



St Francis Xavier Parish

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22nd Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
3rd September
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: The Christian Disciple.

A Christian disciple is someone who dies unto sin and self-centeredness in order to live unto God: who will let go of worldly ambitions in order to concentrate on eternal life: who is willing to be broken on the cross in order to be refashioned however God wishes.

The disciple, who has been blessed with God's gift of faith, must be broken and tamed into God's thinking.

Our series on the Christian disciple began four weeks ago with the miracle of the loaves and fishes, fruits of the earth and the sea.

The four actions of Jesus in that miracle anticipated the story of the Eucharist as he took food, recognized the Father in blessing, broke it and gave it out.

These same actions can be applied to the way in which God calls the disciples to

follow Jesus. Today's liturgy offers us Jerimiah (1st Reading) and Simon Peter as example of this process.

Those who are taken or called by God are prepared for their task with special blessings. Jesus declared how Simon peter was specially blessed by the Father with the light of faith. Jerimiah has powerfully described the blessing of God in his life: 'You have seduces me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were stronger ... Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones.'

How wonderful is the day of blessing! But how mysterious the time of breaking! What did it mean for Jerimiah? Rejection, violence and ruin. "the word of the Lord has mean fro me insult, derision, all day long.'

And for Peter? In this gospel episode the transition from blessing to breaking is very sudden. The word of God was a rude rebuke about his unredeemed thinking. He would be an obstacle in the way rather than a foundation-stone unless he let go of his small-scale thinking. His selfish shell would have to be broken to allow the fullness of Christ's words to be heard. The breaking of Jerimiah and Peter would have been appreciated by St Teresa of Avila, a woman of wit and wisdom. Thrown from her horse and landing if a river, she complained to God that if this is the way he treats his friends it is no wonder that he has so few of them.

'if anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.' We have heard this message before: there is no cheap Christianity: discipleship is very costly.

To renounce oneself is deeper than the annual Lenten challenge to deny oneself a few comforts. It means letting go of any value system, ambition or desire which could be an obstacle to total love of God and one's fellowman.

We must look at what our hearts are set on, at the thoughts which occupy our minds, at the blind stirrings on gut level which excite or paralyze us. If our preoccupations are self-seeking or worldly, these are ideals which must be broken to make space for the one true God.

What is the object of our ambition? Our deepest desire? How do we gauge success in life? How important is power or money if the inner heart is crying in pain because its grasping for eternity is being stifled? What will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? If he suffers the loss of all inner meaning?

The old ways of the weary world have to be broken on the cross before the new child of the resurrection reflects the light of God to others. The bread had to b broken before it could be shared with others. The thinking of Simon had to be broken before he could emerge as peter, a rock for other.

Unless the wheat dies it remains only a single grain, but if it dies it yields a rich harvest.

Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap - the Good news of Matthew's Year.

Children's Liturgy When children leave the Church for their special session at 9.00am on Sunday, the seats they vacate are a target for the parishioners who arrive after the starting time. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to keep the place, so that when they return, the children have a place to occupy. To help parents reserve the place, there are at the doors of the church laminated cards which state: RESERVED FOR A CHILD AT CHILDREN'S LITURGY.

We would ask parishioners who arrive late not to insist on taking the place of a child. The start time for the Mass is 9.00am, at 8.55 an introduction is given which closes with the request: 'Let us now take a few moments to focus ourselves on what we have brought to this Eucharist and become aware of what we are about to receive.'

How much of the Mass do we have to be present for? The Archbishop is presenting a series on the Mass which makes it evident, that all parts are important. The assembling at the start and waiting for the blessing at the end, merely bracket the whole Mass.

The Penitential Rite, prepares us to listen to the Word of God, and in turn moves us on to the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The reception of Holy communion is the high-point but not the end. Thanksgiving and a final prayer lead into the blessing and dismissal. It is a matter of good manners to wait until you have been dismissed and the priest has exited the church before the congregation disperses.

Same –Sex Marriage Plebiscite There has been a great deal of publicity on the up-coming vote on Same-Sex Marriage. Is it political or being led by a section of the community, it is very hard to say.

