



St Francis Xavier Parish

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23rd Sunday

in

Ordinary Time

10th September

2017

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A COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

GOOD NEWS: The Christian disciple

A Christian disciple is someone who shares in the loving concern of Jesus Christ to bring back anybody who has strayed from the community.

Today's gospel passage comes immediately after the parable of the shepherd who goes off in search of the one lost sheep. 'It is never the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.' Kingdom-life is meant to be a reflection of heaven.

Our guiding moral law must always be; 'What does God want in this matter? How did Jesus Christ act or what did he say about it?' the issue of having to confront a person who is doing wrong is perhaps the most delicate challenge of Christian charity.

Far too often we totally shirk the responsibility, or worse, we let the scandal of another's wrongdoing draw out our own negativity.

Instead of facing the person who should be confronted in charity, we are tempted to discuss the matter in uncharitable gossip, criticism, backbiting or name-calling. Instead of calling back the offender now the gap of alienation is widened. The return of the sinner has been made more difficult. If we could but see it, when we act negatively, it says more about our own dark, repressed life than about the original wrong-doer. The little tyrant or sexual deviant or greedy monster who dwells within us always points the finger of criticism at others. Self-righteousness drives the sinner away, It builds prisons, burned witches and hunted heretics.

The honest person, who is coming to terms with the mixed-up garden in one's own life is moved to say: 'There go I but for the grace of God.'

The positive reaction of charity asks " 'What would Jesus Christ do?' St Paul outlined the Christian ideal to the Galatians:

'Brothers, if one of you misbehaves, the more spiritual of you who set him right should do so in a spirit of gentleness, not forgetting that you may be tempted yourselves. You should carry each other's troubles and fulfill the law of Christ. (Gal 6:1-2)

The issue may be a serious matter such as the abuse of drink or drugs, theft or family betrayal; or it may be a relatively small matter like two people not talking to each other. However, no problem is trivial once it is real. A pebble in the shoe may be very small but it causes real pain. (Cont. p3)

Congratulations and best wishes to the Parish of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Springfield on the occasion of the blessing of their new church.

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.

Youth Group begins next week with the first gathering to take place in the Parish Centre at 1-00pm. Melissa Fenech from the Archdiocesan Youth Evangelisation team will be there so don't be shy if you are 13 and over come along and see what its all about.

Retirement farewell for Fr Brian Fitzpatrick

Notification came through late last 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.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 7th October**, commencing 10.00am. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Church Roof Replacement. The Archbishop has given us permission to replace the church roof. This will entail us having to apply for a loan of \$70,000, from the Archdiocesan development Fund. We are also having to wait for the Heritage Commission to tell us if we have to use four short or one long sheet of roofing in the replacement.

Please keep this project in your prayers; that the decision of the heritage goes in our favour, and that when the existing roof is removed, we do not find damage to the structure. Also pray for fine weather whilst the work is being undertaken, although we desperately need some rain.

Congratulations for a job well done! Two weekends ago, the School Fete organised by the P&F of the school was a great success. Good crowds and fine weather contributes to the success, but it would not have taken place without the help of many parents and friends. The work of the P&F through the year has enabled the school to complete many projects, which the school budget does not cover.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Today a special collection will be taken up for the **Annual Catholic Campaign** which supports the vital works of the Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane. This includes: Centacare's pastoral ministries, the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary and the MacKillop Fund bursaries.

Your generous tax-deductible gift is evenly divided between these major areas of need.



Providing Catholic pastoral care to the most vulnerable people in our communities.



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Training our future priests to be missionaries of God's mercy.



Giving children suffering significant hardship the gift of a Catholic education.

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Be part of God's mission of mercy... please consider starting a monthly donation in an amount that means something to you. Your gift will have a lasting impact on these vital works.

*All non tax-deductible donations support the Annual Grants Program which grants monies to grassroots Catholic initiatives.



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Please support the P&F and come to the meeting, The next project which the school hope to undertake at a great expense is the replacement of the Tomasi block behind the Church with a two story structure. This will entail careful budgeting and many fund-raising activities.

You do not have to have children in the school to be a member of the P&F which stands for **Parents and friends of St Francis Xavier Primary School.**

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)

September 10, 2017 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel.” - EZEKIEL 33:7 Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 2nd September, 2017)

(The Christian disciple continued)

The first approach, as one brings the care of Jesus Christ to the straying person, is by personal contact. It preserves the atmosphere of maximum confidentiality. As Paul mentioned, gentleness of spirit and the honest remembrance of one's own frailty will give a truly Christian quality to one's effort.

If the one-to-one approach fails then the next step is shared responsibility. There are people who feel guilty about transgressing the laws of charity if they discuss the faults of another, even out of concern and responsibility. However it shows a great understanding of human nature to have two or three concerned people confront the straying one. It can be easy to side-step the evidence of one person. But a small group of caring people, who remain calm and who confront the person with hard evidence, will be very hard to elude.

Whether the approach is made alone or with others, it must all be part of prayer in action. Whoever has to correct another should pray beforehand for the light of truth, for courage of heart and for the tactful gentleness which will heal rather than wound, draw back rather than alienate, and fan the flames of hope rather than of bitterness.

The prayer of others too should be sought, for the reconciliation of a straying member is a community matter. However care must be taken not to breach confidentiality, by unnecessarily releasing a person's name'

I remember one occasion when I had to face a rather delicate confrontation. I asked someone to go in prayer before the Blessed sacrament to support me. I left the confrontation with the feeling I had failed to achieve a breakthrough. But when I called to thank the person who had gone to pray, she described how a certain name kept coming vividly to mind during prayer. It was the name of the person I had been meeting. I knew then that the matter would be alright. And so it proved to be.

We have the Lord's word for it: 'If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all. It will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' The context of these words is correction of straying community member.

Jesus, Emmanuel, is with the disciples who live in care and prayer.

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

Failure to correct our brothers and sisters can lead to a fracturing of community. The Church appears to be under attack at the present time and those wishing to defeat us purposely pick on our faults.

We may not have sexually abused anyone, but because one of our family has, then we are all seen as guilty. What the media is saying about a particular issue can appear more attractive than the church's teaching. Whether we like or not, we are bound to face conflict. Then we have two choices, to confront the issue or bury our head in the ground.

A good example of this present in our church today, is the opposition to the words of Pope Francis. His concern is for the marginalized, just like Jesus, but law and practice is resulting in conflict. One thing that we can do is to support the Pope and the church in prayer. Introduce God in to the equation, because often He is the only one who can bring about true change.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 11 Sept. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
Wed 13 Sept. Rosary 6.30pm
Sat 16 Sept. Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sun 17 Sep 23rd 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.

10th Sep 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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

17th Sep 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

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

Cleaning: 15.09.2017 Jim Walsh & Oliver Liddy

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: 10-16 Sept.

Lelio Bendit, Helen Doyle, Mary Keppel, Josephine Liddy, Jennifer Hastead, Noel Gorman Aat de Roos, Michael McMahan, John O'Connor.

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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