



## **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

**Third Sunday**  
**In**  
**Ordinary Time**

**22nd 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 Kingdom ....Another Way.

Jesus had a dream for our world; he called it the kingdom of heaven. He dreamt of life on earth being a mirror of heaven. Towards the realization of this dream he began to tell people that there is another way.

Instead of the nightmare of war, he spoke of brothers and sisters in the one family of God.

Instead of bitterness and retaliation, he spoke of love that refuses to be poisoned and makes one pray for the oppressor. In place of the scepter of famine which will always haunt a greedy, grasping world, he set up the practical criterion of how we feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

In place of the murky world of deeds of darkness, Jesus wanted all of life to be a clear reflection of the light of heaven. He prayed that the will of the Father be done on earth as it is in heaven. Where God's will holds sway, there is where God is king. And that is the kingdom of heaven on earth.

In Matthew's understanding (and he is our evangelist for the rest of this year), the work of Jesus was to set up the kingdom of heaven upon earth. Matthew describes it as a work progressing in five stages.

First he announced that the kingdom was close at hand. Then he travelled with the words of good news and deeds of mercy. He lit a beacon on the height of the mountain where he preached the charter of life for the kingdom.

In the second stage he worked closely with selected disciples, the nucleus of the church, who would give legs to the message for the spread of the kingdom.

In the next stage he spoke mainly in parables to prepare them for the pains and struggles of slow growth, disappointments and opposition.

After that he worked again with the disciples, organized them under Peter and instructed them at greater depth about the way.

Finally, he spoke of the glorious future of the kingdom when he would come again in glory.

So, when Jesus began to tell the people that there is another way, his first words were about letting go of the old sinful way of life. Repent ... let the old hatred go ... put on a new mind ... enter a new system of values .. Be born again of water and the Holy Spirit.

The message of the kingdom was a call to revolution. Minds would have to turn the full circle. Accepted values and standards were turned upside down. the greatest in the kingdom would not be the one who receives the most but the one who gives the most. The richest in the kingdom would not be those who possessed most but those who had the greatest emptiness for God. The voice that would be greatest would not be the loudest or most commanding but the whisper of those who go to the inner room and pray to God in the secret recess of the heart,

In the kingdom the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

Jesus began to preach his dream. There is another way. The world is meant to be a mirror of God's love ... the kingdom of heaven on earth,

To realise this dream we must let worldly values be turned upside down. We must repent.

Silvester O'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.

**Gambling Community Benefit Fund** In August of last year we applied for a grant to install decking at the rear of the Parish Centre and also funds to replace the existing air conditioning in the Parish Centre with 3 Split Systems. Mid December we were notified that we were successful in obtaining the grant for the decking but not the air conditioners.

We will now need to fund raise to be able to replace the air conditioners so if you have any fund raising ideas and willing to help with it then please contact the office.

The decking works should begin at the end of January.

**4-Steps Retreat/Community of the Risen Lord** Invite you to join **Bro. Lalith Perera** and Team on 4th & 5th Feb, 2017 at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church, 107 Darra Station Road, Darra. 10.30am-6.00pm.

Concluding with the Holy Mass on Sunday celebrated by **Bishop Joseph Oudeman**.

Free admission, tea & coffee will be provided/please bring a dish to share for lunch.

Also on Friday 3rd Feb at 7.15pm to 9.30pm there will be Praise, Worship, Message and Benediction at Christ the King Church, Graceville.

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**Palms Encounters** An experience to share this Easter and beyond. A Palms Encounter is an intimate, immersive, inter cultural experience providing insights that challenge perceptions and deepen understanding. Palms long term volunteers guide the Encounter with our Catholic Communities in East Timor.

Register now for our **2-14 April Encounter** and receive **\$400 off a 2nd ticket**.

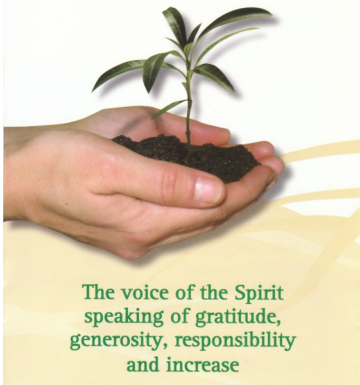
Call Roger on 02 9560 6333 or go to **[www.palms.org.au/Encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/Encounters) for more**.

**Humour** One Sunday the pastor was talking about prayer during the children's sermon. One precocious six-year-old boy piped up and said, "My mommy prays with me every night!"

"That's wonderful," said the pastor. "What does she say when she prays with you? Do you use a certain prayer?"

"Oh, no," the boy replied, "She just says, 'Thank you, God. He's in bed!'"

## 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 22, 2017 - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” Matthew 4:22* Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries

and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission. (Accessed on 13th January 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

## **RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.**

This year we have a number of adults who are in the process of joining our church. They have been meeting for a considerable time up to now. Each Wednesday, they have joined other candidates from the parishes of Booval and Ipswich to be instructed in the faith.

Some of our parishioners have agreed to act as sponsors for the candidates and they too have attended the sessions.

The process of RCIA has a good history here in St Francis Xavier's, as when it was introduced, the parish was one of the pilot parishes in the Archdiocese.

We are always on the lookout for people to help with the process of introducing new members to the Church.

The guidelines make it clear that the RCIA process is not about a small group separate to the parish, but is in fact the whole parish working together.

The following article has been prepared by a member of the RCIA Team from St Mary's in Ipswich.

### **Parish involvement in Baptisms**

Something which is not always recognised is that the Sacrament of Baptism was not originally a private ceremony. It is actually meant to be celebrated within the full worshipping community of the faithful, usually associated with Eucharist.

These days, infant Baptism is normally performed as a predominantly private family affair, although many parishes try to have representatives of the broader parish community present to provide support for the newly-baptised. Adult Baptisms are more commonly celebrated through the RCIA at Easter Eucharist, however this should be the norm, not the exception.

The other aspect to this is that it is not just the actual celebration of the Sacrament that should involve the whole community, but the candidate's formation and preparation for the Sacrament.

By virtue of our own Baptism, we are all obligated to spread the Gospel message and to bring others to the full realisation of God's mission through his Church.

The Introduction to the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults includes a statement that *'The initiation of catechumens is a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful.... The faithful should remember that for the Church and its members the supreme purpose of the apostolate is that Christ's message is made known to the world by word and deed and that his grace is communicated. They should therefore show themselves ready to give the candidates evidence of the spirit of the Christian community and to welcome them into their homes, into personal conversation, and into community gatherings.'*

It is not the responsibility of just the priest and a few helpers to bring new members into the Church, it is the responsibility of us all to provide support through prayer and action.

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 22nd Jan. 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 23rd Jan Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English.  
 Wed 25th Jan Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Fri 27th Jan Baptism Preparation  
 Sun 29th Jan. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mass 7.30 & 9.00am

Next weekend Little Kings Annual Appeal

## 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.

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

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-33

Psalm: Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

## 29th Jan. 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12



### 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: 27.01.17 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 Robin, Lillian Morrison, Kath Gurdon, Frank Asange, Lin Marrinan, Michael Quickfall, Hans & Ursula Rennett. (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: 22-28 January.

Kevin Rowland, Ann Vinning, Peter McHugh, John Kaminski, Henrikus Staarnik, Leon Nienartowicz, Leonardos Kuypers, Joseph Tarbey, Dorelle Bradley, Raymon Reynolds, Rodney Miller, Mary McLellan, O J Thomas, Mary Sorenson, David Chew, James Harvey, Cecil Hamilton,

## 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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