



St Francis Xavier Parish

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6th Sunday
of
Easter

21st May
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: *Divine Indwelling*

Yuri Gagarin, the first Russian space-traveller, reported that in the great up-there he had seen no evidence of heaven, much less of God. But a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church replied: "How could anybody see God up there if he had not first met God in here," pointing to his heart. The eye of faith is in the heart, not in physical sight. The Easter readings greatly emphasise the transition from the outer contact (as the world sees) to inner challenge.

One of the key discoveries of prayer-life is in recognising that spring of the Spirit within the heart.

'He is with you, he is in you.'

It is to advance from talking about God out-there to knowing the warm presence of God in-here: to come from a cold, impersonal attitude to God in a personal relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It means growing from a religion of serving God in the out-house to living with God in the inner rooms of the soul. Theologians have called it the indwelling of God.

Indwelling means that my soul is at home in God: and God is at home in my soul. 'On that day you will understand that I am in my father and you in me and I in you.'

Did you know that our word 'enthusiasm' comes from the Greek word for in-God? The word was originally used to express the zeal for God shown by those who felt the powerful presence of God in their hearts.

The surest test that this zeal is genuine will be obedience to the Father's commandments. 'If you love me you will keep my commandments.' When the Spirit is the dynamic source of energy in the soul, the observance of the commandments will not be regarded as a heavy burden, it will be the soul's delight: just as the Father's will was the food that sustained the energy of Jesus.

We have a traditional list of seven gifts which distinguish the ways in which the Holy Spirit is the light and strength of God in the souls.

The Spirit's gift of wisdom elevated the mind's vision to the height and breadth of God's timeless, comprehensive view of all affairs.

Understanding is the gift that enables the mind to grasp and accept the truths of faith. Without this inner light one labours with the mind of the 'world': 'it neither sees nor knows him.'

Knowledge enables the mind to recognise the hand of God in all created things and in the everyday affairs of life. In particular it raises the mind to share in God's view of people and their complexities.

Counsel directs us towards making the proper choices: it enlightens the conscience in making moral judgments: and gives discernment in the direction of souls.

God's presence in the souls is a source of great fortitude: in this gift one meets with a courage and serenity beyond human explanation.

Piety is the divine gift with fills the soul with prayerfulness and zeal for the worship of the true God.

The seventh gift of the spirit-within is a proper, reverential fear of God. It is seen in humility of mind before the inscrutable designs of God. And is heard in the language that deeply respects the name and operations of God.

The Spirit of God dwells in the soul and is truly that spring of water which Jesus promised, 'a spring inside, welling up to eternal life.'

"The waters of a river give joy to God's city,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.
God is within it cannot be shaken.' (Psalm 45)

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

Sacramental Preparation Children in year three and above are eligible for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Enrolment forms are available from the sacristy. **It is essential that parents of the children being enrolled for Confirmation, attend a session this Sunday on 21st May.** During this session, the preparation will be outlined and the expectations of the Church for parents and candidates will be explained. On Sunday 28th May at the 9.00am Mass., candidates will bring forward their name badges by which they will be enrolled in the preparation.

Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 18th June 2017 at the Cathedral of St Stephen commencing at 2.00pm. The Procession with the Blessed Sacrament will go from the Cathedral, through the city streets, concluding with Benediction upon returning to the Cathedral. There is a book on the trolley in the Pergola for anyone who would like to record their prayer intentions. The book will be then taken to the celebrations. We need a volunteer to take the book forward during the celebration.

Blue Card Renewal Is your Blue Card due for renewal in the next few months? If so see Marie in the office for the renewal form. The renewals take about 6 weeks to be processed so make sure you renew in plenty of time.

White Elephant Stall/School Fete Once again we have been asked to hold the White Elephant Stall at the School Fete which is on Sunday 27th August, 2017. If you are having a clean out at home please think of us to donate your unwanted items to. But remember it must be sellable so if you wouldn't buy it then don't donate it. Also no items of clothing, electrical items or books. If you have books the P & F may take those as they will be running a book stall.

Biggest Morning Tea The carers from Outside School Hours have registered in conjunction with the Parish to hold a morning tea to raise funds for Cancer. This event will take place Wednesday 24th May at 9-30am in the Parish Centre. Please support this event as it's for a very worthy cause and most of us have lost someone to cancer. Bring your gold coins.

Walking with Christ—A pilgrimage from Jordan to Jerusalem. As promised, for those who would like to see some of the sights of the Holy Land as experienced by those on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, a presentation will be held on **Wednesday 7th June** in the Parish Centre at **7.00pm**. There will be light refreshments, bring a plate if you like.

