St Francis Xavier Parish

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

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st October 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: Working on God's Farm.

There's trouble down the farm today.

Last Sunday it was grumbling over wages in the vineyard. This week it is a confrontation with the son who said he would do the job but didn't. Conversely, the son who has stamped out in blunt refusal at first, later did the job.

If you are asked by God to go work down on the farm, you must be willing to let your hands get dirty. What got into the Pharisees was this fear of dirt or contamination. Their name means the Separated Ones., for they made a religion out of not being contaminated by the wrong-doing of others. Self-preservation became their ideal. They held out no hope to the sinner. And that angered Jesus.

The harvest on God's farm was ripe for picking. The mission of John the Baptist showed that there were many sinners who were ready to respond to anybody who would give them a second chance in life. John offered them water, washing, renewal, a clean sheet and a new page of life.

As John said he would, Jesus came with the Holy Spirit and fire. He reached out to the sick and the sinner, the downgraded and depressed, the marginal and outcasts. He brought healing and uplifting, an end and a beginning, tears of relief and meals of celebration.

The self-preserving Pharisees could not take it, for you cannot put new wine into old wineskins. Jesus was a scandal in their eyes.

To be a follower of Jesus Christ one is called to be missionary and apostolic: to work in his fields. He has no time for that privatized spirituality of mind your own business, say your prayers and save your soul. Don't get your hands dirty, don't let your comfortable schedule be upset.

The Christian mission can be described with simplicity: the best way to be a friend of Jesus is to bring a friend to Jesus.

On God's farm today the harvest is huge. Vast numbers of lives which have not been touched by the news of Jesus Christ are wandering down aimless roads of no meaning: they are bored, angry and aggressive: they are jaded and sick from sensuality. They are living without hope.

When people are down and depressed, the last thing they want to hear is a sermon of condemnation. What they need is a hand reaching out to pick them up.

One of the great joys of retreat work is the opportunity to help somebody discover the hope and joy that Jesus offers. I recall the man who came to a parish mission and made a much needed confession. He told me what had brought him along. 'I saw you, missioners, having lunch in that hotel yesterday and the way you were laughing. For seven years I have wanted to laugh like that, so I'm here tonight.' And I thought it was our marvelous preaching which had moved him! It was his hunger for the words of absolution.

It is not as if people today have never heard of Jesus. What happened to many is that the little experience of religion they received was so negative that it merely immunized them from the real thing. The power of the Holy Spirit and the fire to the heart have not reached them. They are left without hope, energy or self-belief.

And who can bring them hope? Pray to the Father to send labourers into the harvest. And don't just pray for others to be touched. Don't be afraid to get you own hands dirty. To bring a friend to God you cannot do it from a distance. You too are asked by God to be a living and effective witness to God's love.

When you pray 'make me an instrument of your peace', be prepared to get involved, to have your routine disturbed. And if needs be, ready to get your hands dirty.

You will find that farm-earth is clean dirt.

Silverser O' Flynn O.F.M. Cap—the Good News of Matthew's Year.

This reflection by Silvester O'Flynn was written in 1989. When Pope Francis took up the office of Pope, he echoed the sentiments of Silvester. Speaking to priests, to told them that they should have the smell of the sheep about their clothes and the dust of the streets on their feet.

As baptised people we have been called by the Father to be co-workers with the Bishops (Apostles) making disciples of all peoples. As Silvester has shown, this will mean getting our hands dirty. To speak out against injustice and to uphold the values entrusted to us by Jesus, will inevitably attract the criticism of the 'Pharisees' in your world today.

First Holy communion Medals are available from the sacristy. Please collect your medal and mark off the sheet.

Parking Spaces in the Car Park. Just a gentle reminder that the spaces in the Car park should be used for parishioners attending Mass on weekends. The Kindy Car Park is not available for parishioners during weekday. For week-days, please use the Area marked PARISH PARKING ONLY. Up to 8.30 during term time, the spaces in the main car-park are for school and parish staff, after 8.30 they are open to all. Finally please do not park on the grassed areas.

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.

Replacement of the Church Roof. At long last, the final step in the process of replacing the church Roof has been completed. We have permission form the Heritage commission and have negotiated a loan from the Archdiocesan Development Fund. The roofing company has been informed and we await the details of when they will begin the work.

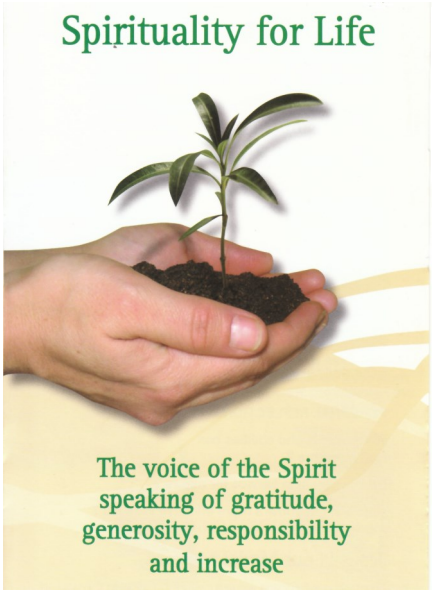
New Roster for Ministers. Ministers can collect the new minster's Roster from the Sacristy. A number of parishioners who attended the last training session and have received their Positive Blue Card Notice are included in the new roister. Please remember that it is the responsibility of the minister to find a replacement if they are unable to meet a commitment.

