



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Eighth

Sunday

In

Ordinary Time

26th February

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: Anxiety or Trust

The materialistic culture of today represents a thinking that is diametrically opposed to the understanding of life outlined in Christ's kingdom.

By their fruits you shall know them. Where life is based on materialistic values, people are insecure, fretful and anxious. Whereas kingdom-life shows serenity, confidence and joy in all things, for its foundation is the true love of God, from whose eye nothing is hidden, and in whose memory nobody is forgotten.

In today's first reading Isaiah reassures us that God has the loving memory of a mother. 'Does a mother forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.'

(Is 49:15)

We are familiar with these words but we still let God's love be blocked off from our lives. We let a defensive screen obscure God's light like clouds blocking the sunlight. The golden light of sunshine travels 93 million miles to beautify our day. But very often, in the last half-mile of its journey, a grey cloud of vapour blocks off its golden rays. That is how God's love is beaming down on us, but we let our inner, unredeemed areas project out clouds which obscure God's light and lessen his warmth in our lives.

There are three clouds in particular which we tend to produce. Out of our past comes the cloud of guilt which makes us want to hide from God for we think we would be uncomfortable in his closeness.

Out of our present non-acceptance of others comes the cloud of anger. And Anger is scared of being thawed out and melted by the warmth of love.

Out of our thoughts about the future comes up the cloud of anxiety. We worry and fret and show no signs of a foundational trust in God.

Jesus tells us not to worry about the parts that make up the jigsaw of life ... food, drink and clothing. The totality of life, which is God's dear creation, is so much greater than the parts. He invited his audience on the mountainside to open their eyes and their hearts to the creatures of the field and sky all about them.

We might be inclined to regard this as poetic naiveté. But Jesus did not say that food and clothing are unimportant. Nor did he advocate that we should not plan ahead or work hard. Remember the birds have to work very hard for their food. And growing plants use their very root and leaf and stem in the process of growth. What Jesus did say is that the beauty and adornment of creation is the language of God's overall, providential plan. And surely the children of God are most important in this care. 'Are you not worth more than they are?'

The material heart of God already knows our needs. Can we not trust our Divine Mother's care? If our heart sincerely prays 'Thy kingdom come,' can we not be totally confident in asking for our daily bread?

Each passing day leads us into situations where we respond in anxiety or trust.

The breakdown of community behaviour, the increase in violence and vandalism can shake our basic peace of mind. Do we respond in increased anxiety and pessimism? Or do we have the calm trust of knowing that this is still God's world?

Someone we deeply care about strays into troubled ways. Do we fret ourselves into ill-health? Or are we moved to pray with full confidence that the Good Shepherd is searching for the stray? Our pattern of life is unexpectedly shattered, say by illness or accident or bereavement. When one responds in anxiety then everything falls apart for the center no longer holds. But to respond in faith is to see God at work in this breaking. It may be beyond our understanding now, but faith accepts that God has a loving purpose in this. It may be to test us; or deepen us; or to move us from our familiar life to a new level which as yet we do not understand. Sometimes, with hindsight we can see how our most painful experiences proved to be very enriching.

The frantic, loud, Fretful and distressed society of today is hurtling down the hill towards despair and self-destruction.

It will be saved through the witness of kingdom-people whose deep trust, undisturbed peace, and quiet joy

Proclaim that this is God's world, that he has not forgotten us, and that he cares for us dearly.

'Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well.'

If you centre of your prayers is 'Thy kingdom come,' then there will be no anxious fretting as you confidently ask, 'Give us this day our daily bread.'
(Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap—the Good News of Matthew's Year.)

This Wednesday (1st March) we begin the Season of Lent. There will be two opportunities to receive ashes. There will be a Mass at 9.00am in the School Hall and 6.30pm in the Church.

Lent is a time of reflection on the great event which led to our becoming the children of God. The Archdiocesan Lenten Study course is entitled: 'Up from the Waters—the water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life (John 4:14)' There are study guides available at \$8.80 per copy, also a DVD and 2CDs Box set at \$17.60. The materials are available from Evangelisation Brisbane. There is a form in the pergola for you to order the materials.

Ash Wednesday (1st March) is a day of fasting and Abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. (CCL 97, 1251-52).

Fasting means one full meal only for that day, and abstinence means no meat to be consumed.

THE SEASON OF LENT is the most appropriate time for celebrating the **SACRAMENT OF PENANCE**.

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God have heard the solemn invitation, *Turn away from sin and believe the good news*. It is therefore fitting to have several penitential celebrations during Lent, so that all the faithful may have the opportunity to be reconciled with God and their neighbour and so be able to celebrate the paschal mystery in the Easter Triduum with renewed hearts.

The Sacrament of Penance is better celebrated *before* rather than during the Easter Triduum.

Here in the Parish, each Saturday from 5.00pm—5.30pm the Sacrament of Penance is offered in the Church. We will be using the revised rite of the Sacrament and laminated sheets giving the order of the Sacrament of Penance will be available.

In Holy Week on Wednesday 12th April, there will be a Communal Second Rite of the Sacrament of Penance in the Church.

St Patricks Day BBQ/ Fundraiser Saturday 18th March, 7pm start (straight after 6 O'clock Mass).

Entry will be via a prepaid ticket at a cost of \$10 per adult and \$5 per child up until the age of 10. Ticket cost gets you a meal and entertainment will be provided by **Bob McDowd and Kath Hogan**.

