



## **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

**Second Sunday**

**In**

**Ordinary Time**

**15th January**

**2017**

Embracing the suburbs of Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira, Carole Park, Collingwood Park, Ellen Grove. Gales, Kruger, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Wacol and beyond.

### **Good News: The Lamb of God.**

Every time the Eucharist is celebrated the words of John the Baptist about Jesus are recalled; 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.'

The biblical writers had no hesitation about mixing their metaphors. Jesus sometimes is the shepherd of the flock and sometimes the lamb!

The image of Jesus as lamb grew out of a rich and complex vein of Jewish thought.

The blood of the lamb, sprinkled on doorposts, was the sign to save the Hebrew people from the destroying angel: that was when Moses led them out of their Egyptian slavery. The annual remembrance of the Liberation became the Passover Feast, the climax of the Jewish year. Lambs in great numbers were slaughtered and family groups ate the meat of yearling lambs in the sacred meal which bound them together in very close fellowship with one another and with God. They ate it standing, dressed for a journey.

In the chronology of John's gospel, the death of Jesus took place at the very time when passover-lambs were being slaughtered. And the ritual instruction regarding the sacrificial lambs applied also to Jesus: 'Not one bone of his shall be broken.' (*Jn 19:36*)

The Christian community favoured the symbol of the lamb from the very earliest times. Little more than twenty years after the death of Jesus, a passing reference in a letter of Paul suggests that his readers were already familiar with the symbol; 'Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed.' (*1 Cor 5:7*)

Another important idea behind the symbol of the lamb was the practice of sacrificing animals as a substitute for what people owed to God. Through the sacrifice of an animal thanks were returned to God for the birth of the first-born. And it was through the sacrifice that expiation was paid on behalf of a sinner.

The idea of payment through substitution comes through the word of 1 Peter 1:18-19: 'Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you ... was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver or gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ.'

The choice of Isaiah 49 for the first reading today invites us to interpret the gospel passage in the light of Isaiah's picture of Chosen Servant of God. Indeed, the scholars tell us that the word translated as lamb of God might equally have been translated as servant of God.

In the light of Isaiah's Song of the Servant, Jesus is understood as a gentle, innocent lamb who is led to death on behalf of others..

'Ours the sufferings he bore,  
ours the sorrows he carried.' (*Is 53:4*)

As the sacred host is raised before our eyes at mass, the words of John the Baptist are heard again to express our faith; 'Look, this is the lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.'

Truly blessed and happy are those called to this banquet. In the Eucharist Jesus is the Passover lamb whose flesh is eaten by those who are ready for the journey out of slavery:

Jesus is the lamb who substituted for us and in whose blood our baptismal robes are washed clean again:

Jesus is the innocent, gentle lamb, on whom the spirit of power and dove of peace comes to rest.

Silvester "Flynn O.F.M. Cap—The good News of Matthew's Year.

### **Sacramental Preparation: the Sacrament of Penance.**

Last year the course for the Preparation of the Sacrament of Penance had to be postponed due to lack of interest. This year, any young person who has received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist are eligible for the Course.

There will be a talk for the parents of the young people on **Sunday 5th February**, and the session will begin on Sunday 12th February. Enrolment forms for the Preparation are available from the Sacristy.

### **The Little King's Movement for the Handicapped Appeal**

The Little King's Movement once a year conducts a Door Knock and a Parish Appeal. The Movement caters for people with disabilities in social and spiritual activities.

There is no Government funding, and the Movement is staffed by volunteers. Each year the calls for their services are increasing. The Movement, though based on Catholic beliefs is truly ecumenical, and all members are welcomed and respected for their own beliefs. There is no charge for any of the services provided by the Movement.

This year's appeal will be held on the weekend of **28th/29th January**.

### **Training Evening for Ministers regarding Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults.**

One of the requirements laid down in the Archdiocesan Policy, is that all ministers should attend a training session. The Archdiocesan Safeguarding Officer Mr Troy Tornabene has agreed to hold a session on Wednesday 8th February starting at 7.00pm with a break at 8.00 and hope to close at 9.00pm. If you have not attended a training session to date you will be expected to enrol in the next session.

**Your help required.** A number of ministers have ceased to serve in the past few months. To lessen the load on the roster, we are looking for new readers, Special Ministers for during Mass and Special Ministers to the housebound. Can you please help? There will be a training session in the new year possibly on a Saturday. We are in desperate need of cleaners for the Church on a Friday and someone to clean the toilets on a Monday morning.

