



St Francis Xavier Parish

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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

5th Sunday

**In
Lent**

**2nd April
2017**

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

This weekend, we welcome Fr Morgan Batt to the parish to inform us about Vocations.

Good News: Head and Heart.

We sometimes feel very mixed up when our faith tells us one thing but our feelings go the other way. But it is consoling to see how Jesus, too, experienced the conflict between the pain that prevails in the heart even as the head makes clear statements of faith.

In this story, John accords a remarkable amount of human emotion to Jesus. He is so competent in handling the divinity of Jesus that he can afford to show the fragile side of his nature too. The Preface of Today's Mass expresses this duality:

'For as man he wept for Lazarus his friend
and as eternal God raised him from the tomb.'

Several times in the story our attention is drawn to the love that Jesus felt towards his friend, Lazarus, and his sisters, Martha and Mary.

Human love exposes the heart to pain and sorrow. Simon and Garfunkel sang that 'a rock feels no pain, an island never cries.' But the heart which loves is tender and sensitive and it bleeds in the suffering of the loved one. So, when Jesus sees the tears of Mary and of the other mourners, his heart is deeply distressed. John has caught a moment of deep emotion in writing of 'a sigh that came straight from the heart.' And then, 'Jesus wept.' The shortest verse in the bible: two words needing no comment.

What is most remarkable about this human frailty of Jesus is how it exists alongside the clear statements of divine faith. At the start of the story, Jesus announces that the sickness would end, not in death, but in God's glory. At the centre of the story comes the great divine claim of Jesus: 'I and the resurrection and the life.'

And towards the end of the story, Jesus thanks the Father for hearing his prayer: 'I knew indeed that you always hear me.' The point is repeatedly made that the believing head cohabits with the distressed heart. This experience of conflicting emotions is one that we recognize in our own lives.

For instance, at a time of bereavement our minds can be accepting the consoling doctrines of faith even as the heart's distress moves us to tears.

Or we are faced with worry and anxiety about the wayward behavior of someone we love. We pray and pray but see no improvement.

We must appreciate how deep trust in God co-exists with our anxiety and the sleepless nights of worry.

Or again, we are taking up some challenge for Christ's sake. We are confident that God is calling us here and will be with us in the venture: but our knees knock and our hearts flutter with the nervousness at the same moment.

In this experience of conflict between divine faith of the mind and frailty of human feelings, we are not alone. Our consolation is in knowing that Jesus, too, experienced how the believing head co-exists with the distressed heart.

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

Welcome back Fr Roger.

Parish Visit– Fr Morgan Batt and Patrick Ransom from the Vocation Brisbane Office will be visiting our parish community this weekend 1st/2nd April to celebrate Mass with us and to promote Vocations.

EASTER RAFFLE Once again Catholic Church Insurance have donated a hamper for us to raffle tickets are on sale after all the Masses. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Raffle will be drawn after the 9-00am Mass on Palm Sunday.

Help Needed with Children's Liturgy at the 9-00am Mass. Due to the increasing number of children attending Makerita needs the help of parents whose children attend or a volunteer who is willing to help each week and confident enough to take the class when Makerita is unable to. At the moment it is just Makerita supervising some Sundays up to 60 children this is not acceptable.

Centenary of Fatima Calendars We have received calendars from Australia Needs Fatima if you would like one please feel free to take one. They are on the trolley in the Pergola area.

St Francis Xavier Catholic Samoan Community Are you Samoan and new to our Parish? Are you aware that our Parish Samoan Community meet the first Sunday of the month in the Ron Illidge Centre after the 9-00am Mass? Sunday School in Samoan is every Sunday at 7-30am in the Ron Illidge Centre, Choir Practice is the last 2 Saturdays of the month in preparation for singing at the 9-00am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Feel free to join us at our next get together on Sunday 2nd April.

We also have a Women's League (Mafutaga Tua) who meet the 4th Saturday at 7am for an hour. For more information phone Filo on 3814 6184 or Mob 0436 027 197

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.

Cyclone Debbie Recovery Appeal has been launched by **St Vincent de Paul**.

