



St Francis Xavier Parish

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Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0427 663 118

Thirteenth
Sunday
In
Ordinary Time

2nd July
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: A Costly Following

Beware of Cheap religion! Beware of any version of religion that comes across as soft and easy, where the burning cost of receiving God's light is never mentioned, and where conscience is never challenged and disturbed.

Cheap religion will wrap you around in the comforting warmth of God's love, but it will never tell you that the same fire of love must burn out and purge all the impure vestiges of selfishness. Purgatory, here and after has gone out of fashion.

We are strong today on comfortable religion. Go to the funeral of the greatest scoundrel in the parish and you are likely to hear a comforting panegyric in tones of pious waffle. We are so reluctant to cast judgement on anybody that the terrorist who dies while attempting to kill people, will be accompanied to the grave with full ecclesiastical platitudes.

We will happily use the God-factor to our own advantage. But are we ready to be used by God? We will set the terms of religion to God. But will we come on his terms? A God who gives will be approached. But a God who demands is not wanted.

Again, it is a modern a la carte approach to religion.

Self-denial, sacrifice and asceticism are not fashionable words on the modern menu. It takes some extraordinary phenomenon, like the experience of Medjugorje, to shock people back to the meaning of fasting or the need to make a deliberate option for the life of the spirit over the constant gratification of the body.

Yet the gospel tells us clearly that anybody who is not prepared to make a painful option. Or practice self-denial, or take up one's own cross is not worthy of the Christian name.

The burning fire of God's love is also the Spirit of truth whose coming unmasks the amount of selfishness that can reside under the cover of our virtues.

Jesus took the example of something very precious ... family relationships. It is highly desirable that we should enjoy strong family ties. Yet if this becomes an obstacle to a higher calling one must be prepared to cut the tie. Too much mothering becomes smothering. Too much family togetherness becomes a suffocating atmosphere which will stifle freedom. What is good may be shown up as an obstacle to what is better.

Our contemporary cult of self-fulfillment makes this gospel message sound very strange. but the way to grow in life is in willingness to die constantly, just as the way to travel is in departing from whatever we are now. It is in losing one's life for Christ's sake that one finds it in greater fulfilment. We must let go in order to follow.

From the earliest days of the Church the cost of the Christian calling has been 'carrying the cross after Christ'. Anyone who does not take up his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me.' Any version of Christianity which overlooks the cost of the cross is bogus. It is not worthy of Christ.

Nobody has surpassed St Paul's expression of how the pattern of Christian life is the recurring rhythm of dying and rising with Christ: 'Always wherever you may be, we carry with us in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus too may always be seen in our body.' (2 Cor 4:10) He had come to the realization that the difficulties, buffetings of life are all part of the dying to self which total love of God demanded.

Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap—the Good News of Matthew.

Planned Giving Envelopes for the coming financial year are available in the Pergola. I have deleted a number of envelopes due to the fact that we haven't had any contribution from those envelopes for some months, some even at all in the last 12 months.

Other ways of giving regularly are via Direct Debit or Credit Card if you would like more information or to sign up to this way of giving please contact Marie in the Office.

School Vacation Time. Once again with the children being on holiday, there is a risk for vandalism to the School and its surrounds. Please keep an eye out if you are near the school and if you see something suspicious please inform the Police.

Catholic Mission Our parish will host the annual Propagation of the Faith appeal next weekend of July 8/9.

If we are regular participants in the Sunday Mass, it can seem that the demands on our finances are all too frequent. But as the Gospel reading from Matthew reminds us, being a person of faith has a price. This passage is a powerful reminder that if we are to be truly disciples of Christ, we have to put others first; this is the Cross of sacrifice and self-abandonment. It is the cross that missionaries all around the world, including Sr Mary in Uganda, take up daily and it is the cross we are asked to accept, according to our circumstances, as donors to the Catholic Mission Propagation of the Faith appeal. On behalf of the missionaries, and those they serve, thank you, in anticipation for your generosity.

David McGovern, Director, Brisbane & Toowoomba Diocese

Minister's Preparation—Tuesday 18th July 2017

At long last we have been able to set a date for parishioners who wish to begin the ministry of Reader or Communion Minister. This year we are trying an evening rather than a Saturday afternoon. If you have given your name or would like to be considered for one of the ministries, please make a date in your Diary. Tuesday 18th July starting at 6.30pm. At this session we will have the paperwork that you need to complete as a volunteer in the Archdiocese. I hope you will give this opportunity to exercise your vocation as a Baptised Catholic some thought and offer your services.

