



St Francis Xavier Parish

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

20th Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

20th August

2017

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

Good News: A Christian disciple is someone with faith like that of the Canaanite woman. Jesus called her faith great, whereas he described Peter as a man of little faith. Peter in his little faith, began to sink, but the Canaanite woman was unsinkable.

Three qualities shine forth in the greatness of her faith: persistence, humility an humour.

Her persistence was remarkable. She reminds one of the woman of the parable who wears down a reluctant judge with the one weapon she had, persistence. Is this a womanly strength? Or is it something forced on women as the only way to break through the hard-headed logic of a world organized by men? She must tell them that life is larger than logic. She has to break through the barriers of racial prejudice and cut through the red-tape of ecclesiastical laws. Her daughter at home is sorely demented, and her love for this one sick person charges her heart with an energy that will not be halted or diverted. Official bureaucrats tell her 'it's not done that way'. Doctors in solemn tones tell her 'it can't be done'. Cynics watch and say 'she's acting strange under the strain'.

But her eyes are set only on the power of God that she has glimpsed in Jesus. And nothing is going to stop her from reaching him. She has no time to waste on theological niceties or racial distinctions> Her heart has only one thing to say: 'Lord, help me.'

The second admirable quality is her humility. She kneels before Jesus. And her prayer is simplicity itself for the hope does not reside in fine words or in her own merits.

Jesus at first did not answer her a word. We have all experienced that feeling in prayer ... that God hasn't heard us. But delay seems to be a tactic that God uses to deepen our sense of dependence. If we got our answers too readily, we might imagine they are due to our own merits or because our prayers are good. We have to go through the limitations of 'failed prayer'. And God puts us to the test.

Was Jesus testing this woman by throwing back at her the racial insult by which Jews referred to other nations as dogs?

If she reacted in anger then her touchiness about racial identity would be seen to be stronger than her approach to God's power. She however, lets no insult distract her from her purpose.

Her great faith has a third quality, humour. She can turn a potentially insulting situation into an occasion for quick-fitted repartee. If you meet somebody with a great reputation for sanctity but who has no sense of humour, then know that you are not dealing with genuine holiness. Wait around a while and you will surely see some ungodly anger or prejudice or inhibition of love appear. Lack of humour is always a sign of suppressed energy and a lack of self-honesty.

One must have a sense of humour with God. Otherwise you cannot let yourself go totally into God's care. If you are caught up in the dreadfully serious business of self, you will never be able to relax with God. We need a holy humour especially when we are dealing with God about our faults. I am not suggesting that we can laugh our sins away. But if we get angry and deeply upset because we are not perfect, then we are lacking in that humble humour which sees the wonderful mixture of light and dark, or strength and weakness in all visible creation.

The story of the Canaanite woman comes to a fascinating conclusion. Jesus does not simply cure the demented daughter but he draws attention to the great faith of the mother. 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' It is as if the power of God which she was seeking was to be found in her own heart. The healing God is not remote in a far distant sky. Her great faith discovers the presence and power of God in her heart.

Her persistence, her humiliations and her humour with Jesus had knocked off all corners of selfishness and made her totally receptive to God.

A woman of great faith, she is a model to all disciples of the Lord — persistent, humble, humorous and unsinkable.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap—The Good News of Matthew.



St Francis Xavier School
2017 Fete

NEXT SUNDAY 10.30am—3.00pm

GIDDY MATES!!! 2017 is the year of the biennial School Fete. This year's theme is the 'Outback' and we are very excited. We will be having the children entertain us with their Aussie Numbers in the School Hall and a variety of stalls. All of our favourite rides will be here including the Bucking Bull to test the Cowboys amongst us. There will be Devonshire Tea, Hot Chips, a Barbie, Nachos and more yummy food stores, Knitted toys, Games, Boomerang Decorating and so much more.

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 to clean the Church, please pray on this.

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

THE MASS SERIES A look at the Catholic Mass with Archbishop Mark Coleridge

Each Wednesday, Archbishop Mark is presenting a talk on the Mass. A mobile App can be downloaded from the App store or by going to <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/>. The Video can be found at the top of the page and is well worth watching.

Did you know?

The seminarians at Holy Spirit Seminary are truly humbled by the support that you give during the Annual Catholic Campaign. The gifts you put toward the Campaign directly benefit Holy Spirit Seminary, training the priests of the future to be missionaries of mercy.



One seminarian says, "My call to come to Holy Spirit Seminary is undoubtedly a precious gift from God Himself - a gift I will always treasure." Thanks to your prayers and your financial support our Seminary in Banyo is preparing 19 more young men for the priesthood. With your ongoing support, Holy Spirit Seminary is able to help each seminarian in the Archdiocese of Brisbane respond to the call of their vocation, providing spiritual formation and theological training.

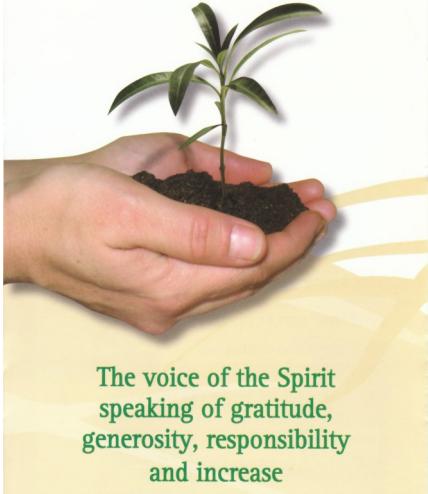


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Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.” (1 Peter 4:10)

August 20, 2017 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” - ROMANS 11:29 God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.. (Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 11th August,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.’ (Gaudium et Spes,

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 call us 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*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Sacramental Preparation after 9.00am Mass
Mon 21st Aug. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Wed 23rd Aug. Rosary 6.30pm
Sun 27th Aug 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Collections

For Last Week

First
Second

collections = Income up on last week.
collections = Income down
collections = 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.

20th Aug, 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6-7; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Psalm Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

20th Aug, 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19-23; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20



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: 25.0817 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, 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, Barbara Wakelin. (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: 20-26 Aug

Sr Mary Theodore Lee, Anthony Folkes, John McGrath, Ralph Hall, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Patricia Fitzgerald, Brian Eustace, James Stirling, Bill Catlow

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.

If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.

