



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 0427 663 118

The Transfiguration of the Lord 6th August 2017

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

Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—Friday 8th August.

There is a definite between St Mary MacKillop and the parish, or more specifically the area of Redbank.

Redbank was opened in 1874 by Sr M. Gonzaga. She was 32 when she entered. (Father Woods said a woman of 32 may be any age). Sr Clara was Provincial at the time and Mother Mary was in Europe. Sr. M Baptista was in school at the time with Sr Gonzaga, but was changed and Sr Josephine Carolan from Ipswich (Junior) went in her place. Sr Gonzaga was only a novice, but was professed on 6th Jan 1875. She later worked at Maryborough and then Tenterfield.

Extract from the Courier (Brisbane) Sat, June 27th 1874.

‘On Sunday last a considerable number of the Roman Catholics of this town (Ipswich) and neighborhood accompanied the nuns of St Joseph to Redbank Plains to take charge of the late non-vested school there, the Board of Education having withdrawn aid from it since the beginning of the present year. The proceedings begun with service at the local chapel, and a sermon by Rev. Father Horan. Resolutions were unanimously passed thanking the nuns for taking charge of the school, “and thus defeating the hostile intentions of the Board”; expressing the opinion that State-aid to Education should be abolished, because Roman Catholics who form one-third of the people, are continually being threatened to be deprived of their share of the education grant; and declaring that, as it was rumored that Mr. Griffith would endeavour to stop the supplies to non-vested schools, “neither time nor money should be spared by the Catholics of Queensland to establish religious communities of both sexes to take charge of Catholic schools throughout the colony.”

In speaking of the first resolution, Christopher Gorry, Equ., J.P. expressed his confidence that the Catholics of Redbank would afford the nuns that protection which was their due. Father Horan added that he quite disclaimed the idea of protection being required and said that the nuns who attended the wounded soldiers of Protestant Germany in the late war and the Protestant English soldiers in the Crimea, never in one single case met with insult—nothing but gratitude as felt towards them.

Extract from Fr W McEntee, C.P.’s Thesis for the Degree of BA at Qld University, dept. of History 1987.

“Despite Dean Henry Brun’s objections that his non-vested school at Redbank Plains had been efficiently run since its opening in 1868, on February, 1874 local patrons opened a vested school under the Board, and seconded Brun’s Catholic lay teacher. (Note - where a vested school was sufficient for the school population, the Board would not grant aid to a non-vested school). Brun and his successor, Fr Andrew Horan, wished to retain a Catholic presence among the children of the cotton laborers, two-thirds of whom were Catholic.

Horan applied for Sisters to re-open the old school in February, 1874. (The situation was “The Rock’, corner of Redbank Plains Rd and School Road.) He also wished to open a convent- school to cater for Helidon and surrounding farming communities.

The physical sufferings of the Sisters under Fr Andrew Horan’s administration was very severe. They lived in an unlined timber and tin skilling five miles away . . .(?), they could not obtain sufficient nourishing food, and consequently were delicate in health...”

At that time, the cotton crop failed because of the drought, and the parents could not pay the fees. There were no more than eight children in attendance regularly. The Provincial, Sr Josephine McMullin had to close the school in September 1877. Mother Mary of the Cross advised the Provincial not to tell the Bishop, Fr Horan’s uncle of his treatment of the Sisters.’

We know that Mother Mary of the Cross visited the school in Queensland and definitely the school at Redbank.

Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop—8 August 2017

You are invited to attend the Mass and morning tea at St Stephens Cathedral at 10.00am.

If you wish to attend please be early as there will be no reserved seating and for catering purposes please RSVP to rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au **As a result of the Mass in the Cathedral there will be no morning Mass in the parish this Tuesday**

COMING SOON Parish Youth Group In June a number of young adults attended a Compulsory Leadership Training session, and as a result we can announce that there will be a Parish youth Group beginning in the parish. The first meeting for the age group twelve years and above, will take place on **Sunday 27th August** in the Parish Centre at **1.00pm**.

Vocation & Youth Expo Sunday 11.00am-3.00pm at Cathedral House in the Cathedral Precinct. More information on their Facebook page.

Sorry for the late notice but the information only came into the office on Wednesday morning.

FIRST EUCHARIST Preparations Today after the 9.00am Mass, we will begin the Sacramental Preparation for the young people

WANTED

Flowers We need someone to do the Flowers in the Church each week. Makerita who has been doing them for the past 2 years is no longer able to do them. We have one parishioner who has offered to do the flowers thank you Maria. Ideally it would be nice to have at least one other person so that the same person isn't doing the flowers every week.

