



St Francis Xavier Parish

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**Second
Sunday
of
Lent**

**12th March
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 Bright Cloud*

That day on the mountain was one when the three disciples experienced wonder, awe and fear. When the bright cloud covered them with shadow and when they heard the divine voice from the cloud, they fell on their faces, overcome with fear.

To a great extent we have lost all fear of God today. It was no harm to lose that soul-terror which was linked to a punitive concept of God. But the healthy fear of God, that gift of the Holy Spirit, is also hard to find. There is a distinct absence of awe and a conspicuous lack of due reverence of God and due respect for the things of God.

The Lord's name is a common part of everyday vocabulary: worse again, it is used as a curse word.

The Lord's day is no longer sacred to many. The ease with which people trip up to receive the Eucharist and the apparent lack of private thanksgiving makes one suspect a lack of awe and reverence.

Some people say that the 'new liturgy' is responsible! An over-simplification of a complex change surely, but there may be a certain amount of truth there.

Changing from Latin to the everyday language brought great advances in participation. But language is no mere matter of sounds. It is deeply rooted in the cultural mentality which has grown in years that number in hundreds and thousands.

The use of the vernacular can take away the sense of mystery if it creates the expectation that all this ceremony can now be understood. Words are taken on their own value without pointing beyond themselves to the inexpressible mystery of God. We use too many flat words which never help people climb the mountain to meet the bright light of God.

A spate of words sweep over us without space or silence. Three readings, a psalm, a homily, profession of faith and prayers of the faithful, at least. There may be further words of introduction as long as the readings themselves.

So many words in full spate that we are lucky if we receive one word we can hold on to. We have reached the stage described by T. S. Eliot in 'Choruses From the Rock' when we have

'Knowledge of speech but not of silence;
Knowledge of words, and ignorance of the Word.'

In the absence of mystery and awe, people complain that the liturgy is boring! Its some achievement to make God appear boring but we have managed it.

In many bible stories the writers picture a bright cloud to convey a moment of meeting with God.

One cannot look directly into the sun, much less meet God face to face. But through the filter of a cloud one can gaze heavenwards. And though clouds are dark by nature, the cloud of revelation is bright because of the intensity of the light within it. The cloud conceals God but his brightness reveals him.

The mistake made by the word-obsessed mind is to look at the cloud and see only cloud. Instead of inviting one to a deeper experience of God, now the cloud of words only gets in the way. And without the deep experience of God people will never fall prostrate in adoration.

Awe and reverential fear are rare in this age of flat words. One word on the mountain is sufficient.

'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.'

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

Fr Roger is away on a Pilgrimage until the end of the month.

Fr Leo Burke will be covering the Weekend Masses.

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

Already on Ash Wednesday the people of God has 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.

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS 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.

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

Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Workshop. If you attended the Workshop held in the Parish Centre, then you will be able to collect an attendance Certificate from the sacristy.

St Edmunds Old Boys Bowls Day Sunday 2nd April 2017—United Sports Club, Joyce Street East Ipswich 8-30am for a 9-00am start. Cost is \$10 per player.

To register to play please call Andrew McGrath on 0438 164 452 or 3389 6858.

Brisbane Catholic Bushwalking Club invites all past members to the 50th ANNIVERSARY of the opening of the CLUB HUT "YALBURRU" on SUNDAY, 19th MARCH 2017. A celebration is being held at the hut to mark the occasion. Mass will commence at 11am, followed by lunch and a cuppa. The walk in to the hut goes up and down through about 6 small gullies and it may take an hour and a half for slower walkers.

RSVP to BCBC.BigEvent@gmail.com with names and phone numbers.

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Chrism Mass— Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7-00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

Humour A boy asks his father, "Dad, are bugs good to eat?" "That's disgusting. Don't talk about things like that over dinner," the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy says. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone".

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)

March 12th 2017 Second Sunday in Lent.

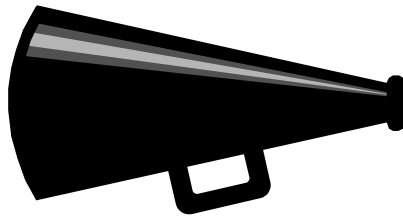
“Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father’s house to a land that I will show you.” Genesis 12:1 God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better

way to live. (Accessed on 24th February 2017 from <http://arcchst.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP

In various ways, stewardship of the Church leads people to share in the work of evangelization or proclaiming the good news, in the work of catechesis or transmitting and strengthening the faith, and in works of justice and mercy on behalf of persons in need. Stewardship requires support of the Church’s institutions and programs for these purposes. But, according to their opportunities and circumstances, members of the Church also should engage in such activities personally and on their own initiative.

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



Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

I realized that evangelization is not just something that someone else in a far off land does. It isn’t something that people on television do on Sunday morning. It is something that we do each day! How do we do it? Entirely in how we live our lives. I heard somewhere that many people decide to become Catholic as a result of seeing how their Catholic friends live their lives. And the choices we make in the market place (what we watch on TV, the books and magazines we buy) also determine what images – positive or negative, wholesome or destructive, supportive of a Christian lifestyle or ambivalent - go out to society.

Questions

How am I passing on the faith to my loved ones and friends and neighbors?

How might I do this better?

How do I help and support Church efforts to spread the message of Jesus?

There is an inbred connection between stewardship and evangelization. A connection where, if we have the gift of faith, Stewardship calls us to proclaim it and to share it. Which is what evangelization is all about.

Archbishop Thomas Murphy

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 12th Mar. Second Sunday of Lent
 Mon 13th Mar. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 15th Mar. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Friday 17th Mar. Stations of the Cross 6.30pm
 Sat 18th Mar. St Patrick's Social 7.00pm Ticket Only
 Sun 19th Mar. Third 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.

12th Mar. Second Sunday of Lent.

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

Psalm: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

19th Mar. Third Sunday of Lent.

Gen 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9



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: 10.03.17 Mitch & Pam

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, Peter Hodgkinson. (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: 12-18 Mar.

Darrel Meakin, Geoffrey Twaddell, Michael Walters, Aileen Bradley, Laraine Jorgenson, Margaret Mullice, Del McGratti, Julia Liddy, Marie Thompson, Colin Morrison, William McElroy, Beatrice Rawainake, Robert Bryant, Edward Sadowski, Mr Nan, Sydney Manning, Sean Liddy, Alexander Denic, Margaret Watson, Berta Lopez, Arthur Hancock, Michael Gardner, Vera Ryan, Mary Duffy.

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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