



St Francis Xavier Parish

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26th Sunday
in Ordinary
Time

25th 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: ‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

One thing we will not hear from Jesus at the Last Judgement is “I told you so!” Yet if anyone would have the right, it is him. Time and time again he laid down for his disciples, the rules to follow, explained the consequences of ignoring them and personally showed the way.

How often, have we said to someone: “I’ll not tell you again.” Think of our own waywardness from time to time and then ask yourself, “Do I want God to treat me that way?”

As human beings who have been granted the ability to reason things out, we sadly fall down. The importance of living and not just keeping God’s commandments are obvious, so we need to be alert at all times. Saying that we have Jesus as Lord and Saviour must be more than just nice words. The words must come from our heart and not just from our head.

There is an amazing passage in the scriptures which says that God gave us a heart to think with. Possibly one of the reasons why we act from the head and not the heart is that we have not allowed the words of Christ to make the journey from our head and into our heart.

Phrases like “As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart” (Luke 2:19) gives us a glimpse of how she responded to her particular call as Mother of God. Time and again she must have wondered, what it all meant, especially when things seemed to be going wrong. The phrase suggests that she took time to think about what was happening, and in a quiet time looked at the situation again, probably asking where God was in it.

There is a lesson for us, there are many times in the Gospels, where we find Jesus going off alone to pray, seeking the will of the Father. Asking what he should do, rather than just reacting. So many mistakes can be avoided, by a simple moment of thought, becoming aware of the consequences of our actions. One thing that we cannot do is to turn the clock back, and thoughts such as “I wish I had acted differently”, should be rare in our lives.

What does lie at stake in our lives, is the promise of eternal life. Each and everyone of us is promised to rise from the dead and to experience eternal life. The only difference is that for some it will be life in the Kingdom of Heaven, for others life without parole in a sense, denied for all time, the joys of heaven. We by our actions here on earth make the choice. Actions rather than words are the key. We can say as many prayers as we like and novenas to ensure that we at our last breath can ask God for forgiveness, but without living out the words of our prayers, we are as St Paul said “no more than a gong booming or a cymbal clashing” (1 Cor 13:1)

God does not operate in a ‘three strikes and you are out’ manner. He is eternally optimistic, that we can change, with his help of course. That is why, Jesus so many times reminded his disciples about the need to live by the commandments. To trust in God and to follow the example of Jesus is the only certain way. It is never too late to have a change of heart. Notice it is the heart that needs to change and not just the mind. As we grow older, we become more aware as to how the mind is able to change, how feelings and our own comfort, may make us choose a way which is not healthy. Taking care of the heart, however is essential.

We are constantly reminded to watch our cholesterol, to eat fruit, take part in exercise, etc. Well pay attention to the teaching of Jesus as to how we can keep our heart healthy. Take time for prayer exercises, take into our bodies what is going to give us life. Have a long term view of life and concentrate on what will benefit us in the long run. And of course, let God do some of the work.

Treasure all that God has given you, ponder it in your heart and share what you have with others.

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Sacrament of Reconciliation—Sacramental Preparation. The final Sacramental Preparation Course for this year covering the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin with a talk for the parents on Sunday 9th October after the 9.00am Mass (10.15am). This course is available to those in year 5 and above who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Application forms are available from the sacristy.

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; 3324 3030 by Wednesday 28 September 2016. The car park will be available from 9.00am, entrance from Charlotte Street.

Memorial Garden Plaques We will be ordering the new plaques shortly, this coming week is your last chance to order one for a loved one who has passed. Cost is \$25 per plaque.

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/SpiritInTheCityQUT/> 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; Mb 0427743534

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

Brisbane Open House (BOH) On the weekend of **8/9 October** the Cathedral of St Stephen and St Stephen's Chapel will participate in BOH. BOH celebrates the city's architecture, giving visitors a rare insight into contemporary, historic and environmentally significant buildings in the heart of the city. View the display of Mary MacKillop artefacts in the windows of Penola Place and follow the Mary Mackillop Walk (opened and blessed by Archbishop Mark Coleridge on 8 August, the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop).

Humour On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple is involved in a fatal car accident. The couple found themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they began to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven? When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said, "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left. The couple sat and waited, and waited. Two months passed and the couple were still waiting. While waiting, they began to wonder what would happen if it didn't work out; could you get a divorce in heaven? After yet another month, St. Peter finally returned, looking somewhat bedraggled. "Yes," he informed the couple, "You can get married in Heaven." "Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?" St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple. "OH, COME ON!," St. Peter shouted, "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

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)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Stewardship Awareness Sunday) *“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...”* Luke 16:25-26 When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to **all** mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm

between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today’s Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life. (Accessed on 10th August 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH – EUCHARISTIC STEWARDSHIP

What do Christians bring to the Eucharistic celebration and join there with Jesus’ offering? Their lives and Christian disciples . . . Disciples give thanks to God for gifts received and strive to share them with others. That is why, “...if this celebration is to be sincere and thorough, it must lead to various works of charity and mutual help, as well as to missionary activity and to different forms of Christian witness.” (Presbyterorum Ordinis, 6)

Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

Because the loaf of bread is one, we, though many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf (1 Corinthians 10:17).

Geez, there are times I come out of Mass and can’t even remember a thing about what happened. It’s almost like driving to work sometimes. I know I got in my car and left home. I got to the office, but it was like I was on auto-pilot the whole time.

But I do notice that I feel most prayerful when I am singing at Mass. Why? Well, because I was actually paying attention to what I was saying, and of course our singing is a form of prayer.

So I started paying more attention to what I was praying, and saying it deliberately – with meaning. And I started paying attention to what Father was praying. And I found the words of the Eucharist are enormously powerful, when I listen to them and pray them with the presider! And I realize that we are standing before God and addressing God with these words.

It is an effort, and I am not entirely successful, but it makes my worship meaningful – and helps me to live out the Christian life the other 167 hours in the week.

Questions:

Do we pay attention to what we are actually praying for at Mass?

What are you praying for?

Do we pay attention to what we are actually thanking God for at Mass?

What are you thanking God for?

The Eucharist becomes the sign and symbol of stewardship for the individual Christian and the Church. In the Eucharist, Jesus renews the covenant with us, but we in turn renew our covenant with Jesus and one another. In Eucharist, we bring our lives, our gifts, our resources, to the altar, and they too must be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

Archbishop Thomas Murphy.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 25h Sept. 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 26th Sept. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English
 Wed 28th Sept. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 2nd Oct. 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Next Weekend 3rd Collection for Church Repairs.

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.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

Psalm: Praise the Lord my soul.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Heb 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-19



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

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 30 Sept. Agnes & Deb

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, Marge & Tom Robins, Neil Ham, Bruce Larter. (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: 25 Sept. — 1 Oct.

Norman Webster, Margaret Dunbavin, Carmel Clark, Adrian Stanbury, Beryl O'Donoghue, Robert Freeman, Keith Jones, Winefred McGreevy, Hoang Trach, Dorothy O'Dwyer, Denise Freney, Quen Van Nguyen, Emelien Kolle.

Recently Deceased

Melila Purcell

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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