A maximum of 80 tickets will be on sale from this Saturday 25th Feb when we will also be selling raffle tickets with 3 prizes to be drawn on the night. BYO drinks with tea and coffee included in the cost of your ticket.

Any money raised will be going towards the cost of new air conditioners for the Parish Centre.

Cleaners for Church We are in desperate need of more cleaners for the Church. Cleaning of the Church is usually done after the daily Mass on a Friday but can be done at your convenience anytime before the weekend Masses. With a team of 2 people it usually takes around an hour. If you think this could be something that you and a friend or partner could do with ease please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594 or Marie in the Parish Office on 3818 0111.

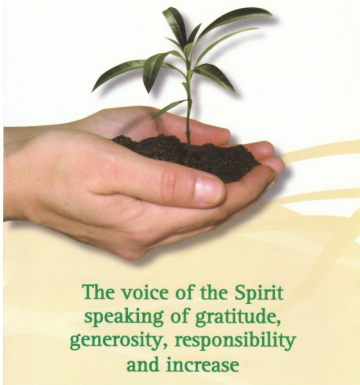
Teams: for Married Spirituality Teams is a lay movement within the Catholic Church that offers couples a chance to discover the Lord's presence in their marriage and to live in Christian fellowship with other couples as a way of giving thanks to God and bearing witness to Him in the world. The goal of the movement is to help couples live their lives with more strength, light and hope.

For more information there are pamphlets on the trolley and on the tables with the Newsletters

Memorial Mass for Frank Asange will be held Friday 3rd March 9.00am.

Humour: A twenty dollar note and a dollar coin were coming down adjoining chutes at the Australian mint and agreed to try to keep in touch, and to recount their adventures when they met. After a good while, meet they did. The twenty dollar note had quite a good time, being fondled as a tip of a generous dinner, and had crossed many counters for useful purposes and the dollar coin could not match the history. His story was largely of slot machines, bus rides and buying papers in the street, but he said triumphantly, he had one big thing to boast about, that he had never once missed Mass.

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)

February 19, 2017 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” Matthew 4:10 Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve? (Accessed on 17th

February 2017 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

LIVING AS A STEWARD – COLLABORATION IN REDEMPTION

Stewardship involves embracing, cultivating, enjoy, sharing – and sometimes also giving up – the goods of human life. A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

Let us master this great and simple truth, that all rich materials and productions of this world, being God’s property, are intended for God’s service; and sin only, nothing but sin, turns them to a different purpose (Cardinal Newman, Offerings for the Sanctuary, Parochial and Plain Sermons San Francisco: Ignatius Press, 1987, p. 1368)

Are you ever concerned about the approach of Lent and the challenge of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that accompanies it? I used to feel that way, when whatever I chose to give up for Lent was chosen only to find something challenging to give up. It served no other purpose. Whatever I gave up had no relationship to my relationship with God or making me a more spiritual person, or helping the poor.

Now I have found something! I go to the Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent, give up the usual video and popcorn I watch every Friday night during the rest of the year (and the comfortable flopping on the couch after a week of work) and give what I would usually spend on the video and popcorn to the ‘Rice Bowl.’

This ‘discipline’ has helped to realize that unpromising experiences like deprivation, loss, and pain can lead to redemption. It all involved better stewardship of my time and treasure.

Questions:

Has repentance or penance ever made you feel ‘liberated’? When? How?

Stewardship calls us into a new sense of collaboration with God where we are accountable and responsible. Such collaboration with God impacts creation, redemption, and the sanctification of the world in which we live. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

A practical way of almsgiving for Lent:

Project Compassion gives us the opportunity to be aware of the needs of others as well as ourselves. Matthew 25 in the Last Judgement passage, those who give aid to those in need are welcomed into the kingdom. Prayer is important, but it should be backed up by ‘good works’.

James 2:18f ‘So you have faith and I have good deeds? Show me this faith of yours without deeds, then! It is by my deeds that I will show you my faith.’

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sat 25th Feb Reconciliations 4.30pm (New Rite)
 Sun 26th Feb. 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 27th Feb. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 1st Mar
 Ash Wednesday Mass 9.00am in School Hall
 6,30pm in Church
 Sun 6th Mar. First Sunday of Lent

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 Feb. 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 49:14-15; 1Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34
 Psalm: Rest in God alone, my soul.
5th Mar. First Sunday of Lent.
 Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19; Mt 4:1-11



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

Monday No Mass
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass
Ash Wednesday 9.00am Mass in School Hall
6.30pm Mass in Church
 Thursday 9.00am Mass
 Friday 9.00am Memorial Mass
 Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 4.30 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 03.03.17 Jim & Oliver

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, Macey Ingham, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Wendy Marshall, Eileen Monaghan, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Kath Gurdon, 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: 26 Feb.—4 Mar.

Mavis Goonatilalee, Mary Waterson, Jim Lennon, Julietta Uela, David Leslie, Duncan Smith, Sr Eileen O'Sullivan RSM. James Sullivan, Marjorie Sim, Olga Milling, Graham Harper, Fr Brian Horton, Moira Hanley, Edward Klaptocz, Mary Powell, Pane Dupuy, Brian Bell, Norman Davies, Francis Wallace, Terri-Anne Keen.

Recently Deceased Frank Asange, Christine Bull

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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