



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**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

**24th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary**  
**Time**

**11th September**  
**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 Prodigal Son or the Forgiving Father.

The parable of the Prodigal Son has so many facets, yet many people find themselves associating themselves with the younger son. Quite often the character of the elder son or the father is lost on us.

Henri Nouwen has written a well worth reading book entitled: "The Return of the Prodigal Son".

Reflecting on the parable, he comments:

'The joy of the dramatic return of the younger son in no way means that the elder son was less loved, less appreciated, less favoured. The father does not compare the two sons. He loves them both with a complete love and expresses that love according to their individual journeys. He knows them both intimately. He understands their highly unique gifts and shortcomings. He sees with love the passion of his younger son, even though it is not regulated by obedience. With the same love, he sees the obedience of the elder son, even when it is not vitalized by passion. With the younger son there are no thoughts of better or worse, more or less, just as there are no measuring sticks with the elder son. The father responds to both according to their uniqueness. The return of the younger son makes him call for a joyful celebration. The return of the elder son makes him extend an invitation to full participation in that joy.

"In the house of my father there are many places to live," Jesus says. Each child of God has his or her unique place, all of them places of God. I have to let go of all comparison, all rivalry and competition, and surrender to the Father's love. This requires a leap of faith because I have little experience of non-comparing love and do not know the healing power of such a love. As long as I stay outside in the darkness, I can only remain in the resentful complaint that results from my comparisons. Outside of the light, my younger brother seems to be more loved by the Father than I; in fact, outside of the light, I cannot see him as my brother.

God is urging me to come home, to enter into his light, and to discover there that, in God, all people are uniquely and completely loved. In the light of God I can finally see my neighbor as my brother, as the one who belongs as much to God as I do. But outside of God's house, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives, lovers and friends become rivals and even enemies; each perpetually plagued by jealousies, suspicions, and resentments.

It is not surprising that, in his anger, the elder son complains to the father: "... you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property—he and his loose women—you kill the calf we had been fattening." These words reveal how deeply hurt this man must feel. His self-esteem is painfully wounded by his father's joy, and his own anger prevents him from accepting this returning scoundrel as his brother. With the words "this son of yours" he distances himself from his brother as well as from his father.

Here I see how lost the elder son is. He has become a foreigner in his own house. True communion is gone. Every relationship is pervaded by the darkness. To be afraid or slow to show disdain, to suffer submission or to enforce control, to be an oppressor or to be a victim: these have become the choices for one outside of the light. Sins cannot be confessed, forgiveness cannot be received, the mutuality of love cannot exist. True communion has become impossible.

I know the pain of this predicament. In it, everything loses its spontaneity. Everything becomes suspect, self-conscious, calculated, and full of second guessing. There is no longer any trust. Each little move calls for a countermove; each little remark begs for analysis; the smallest gesture has to be evaluated. This is the pathology of the darkness.

"The Return of the Prodigal Son" - by Henri J.M. Nouwen" Darton Longman Todd 1994 p.80f.

**We Welcome Fr Leo Burke to the parish as he supplies while Fr Roger is on holiday.**

**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

**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](mailto:dandmmurphy@optusnet.com.au)

Information website: [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)

**Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass** Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding anniversary (or more) and their family and friends are invited to Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen **Saturday 1 October 2016 @ 10.00am**. Light refreshments will follow the Mass in the Hanly Room. RSVP to [cathedra@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedra@bne.catholic.net.au); 3324 3030 by Wednesday 28 September 2016. The car park will be available from 9.00am, entrance from Charlotte Street.

**Memorial Garden Plaques** within the next month we will be having more plaques engraved for those who have requested one. If you would like one and have not as yet requested one, please contact the Parish Office. They are \$25 per plaque.

**Thankyou from Caritas** Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's annual fundraiser and awareness raising appeal, Project Compassion 2016.

Your generous donation of \$1,538.05 is a wonderful display of compassion in action and makes a life-changing difference. From all at caritas Australia, thank you for embracing Project Compassion and helping those who are the most vulnerable to extreme poverty and injustice.

Joseph Foley

Caritas Australia—Diocesan Director

**Spirit in the City 2016**

**A QUT Chaplaincy Christian conference on faith, culture and public affairs aimed at young adults.**

**Saturday, 8 October, 2016 @ P Block 413, QUT Gardens Point Campus, George Street, Brisbane.**

This one day conference concerns the challenges of understanding and applying the Catholic and Christian faith in the highly secularized cultural, political and other influential settings of contemporary Australian society. It engages on key areas of faith, and explores the challenge of the "dictatorship of relativism" as coined by Pope Benedict XVI.

Speakers include Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Hon Tony Abbott, MP, former Prime Minister of Australia, Fr. James Grant, Archdiocese of Melbourne, Orange Sky Laundry, Sr. Moira Debono, University of Notre Dame Australia, Dr. Ryan Messmore, The Millis Institute and David McGovern, Catholic Mission. The conference will move at 5.00pm to the Cathedral of St Stephen for a concert of Sacred Music led by Stephen Phillips, QLD Symphony Orchestra and then Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge as principal celebrant.

**Conference registration:** <https://www.facebook.com/SpriitInTheCityQUT/> or <http://www.spiritinthecity.info/>

Registrations cost: Concession \$25, Adult\$50 up to Wednesday, 5 October 2016

Enquires: Deacon Russ Nelson, [russ.nelson@qut.edu.au](mailto:russ.nelson@qut.edu.au); Mb 0427743534

**Humour** A man walks into a bar and orders a drink. Then he notices there are pieces of meat nailed to the ceiling of the bar so he asks the barman what they are for. The barman replies, "If you can jump up and pull one of them down you get free beer all night. If you fail, you have to pay the bar \$100. Do you want to have a go?"

The man thinks about it for a minute before saying, "Nah, the steaks are too high!"

## 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)*

### 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Everything I have is yours.”. Luke 15:31* Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value? (Accessed on 10th August 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



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Today a special collection will be taken up for the Annual Catholic Campaign which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This included Centacare pastoral ministries, the Priest's Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and MacKillop Fund bursaries.

**How exactly are you helping to make a difference?** Your tax deductible gifts is evenly distributed between these major areas of need:



**Be part of God's mission of mercy...** please consider starting a monthly donation in an amount that means something to you. Your gift will have a lasting impact on these vital works.

\* All non-tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Program which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives.

**Today's Third Collection is for the Annual Catholic Campaign.**

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 11th Sept. 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 12th Sept. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English  
 Wed 14th Sept. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 18th Sept. 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Collections For Last Week

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 ☺     ↑     = 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.

**24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tim 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32  
 Psalm: I will rise and go to my father.  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Amos 8:4-7; 1 Tim 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13



### Services times this week:

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

### Weekdays

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

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

**Cleaning:** 16 Sept. Maria and 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, Marge Robins, Neil Ham, Lindsay Barry, John & Michael Appel-man (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: 11-17 Sept.

Gerad Seerey, Lilian Waddington, Lelio Bedit, Helen Doyle, Jeffrey Bentley, Mary Keppel, Josephine Liddy, Jennifer Hasted, Margaret Conohan, Iris Leighton, Kerry Doughty, Wilma Wilson, Noel Gorman, Aat de Roos, Thomas Coogan, Michael McMahan, John O’Connor, Caleb Leahy-Michalanney, Margaret Gorman, Maurice Brick, Bernard Carr.

## 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.