We haven't had any response at all to our call out for people

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. Don't leave till the last minute the fete is only 3 weeks away.

Thank you to the people who have donated items so far, we have a great range of lovely sellable items.

We are after some volunteers to help run our stall on the day of the Fete. The fete runs from 10.00am –3.00pm if you could just give us an hour or two that would be a great help.

Share the Dignity Once again we will be collecting Sanitary items for this worthwhile charity.

We will be doing this throughout August so there will be two containers for the collection one in the Pergola and one in the foyer, if you are donating money please put it in an envelope marked "Share the Dignity" and please put this envelope in one of the collection plates during Mass.

Marian Valley Canungra—All are invited to celebrate a special Birthday of Our Lady on **Saturday 2nd September** at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Commencing at 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available), Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass Celebrant will be Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE< Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes.

For those not wishing to drive, a bus will leave St Francis Xavier Church at 8-00am and Darra Polish Club at 8-15am or Riverview (Tessman St) 8-10am. Fare \$20—Bookings and info Ann 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.

Quo Vadis is a Latin phrase that means "where are you going?" The Quo Vadis Weekend is offered to young men considering the priesthood, to ask themselves the questions "where am I going, what am I doing, and how does God fit into that?"

Hosted by Vocation Brisbane and Holy Spirit Seminary, the Quo Vadis Weekend is held on the 26th-28th August 2017 at the Holy Spirit Seminary. Quo Vadis is designed as an immersive experience of priestly formation and discernment, giving participants the opportunity to gauge their understanding of God's call in their life.

To register for the weekend, contact Adam Burns by email: burnsa@bne.catholic.net.au

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 response-able for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.” (1 Peter 4:10)

August 6, 2017

The Transfiguration of the Lord

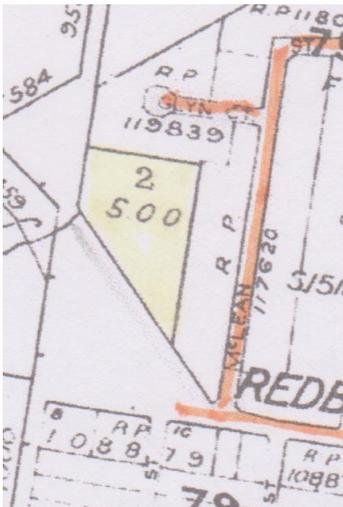
“And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” - MATTHEW 17:2

Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, we should reflect Christ's light to the world. When we receive the Eucharist, the body and blood of Jesus, we are called to be supernatural to reflect His love, mercy and forgiveness to others. When we are grateful for all that God has given us, generosity flows through us because we are made in God's image.

(Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 25 July,2017)

First School in the Parish

Many Thanks to John Kane of St Mary's Historical Society who has been able to identify and provide a copy of the Certificate of Title given to Fr Henry Brun for the site of he original school which was in turn ministered by the Sisters of St Joseph.



The plot of land was five acres, being a subdivision in the Parish of Goodna. The certificate is dated 28 November 1868 and the deed was granted to Michael Ryan. The school Was opened in 1986. When the Goodna State School was opened in 1870, the Catholic School lost its funding. in 1874, Fr Andrew Horan the Ipswich Parish Priest invited Mary Mackillop's Sisters of St Joseph to Redbank Plains to revive the Catholic School. The original school building was moved possibly twice. The last move occurred in 1916 and according to John Browning in his history of the School it stands at 31 Church Street to this day.

Education of children in the area has a strong roots in the Parish of Goodna, from the humble beginnings and the great work of the Sisters of St Joseph the work of the Sisters of Mercy and up to the present day.



PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Sacramental Preparation after 9.00am Mass
 Mon 7th Aug. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 9th Aug. Rosary 6.30pm
 Sun 13th Aug 19th 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.

6th Aug, The Transfiguration of the Lord.

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Mt 17:1-9

Psalm Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

13th Aug, 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19:9, 11-13; Rom 9:1-5; Mt 14:22-23



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Cleaning: 11.08.17 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.

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, Jaiden Madasferi, Maureen Shackleton, Macey Ingram, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Sr Carmel, Marge & Tom Robin, Lillian Morrison, Hans & Ursula Rennett, Bill McCarthy, Valerie Chew, Robert Combes. (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: 6-12 Aug

Olivia De Ynchansti, Josephine Folkes, Vince Hanley, Lea Anne Howarth, George Moylan, John Chew, Florence Sharkey, James Beresford.

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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