All Hallows' Open Day warmly invite the extended community to our 2017 Open Day commencing at 11.00am on Sunday 28 May. There will be opportunities to view displays and musical items, talk to students and staff, and undertake tours of the School. Limited car parking will be available in the School's car park accessed from Dodge Lane, in the surrounding streets and nearby public car parks. To register your attendance and to view the program for Open Day, please visit www.ahs.qld.edu.au. We look forward to welcoming you and your family on this day.

Pentecost Celebrations St. Mary Magdalene's Catholic Church, Cecil Road, Bardon 7.30pm 4th June 2017 Pentecost Sunday Evening. Speaker Fr Adam Crouch Missionaries of God's Love, Enquiries Paul and Kay Bertini 0417 104 460, everyone welcome.

Position of Parish Administration Assistant at the Cathedral of St Stephen. 2 days per week, one of which must be a Friday. 8-30am—4-30pm. Applications close on Friday 26 May 2017. Please see Marie in our parish office for the full description and how to apply.

Humour One day a little girl was sitting and watching her mother do the dishes at the kitchen sink. She suddenly noticed that her mum had several strands of white hair sticking out in contrast on her brunette head. She looked at her mother and inquisitively asked, "Why are some of your hairs white, Mum?" Her mother replied, "Well every time you do something wrong and make me cry or unhappy one of my hairs turns white. The little girl thought about this and said Mum, how come ALL of grandma's hairs are white?"

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)

May 21, 2017 Sixth Sunday of Easter

“For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God’s will, than for doing evil.”

1 PETER 3:17 The old line says “if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans.” Many of us are diligent in our planning, making sure things are progressing smoothly, then disaster strikes, we don’t get the result that was intended. An unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively. Why me? I did everything right! Here’s the thing – God has a different and better plan in store for you. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 12th May, 2017)

LIVING AS A STEWARD – CREATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Christians see human achievements as ‘a sign of God’s greatness and the flowering of his own mysterious design.’ (Guadium et Spes, 34)

God settled humankind upon earth to be its steward – “to cultivate and care for it” (Genesis 2:15).

This human activity of cultivating and caring has a generic name: work. It is not a punishment for or a consequence of sin. . . God’s mandate to humankind to collaborate with him . . . comes before the Fall. Work is a fundamental aspect of the human vocation. It is necessary for human happiness and fulfillment. It is intrinsic to responsible stewardship of the world.

At my local supermarket, there is a checkout clerk who is always smiling. The clerk even smiles to those who are mean, abrupt, difficult, in a hurry, pressured. Why I asked? Well, because this is my vocation! I know many of these people are hurting. At least I can try to make their day a little better, and maybe they will go on to be nicer to someone else in turn – their kids, their spouse, someone else in traffic.

Questions:

Do you see your work as a vocation?

In what ways could you make your job more of a vocation?

We must be faithful in using the gifts that we receive from God. It is easy to be faithful and appreciate the spiritual gifts God shares with us . . . But I must also be faithful to what I would call my personal possession. Stewardship challenges us to ask whether anything we ‘own’ is really personal. Whatever we ‘own’ impacts our own lives and the lives of others. Our possessions callus to a sense of *accountability and responsibility*. Just as God is faithful to us in ways we never dreamed possible, we must be faithful to God by daring to see the face of God in others. Stewardship calls us to a new sense of *collaboration with God* where we are accountable and responsible. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

‘Being a Christian is a perilous adventure of faith. It is not a lifestyle decision such as dieting or going to the gym. It involves taking a risk. The risk averting society of today is not challenging the young people to love. As it has been said by Herbert McCabe, my brother Dominican “if you love you may get hurt, you may be killed, but if you do not love you are dead already.”

Conscience is Listening to the voice of the Lord as he echoes in your heart, mostly in whispers.

Timothy Radcliffe OP

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 21st May 6th Sunday of Easter
 (Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 22nd May Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 24th May Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Fri 26th May Baptism Preparation 7.00pm

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.

21st May. Sixth Sunday of Easter.

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Pet 3:15-18, Jn 14:15-21.

Psalm: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

28th May. The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20



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 Mass

Cleaning:

26th May Madeline Brugger & Mrs McGrath

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, 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 Ingram, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Michael Quickfall, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Kenneth Utz, Bill McCarthy, Mary Wesse. (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: 21-27 May

Owen Locke, Fred Law, Clare Forbes, Cecilia Galligan, John Winters, P S Sam, Kath Claswell, Mary Breuer, John Rooks, Enroe Baelcsfoeldi

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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