm and 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The session will focus on the process of the journey to becoming a member of the Catholic faith. If you know of anyone who has made such an enquiry or perhaps someone who is waiting for you to pop the question and plant a seed of faith please encourage them to attend. Please contact either Jane Donovan on 0419 792 799 or the Booval Parish office on 3281 2133.

These sessions are also open to anyone in the Parish who would like to know more about the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

Share the Dignity Once again we will be collecting Sanitary items for this worthwhile charity, this time we will also accept monetary donations.

We will be doing this throughout August so there will be two containers for the collection one in the Pergola and one in the foyer, if you are donating money please put it in an enveloped marked "Share the Dignity" would be safest to put this envelope in one of the collection plates during Mass.

Marian Valley Canungra—All are invited to celebrate a Special Birthday of Our Lady, at Marian Valley, Canungra on **Saturday 3rd September 2016** commencing 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Reconciliation, Holy Mass (lunch Avail). Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy Chaplet—Mass Celebrant: Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, bishop of the diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. For those not wishing to drive a bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church at 8.15am. Fare \$20—bookings and info Ann 3282 0321.

Past Staff Reunion of **St Peter Claver College Riverview** from the year of foundation (1976) and subsequent years are invited to attend the **Past Staff Reunion** on **Friday 16th September, 2016**. The staff reunion begins at the Mass of Celebration for Claver Day at 9.00am followed by morning tea and a tour of the college. There is also a Reunion Lunch from 12.30pm at the Racehorse Hotel, Booval. Partners welcome. Details on **Facebook** and **RSVP** by 9th September via **Eventbrite** website using the words: **SPCC STAFF REUNION 2016**. Option to email: spscstaffreunion2016@gmail.com

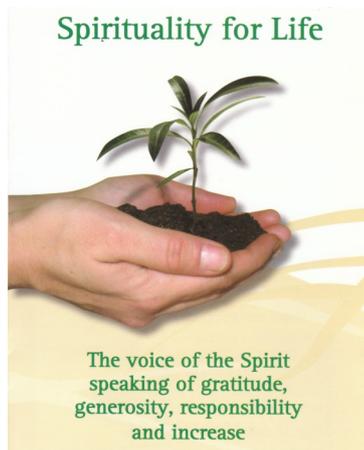
Worldwide Marriage Encounter: A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings—away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset.....your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, re-focus on each other and fall in love all over again!

Our next week end will be 14-16 October 2016 at Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston QLD.

For bookings/details contact: Maria and David Murphy, ph. 3342 1456 dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au

Information website: www.wwme.org.au

Humour Two little boys were known troublemakers, stealing everything they could get their hands, even from the church. One day a priest stopped one of the boys and asked, "Where is God?" The boy shrugged and the priest repeated, "Where is God?" The boy ran out of the cathedral crying to his home where he hid in a closet. Eventually his brother found him and asked, "What's wrong?" The crying boy replied, "We're in trouble now! God is missing and they think we took him!"



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)

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last.” Luke 13:30 Our standards in our society are so different from God’s standards. We often rate or rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge

us by the same earthly standards. (Accessed on 11th August 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

LIVING AS A STEWARD – REDEMPTION AND STEWARDSHIP

Jesus’ disciples share in his priestly work, called to offer up the world and all that is in it – especially themselves – to the Lord of all. In exercising this office, they most fully realize the meaning of our Christian stewardship. *A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

Now I rejoice in what I am giving up for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ on behalf of his body, which is the church. Colossians 1:24

All of us are stewards – Christ just asks us to examine to what extent are we practicing stewardship? One reason for our practice of stewardship is to help bring about redemption – not just ours, but the rest of the world too.

This stewardship to help bring about redemption, can often be through the use of our time: including setting aside time for prayer, scripture, adoration, worship. But it can also be through our suffering. We’ll never understand why we suffer, but our stewardship means that we try to find Christ even in pain, deprivation, and loss. The knowledge that we’ll never completely understand it, but that we will strive toward that understanding anyway, reminds us again that Stewardship is also a journey that we must continue to make, even though we’ll never get to the end.

Questions:

How does redemption relate to stewardship?

Knowing what we believe and why then prompts us to live out our faith spiritually in the world today. At times, the cost involved in doing this is high. But we are asked to pay that price in trying to incarnate the values of the Gospel and the teachings of the Church today. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*



Thanks to your generosity in the past you have helped to care for our retired priests’ .. “its difficult to put into words the many ways that you have supported us—there’s the healthcare, the travel assistance, which include help navigating public transport, the accommodation, and much more. We are grateful for this care. **I’d like to say a heartfelt thanks to all our benefactors and assure you that we remember you in our prayers,**” says Fr Ian Wren, retired priest of Brisbane.

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PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 21st Aug. 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 22nd Aug. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English
 Wed 24th Aug. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 26th Aug. Baptism Preparation 7.00pm
 Sun 28th Aug. 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

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Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Psalm: Go out to the whole world and tell the Good News

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 3:17-20, 28-19; Heb 12:18-19, 22-14; Lk 14:1, 7-14



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 Vigil Mass
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 26 Aug. Pam & Mitch

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, Marge Robins, Neil Ham, Lindsay Barry. (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: 21-27 Aug.

Anthony Folkes, John McGrath, Janina Morgan, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Carol Johnson, Patricia Fitzgerald, Herman Rumbold, Raymond king, Bridget Dillon, Theresina Pa-daurek, Andrew Livek, Julia Mills, Brian Eustace, James Stirling, Bill Catlow.

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.



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