Donations to the appeal can be made online, through the Vinnies website www.vinnies.org.au or by calling 07 3010 1002 or posting to PO Box 3351, south Brisbane, QLD, 4001.

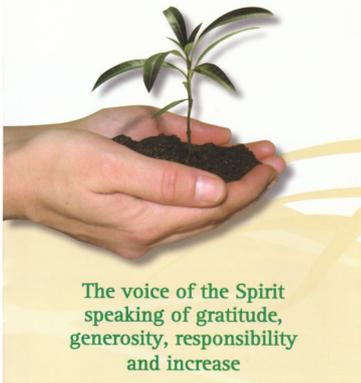
Chrism Mass— Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 6 April 2017 commencing at 7-00pm. This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

HUMOUR: Two rival villages were locked in battle in the annual cricket match. Responding to an appeal for "leg before wicket", the umpire gave the batsman "out".

The batsman took this badly and, banging his bat on the ground, strode off to the pavilion. He approached the nearest panama hat and white coat. "That was never "out", he declared. "You need glasses".

"So do you," came the reply. "I'm selling ice-cream".

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)

April 2, 2017-Fifth Sunday of Lent

“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’ JOHN 11:40 Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, things aren’t going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we

have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 27th March,2017)

STEWARDS OF THE CHURCH: SOLIDARITY AND STEWARDSHIP

The most basic and pervasive obstacle is sheer selfish lack of love, a lack which people must acknowledge and seek to correct when they find it in their own hearts and lives. For the absence of charity from the lives of disciples of Jesus in itself is self-defeating and hypocritical. . . Extreme disparities in wealth and power also block unity and communion. Such disparities exist today between person and person, social class and social class, nation and nation. They are contrary to that virtue of solidarity grounded in charity . . . *Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.*

For if a man with gold rings on his fingers and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in and you pay your attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say ‘sit here please’ while you say to the poor one ‘stand there’ or ‘sit at my feet’ have you not made distinctions among yourselves . . . ? James 2:2-3

Like many people, I’ve reacted negatively to the various statements by the Pope and Bishops and even my pastor and parish leadership against capital punishment, or nuclear weapons, or other matters. Why don’t they just mind their own business!? But then I think about all those times in the Gospels that Jesus said things that the crowds didn’t like. And of course I realize that the Pope and Bishops aren’t minding their own business because the Gospels tell them – and us – to speak out in solidarity with all humanity, especially the poor and powerless and persecuted. And while I still don’t agree with all they have to say, I know they spend their whole careers focusing on what Jesus says. So I do pay more attention and consider more carefully what they are saying, reminding us that we are all brothers and sisters, all of us children of God.

Questions:

What can you do to make your community (neighborhood, parish, work or school) feel a sense of unity – a sense that those who are part of your community are more alike than unlike?

~~My real discovery of the gift of life is accepting the gift that anonymous people offer to me without condition and no strings attached. . . . Every three weeks or so, I go to Providence Hospital for a transfusion of blood . . . I go into a room, and a nurse brings me a gift of blood. It is an anonymous gift that comes from an African-American, a Native American, an Asian, Hispanic, an Anglo – an anonymous person who gives me a gift with no string attached, no conditions. It is the gift of life that sustains my life and I am grateful.~~

Archbishop Thomas Murphy.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 2nd April. 5th Sunday Lent
 Mon 3rd April. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 5th. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 9th April Palm Sunday
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Third Collection for Church Repairs this weekend

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.

2nd April. 5th Sunday in lent.

Exek 37:12-14; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45

Psalm: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption..

9th April. Palm Sunday.

Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66



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	No Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 7 April Madeline and Anna

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, Sr Carmel, Wendy Marshall, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, 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: 2—8 April

Karl Fruwert, Terrance Hansen, Imogen Veness, Keith McPherson, Hely Phonsavadathy, Amy O'Connell, Matthew green, Telesia Vatuetele, Andreas Schypper, George Greaves, Mary White, Colin Larter, Anne Koscuik, Irma Majka, Catherine Lewis, Maria Kowalczyńska, Bruno Zyla, Alfred Leonard.

Recently Deceased: Barbara McHardy (Tony McHardy's mother)

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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