



## **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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Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**29th Sunday  
in Ordinary  
Time**

**16th October  
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: PRAY CONTINUOUSLY AND NEVER LOSE HEART.**

The parable in the today's gospel is a challenge not just for the people listening to Jesus two thousand and more years ago, but also for us today.

Prayer is a necessary part of our lives. Many of us have not been taught how to pray but have been given prayers to say. Prayer is not an easy pastime and is can only grow through persistent practice. In his book dealing with 'Beginning again with prayer', John Pritchard an Anglican Bishop states:

#### **Why is prayer so important?**

To ask the question 'why pray?' Is like asking the question 'why breathe?' One is essential to physical life, the other is essential to spiritual life. We pray to stay alive as Christians. We breathe the oxygen of God's presence and love. To be more specific:

- ◆ We pray in order to share our lives with God. If we are trying to put him at the centre of our lives we have to keep the doors open to his constant arrival.
- ◆ We pray in order to get to know God. How do we get to know another country? You go and live there. Prayer is living with God in a new country with new priorities, and we live with him there in order to become acclimatized to the new culture of the kingdom.
- ◆ We pray in order to express our love and thanks to God. When 'deep calls to deep' within us, prayer is one of the responses, reaching to God with the heart. A relationship with God ought to have fewer of the characteristics of duty and more of the characteristics of a love affair.
- ◆ We pray as a way of loving people. Because we love them we pray for them. The most important thing we can do for those we care for is to hold them in the loving presence of God.
- ◆ We pray to bring our own needs to God. Yes, that's OK too!

As a young school boy, we were taught that prayer according to the Penny Catechism

**141. What is prayer?** Prayer is the raising up of the heart and mind to God.

**142. How do we raise up our heart and mind to God?** We raise up our heart and mind to God; by adoring, praising, and thanking Him; and by begging of Him all blessings for soul and body.

Another way of understanding prayer is if we look at it as a relationship. The way we relate to others generally in sin conversation. As we talk to friends, we often open up our hearts and share with them what is on our mind. When we do this with God, then as the Catechism tells us we are praying. Possibly what he wants to hear is what is on our mind and disturbing the peace of our hearts.

The principal thing to remember is that God never becomes tired of our story, hearing what is both-ering us, as his children these things are important to him. Sometimes we may not be able to put into words what we want to say, then our formal prayers take over. The important thing is to pray.

**No Weekly Mass this week.** Fr Roger is away on retreat this week, so unfortunately, there will be no morning Mass.

**Sacramental Preparation:** because of the low response to the sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, the Course planned for this month has been put back.

**Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation.** Possibly one of the reasons for the low response for the sacramental preparation, is that the majority of adults do not make use of this Sacrament. The reconciliation rite at the beginning of each Eucharist, deals with what we call venial sins. That does not mean that the going to 'Confession' has lost its place.

From time to time it is good to take stock and approach this sacrament, even if we have not committed a grave or mortal sin. How are we really with God and neighbour is an important assessment for us to make. Sometimes in looking at what acts make us keep asking God for his forgiveness can reveal the real sin that lies behind our sinning. With the help of God and the priest in the sacrament of Reconciliation, we can begin to tackle our waywardness and hopefully sin less. In the same way.

**Date Claimer** Saturday 22 October 2016 Our Lady of Fatima-Rosary Bouquet, St Stephen's Cathedral Elizabeth St Brisbane. 10.30 am Rosary; 11.30 Mass, Celebrant Archbishop Coleridge followed by a Procession to Villa Maria Warren St Fortitude Valley.

**On Going Faith Education.** Last week I attended a meeting with some of the people responsible for the RCIA in the parishes of St Mary's Ipswich, Booval and here in St Francis Xavier's. During the Advent period on Wednesdays, there will be the opportunity for parishioners to join in with those preparing for entry into the Catholic Church, for a series of talks.

Here in St Francis Xavier, there will be the opportunity for parishioners to join with the candidates enrolled in the RCIA and their sponsors for fortnightly meetings in the parish.

We never stop learning about our faith, the Church is changing as a living being, There is a wealth of wisdom in past practices and many challenges facing our Church at this time. Make a date in your diary, watch out for detail in further newsletters.

**RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults** At the present time we have six enquirers for reception into the Catholic Church. They have started their journey which may take several months. We would like to appeal for help for someone to act as a sponsor for a gentleman in the programme. This would be in the form of being his 'sponsor'. To journey with him, would mean meeting with him if possible each week, to attend the preparation sessions with him and accompany him to Mass (9.00am). If you are able to help, then please contact Fr Roger or Jane Donovan.

**Consilium Gathering.** Vocation Brisbane is hosting a Consilium Gathering for young men discerning the call to priesthood to gather for Mass and dinner before hearing the vocation story of a priest from the Archdiocese on Thursday, 20th October at Canali House (47 Clyde road, Herston), starting at 6.30pm and wrapping up by 9pm. If you are interested please contact Adam Burns on 07 3324 3352 or email: [burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au)

**Parish Centre** This week the kitchen in the Parish Centre has been replaced, the carpet and lino have also been replaced. Any groups using the Parish Centre please ensure that it is left spotless and any spills on the floor cleaned up. If you notice any damage in the Centre please let the office know.

**Humour** Mrs. Smartt was fumbling in her purse for her offering when a large television remote fell out and clattered into the aisle.

The curious usher bent over to retrieve it for her and whispered, "Do you always carry your TV remote to church?"

No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come with me this morning, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

## 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)

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...” 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He

called us to be faithful. (Accessed on 11th October 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

“These linked realities, discipleship and stewardship, then make up the fabric of a Christian Life in which each day is lived in an intimate, personal relationship with the Lord.”

“Jesus is the supreme teacher of Christian Stewardship, as he is of every other aspect of Christian life; and in Jesus' teaching and life-emptying is fundamental.”

### PRIVATE PRAYER:

- PRAY THE ANGELUS ONCE DAILY
- READ THE BIBLE 15 MINUTES DAILY
- PRAY THE MORNING OFFERING ONCE DAILY
- PRAY AN ACT OF CONTRITION GOING TO BED EACH NIGHT
- SAY AND OUR FATHER, HAIL MARY, AND GLORY BE BEFORE WORK EACH DAY
- SPEND TIME WEEKLY IN EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
- READ THE SCRIPTURES BEFORE MASS
- PRAY A ROSARY ONCE PER WEEK
- MAKE THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS ONCE PER WEEK
- OFFER MY SUFFERING (PHYSICAL, MENTAL, EMOTIONAL, SPIRITUAL) AS A PRAYER
- PRAY GRACE BEFORE MEALS ONCE DAILY
- PRAY WITH MY SPOUSE ONCE WEEKLY

### PUBLIC PRAYER

- JOIN THE PRAYER LINE (CALL PARISH OFFICE 38180111)
- GO TO CONFESSION ONCE PER MONTH
- JOIN ROSARY GROUP (6.30PM WEDNESDAYS @ ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S)
- JOIN DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP (6.0PM MONDAYS @ ST FRANCIS XAVIER'S)

### How to use this sheet:

Read through the list of ways of praying.

Tick the boxes that correspond to your prayer pattern

Think about how you can increase your time in prayer  
Mark the box next to the one you are going to use to increase your prayer time.

There is no other way of Christian prayer than Christ. Whether our prayer is communal or personal, vocal or interior, it has access to the Father only if we pray “in the name” of Jesus. The sacred humanity of Jesus is therefore the way by which the Holy Spirit teaches us how to pray to God our Father.

(Catechism of the Catholic Church #2664)

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 16th Oct. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 17th Oct. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English  
 Wed 19th Oct. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 23rd Oct. 30th 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.

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8

Psalm: Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

## 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12-14, 16-19; 2 Tim 4:6-8; Lk 18:9-14



### 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: 21 Oct, Caroline & Emily

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. (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: 16 –22 Oct.

John Josey, Julie Anne Rowe, Raimond Vicic, Kevin Carlyle, Christopher Mclvor, Catherine McCarty, Teresa Fekijacs, Alfino Spina, Anna Liuek, Kerry Fitzgerald, Urbano Oblino, Geoffrey Wasl, Albert Gallagher, Alwyn Hair, Michael Callaghan, Mathys Van Kraay, Elaine O'Connor, Francis O'Neill, Luisa Araujo, Steven Quinn, David Moloney, Lorraine Barker.

## 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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