**Parking in the Car Park during the week.** As the School returns this coming week, just a reminder about parking. During School days, parking in the main Car Park is for school and parish staff. There are a number of places marked for Parish Parking. The Car Park near the Kindy is for parents dropping off and picking up **from the Kindy**. **There is no parking for the dropping off children for school at the start of the day, nor for picking up children at the end of the school day. Please use the drop off zone. Kindy parents, please use the Kindy Car Park and not the main Car Park.**

Parishioners coming to Mass, please use the Parish Parking area or arrive after 8.35am. this way teachers and school staff will be able access parking spaces.

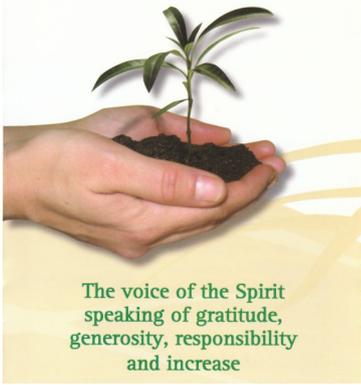
**Used Nativity Cards** Once again we are collecting Nativity cards to use with our Religious instruction classes in the State Schools. Last year, because of your generosity our instructors gave over 700 children a card which shared the real meaning of Christmas.

There is no need to cut the cards, as they are all trimmed and attached to cardboard before given out. Can you put them into the box is near the side door of the church ... beside the angel. Please pray for the RI in our State Schools. Thank you very much Christine Hodgkinson.

You have been baptised, but think not that you are straightway a Christian . . . The flesh is touched with salt: what then if the mind remains unsalted? The body is anointed, yet the mind remains un-anointed. But if you are buried with Christ within, and already practice walking with Him in newness of life, I acknowledge you as a Christian. (Erasmus)

**Humour** One day, fridges will take their revenge. They will burst into your bedroom in the middle of the night, switch the light on, stare at you for a few minutes and then leave.

## 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)

### January 15, 2017 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*“Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb...” Isaiah 49:5* You have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. Guess what, each of us has been given a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others. (Accessed on 7th January 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## THE CALL – THE DISCIPLE’S VOCATION

The vocations of all Christians do have elements in common. One of these is the call to be a disciple. In fact, we might say that to be disciples – to follow Christ and try to live His life as our own – is the common vocation of Christians; discipleship in this sense is Christian life.

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

**W**hat are you looking for? Jesus asks (two of John’s disciples). Rabbi, they say, Where are you staying? Come and you will see. They spend the day with him, enthralled by his words and by the power of his personality . . . The next day, encountering Philip, Jesus says ‘Follow Me.’ (See John 1:35-50.)

I realized that when my parents and my family, my teachers and my mentors, my pastor and my parish leaders, were calling me to do better, to share my gifts with others, to live as Christ lived, it was actually God calling me through all these people. I was being constantly called and constantly challenged to follow Christ in big and small ways. But this realization helped me to feel joyful about what had earlier seemed burdensome and difficult. I was being called just like James and John, Peter and Andrew, Mary and Martha, Paul, St. Francis, and Mother Teresa!

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Questions:

Have you ever heard/felt ‘the call’ of Jesus?

What was happening when you heard it?

How did you know it was Jesus’ calling?

How did you respond?

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*When we begin with the far greater challenge of being a disciple of Jesus, stewardship becomes a response that is part and parcel of who we are and what we believe. Stewardship formation and education must begin with a radical call to be disciples of Jesus.*

*Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 15th Jan. 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 16th Jan Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 18th Jan Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 22nd Jan. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass 7.30 & 9.00am

## Collections For Last Week

<b>First</b>	☺	↑	
<b>Second</b>	☺	↑	
	☺	↑	= 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.

## 15th Jan. Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:3. 5-6; 1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34  
 Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

## 22nd Jan. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 18:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-33



### 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: 20.01.17 Mitch & Pam Dodrill

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 Robin, Lillian Morrison, Kath Gurdon, Frank Asange, Lin Marrinan, Michael Quickfall. (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: 15-21 January.

Hannah O'Hagan, Joseph Patterson, Samuel Veness, Patricia Wallace, Douglas Jones, Rita Hartcher, Gayle De Glas, Tyrone Pacheco, Wendy Boughton, Ruth O'Donohue, John Eustace (Baby), Tony Cooke, Susan Daunt, Mary Halls, John Lynan, Michael Snape, Peter Becker, Dorothy Lees, Manu Laulu, Thomas Connolly, Brigid Gillespie.

## 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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