The Catholic Church teaches that marriage is the union of a man and a woman promising to love and support one-another till death parts them. At the moment of making their promises during a marriage ceremony, they answer three questions.

1. Are they freely and without reservation giving themselves to each other in marriage?
2. Will they love and honour each other as man and wife for the rest of their lives?
3. Will they accept children lovingly from God and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?

If the answer to any of the questions is NO, then the Church does not recognise the marriage. These three questions make it not possible to support the case for same-sex marriage. The church does not rule out the possibility of same –sex couples living together, that is the choice of the couple. What the Church does say however is, do not call it marriage.

How you vote is up to your conscience. It is only a formed conscience that we can say is genuine. I can say that with the plebiscite, personally I shall have to vote 'No'. It does not matter which political party or policy group is declaring the opposite. Fr Roger.

Share the Dignity The collection boxes are still at the two main doors to the Church for this weekend only please place Sanitary items for donation in one of the boxes or drop into the office during office hours.

Youth Group Due to the School Fete being on last weekend the first get together for the Youth Group has been postponed till Sunday 17th September.

Retirement farewell for Fr Brian Fitzpatrick

Notification came through late Wednesday that Fr Brian is retiring at the end of September.

Everyone is invited to attend his farewell at the parish of St James Coorparoo, 165 Old Cleveland Rd, Coorparoo. Sunday 24th September with 9am Mass, and celebration afterwards in St James Hall.

NEXT WEEKEND THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN. PLEASE BE GENEROUS. THIS COLLECTION REPLACES A NUMBER OF COLLECTION WHICH USED TO BE TAKEN EACH YEAR.

Have you heard?

Pope Francis puts it simply: "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."

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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)

September 3, 2017 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” - MATTHEW 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi once said, *“Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else.”* We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world’s riches. We need to set our priorities based on God’s values and not the values of the material world. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 25th August, 2017)

THE CALL – THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship Is costly,
Because it requires us to put aside the craving for domination, possession, and control, for Jesus.

Discipleship Is grace,
Because it confers true liberation and eternal life.

A Disciple’s Response – A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

Jesus says, *“I came so that you might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10, 10)*

But discipleship is not an easy way. “If you wish to come after me,” Jesus also says, “you must deny yourself and take up your cross daily and follow me. For if you wish to save your life you will lose it, but if you lose your life for my sake you will save it.”

Initially, I am hard pressed to think of what being a disciple of Jesus has cost me. But I am also hard pressed to think of what being an adult or a parent has cost me – even though I know I’ve made sacrifices. Certainly, moving out on my own and paying my own way as a gainfully employed adult meant giving up some of the fun and carefree things I used to enjoy when living and depending on mom & dad. And unquestionably, the pursuits and possessions I have foregone to have children are many. But the reality is that the joy one derives from the results of those sacrifices totally obscures and blots out any of the costs. I believe the same is true with the costs of being a disciple of Jesus Christ and discipleship.

Questions:

Who do you know who has sacrificed significantly for Jesus sake?

What have they given up? Have they gained anything? Do they seem less concerned with possessions or control?

What exactly have you given up in possessions, prestige, or power to follow Jesus?

When we begin with the far greater challenge of being a disciple of Jesus, stewardship becomes a response that is part and parcel of who we are and what we believe. Stewardship formation and education must begin with a radical call to be disciples of Jesus. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 4 Sept. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
Wed 6 Sept. Rosary 6.30pm
Thurs 7 Sept. Parish Pastoral Council
Sat 9 Sept. Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sun 10 Sep 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Collections For Last Week

First	☹ ↓	by \$400
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.

3rd Sept 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27.

Psalm Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

10th Sep 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20



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: 08.09.2017 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. Barbara Wakelin, Marianne Bergel. (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: 03—09 Sept.

Mary Preddey, Finbar Cogan, Francesco Piotto, William Milner, Lanh Thi Nguyen, Joan Wilson, Ernest Woodburn, Lynne Condon, Leila Patterson, Margaretta Stewart, Patricia O'Neill, Lloyd Charles.

LOOP SYSTEM



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