Cleaners for the Church WANTED We are in desperate need of more cleaners for the Church.

Do you have a couple of hours a week to spare? If so please consider volunteering to clean the Church. Cleaning is usually done on Friday after Mass but if that is not suitable and you can arrange with Fr Roger or the Office for entry outside of this time then that is fine so long as the Church is cleaned towards the end of the week in time for weekend Masses. For more information or to volunteer please contact Pam on 3288 4594 or the office on 3818 0111.

The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organization which aims to live the gospel by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society. The local Goodna Conference distributes food, clothing and furniture to struggling families in the parish. There are also St Vinnies shops. The shops are looking for volunteers of all ages and skill levels to be involved in a variety of tasks including: sorting donations, pricing donations, customer service, and retail shop floor tasks. The closest store to Goodna is in the Redbank Plains Town Square. The Sumner Park and Ipswich warehouses are also looking for people to help the truck drivers with shop deliveries and furniture pick-up and deliveries. If you would like more information or you wish to volunteer some time, please contact Liz at liz.ward@svdpqld.org.au or by calling **3716 1200** during office hours.

Humour A blonde walked into a hair salon and insisted that the stylist cut around the earphones of her iPod. The stylist did as she asked.

About a month later, the blonde returned to have her hair styled again. Again, the stylist was told to cut around her earphones.

This happened for months on end. Finally, the hairstylist couldn't contain his curiosity so, while giving the blonde a haircut, he pulled the earphones off. Whereupon the blonde fell to the floor stone dead. The paramedics arrived and took the body away. The hairstylist lifted the earphones to hear what she'd been listening to. He put them on and heard: 'Inhale...exhale....inhale....exhale....'

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)

July 2nd –Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.” - MATTHEW 10:38

Pope Benedict XVI said “The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness”. “Comfort” puts me first. “Picking up your cross and following Jesus” puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you! (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 24 June,2017)

Who’s going to do it?

Each year, the number of priests either moving to lesser duties (retiring) or having to give up active ministry due to ill health, outnumbers the priests being ordained at Banyo. The Archbishop has for a number of years sought help from outside Australia.

With the drop in numbers, some have suggested that there is a need to rationalize the number and times of masses. To be able to travel a little distance and a time you are not used to is a reality for many members of the Archdiocese.

In recent encyclicals, the Holy Father has stressed that we belong to a different Church to the past and the challenges of being the Catholic Church today are enormous. Long gone are the days when there was an excess of people offering their services to the Church.

In reality, our own parish has changed in the last ten years. The partitioning to provide a parish in Springfield, the short time that we had two priests with Fr Paul. We have had an increase of refugees and people from other countries joining us, although this has been a historical aspect of the parish.

A number of years ago we started working according to the Stewardship model of church. Many people today are active in various ministries, not all being liturgical. Thank God for those who give their time and talents for the benefit of others.

There is always room for more people to be involved in the life of the parish. Each parishioner needs to ask **‘What can I do, what can I offer?’** Age may mean that being physically active is not possible, but the support through prayer for the parish and those in need is a viable ministry.

This is the story about four people: Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was a very important venture to start in a parish. Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it, in the end Nobody did it.

Everybody got angry because Somebody should have done it, Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do it because Nobody asked Anybody to do it.

Put it another way:

There were 573 churchgoers in a certain parish, of these 97 were elderly or infirm.

That leaves 467 to do all the work.

Of this 467, 143 are at work all day. That leaves 333 to do all the work.

Of this 333, 121 have children at home plus housework. That leaves 212 to do all the work.

Of this 212, 87 live too far away and have no transport. That leaves 125 to do all the work.

Of this 125, 81 can't be bothered to do anything That leaves 44 to do all the work.

Of this 44, 42 are already doing something, and that leaves you and me!

And of course: Anybody.

CAN YOU, SOMEBODY, HELP US PLEASE ?

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 3rd July Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 5th July Rosary 6.30pm
 Thurs 6th July Parish Pastoral council 7.00pm
 Sun 9th July 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 July, 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42

Psalm Response: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

9th July, 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42.



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: 07.07.17 Julia Deng

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.

Help with Church cleaning is desperately needed please phone Pam for more information or to offer your help.

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, Bill McCarthy, Mary Hesse. (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 July

Elviene Larter, Mary Hansen, Felomena Santos, Peter Krizan, Angelo Pastro, Mary Knight, Vincent Jones, Anna Liddy (Helm), Mary O'Connor, James O'Hagan, Mark Waddington, Helena Rutoswska.

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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