We are still looking to supplement the minister's roster for weekend Masses. Since our last training session, a couple of people have expressed an interest. If you are considering becoming a Minister of the Word or a Communion Minister, please let Father Roger or the Parish Office know. As soon as we have a reasonable number of people interested, a training session will be arranged.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF FATIMA October 13th this year marks the centenary of the last apparition of Our Lady at Fatima and the Miracle of the Sun. You are invited to make a pilgrimage to our Cathedral for a CANDLELIT ROSARY PROCESSION on the evening of Saturday, October 14th. The procession will commence with Mass at 6pm and will then move around the City, using the same route as the Corpus Christi Procession. The volunteer organising committee relies on donations to meet the expenses of the procession.
For more information contact 0412 802 122.

HUMOUR.

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin 5, and Ryan 3. the boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.
"If Jesus were sitting here, he would say 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'"
Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, ""Ryan, you be Jesus!"

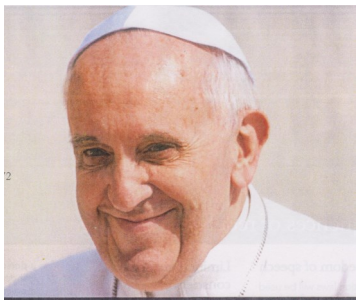


Stewardship a way of life

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 24, 2017 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves…" - PHILIPPIANS 2:3 Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self- image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life. Accessed from http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts on 22 September,2017)



"every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father".

Pope Francis,
Amorish Laetitia 172

As the Same-sex Marriage debate continues
This is an extract form the Australia Catholic Bishop's Conference

Pope Francis, Marriage and the Plebiscite

Marriage postal plebiscite

Australians are being asked to vote in the Australian Marriage Law Postal Survey (plebiscite) to determine whether the legal definition of marriage should be changed to include same-sex unions. Ballot papers will be sent out from Tuesday, 12 September and all votes must be received back by Tuesday, 7 November 2017.

This brochure provides an overview of Pope Francis' teaching on marriage and the family for you to reflect upon. Please consider voting to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man.

Woman and Man

Pope Francis grounds his teaching on marriage and the family in "the Book of Genesis, when God completes his work of creation and makes his masterpiece; the masterpiece is man and woman."[1] God's masterpiece has a special quality because "it is not man alone who is the image of God or woman alone who is the image of God, but man and woman as a couple who are the image of God. The difference between man and woman is not meant to stand in opposition, or to subordinate, but is for the sake of communion and generation, always in the image and likeness of God."[2]

A unique union of man and woman

Pope Francis views "marriage as a unique, natural, fundamental and beautiful good for people, families, communities and societies."[3] He also sees that "as a social institution, marriage protects and shapes a shared commitment to deeper growth in love and commitment to one another, for the good of society as a whole. That is why marriage is more than a fleeting fashion; it is of enduring importance."[4]

Motherhood and fatherhood

Pope Francis has taught that "every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father; both are necessary for a child's integral and harmonious development."[5] Furthermore this right is not just concerned with "the love of father and mother as individuals, but also of their mutual love, perceived as the source of one's life and the solid foundation of the family."[6]

Consequently "only the exclusive and indissoluble union between a man and a woman has a plenary [comprehensive, complete or full] role to play in society as a stable commitment that bears fruit in new life."[7]

Respect for every person

Pope Francis has highlighted that "every person, regardless of sexual orientation, ought to be respected in his or her dignity and treated with consideration, while every sign of unjust discrimination is to be carefully avoided."[8] However, he has also pointed out that "there are absolutely no grounds for considering homosexual unions to be in any way similar or even remotely analogous to God's plan for marriage and family."[9]

Advocate for Marriage

Pope Francis has stated that "as Christians, we can hardly stop advocating marriage simply to avoid countering contemporary sensibilities, or out of a desire to be fashionable."[10]

These thoughts from Pope Francis should give us a reason to pray and reflect on what is at stake in the postal plebiscite in terms of the consequences of redefining marriage for our community.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary

(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 2nd Oct. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Wed 4th Oct. Parish Finance Council 5.00pm
Rosary 6.30pm
Thurs 5th Oct. Parish Pastoral Council 7.00pm
Sat 7th Oct First Saturday Mass 9.00am
Sun 8th Oct 27th 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.

1st Oct 26thSunday in Ordinary Time
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32
Psalm Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
8th Oct 27thSunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

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

Cleaning: 29/9/2017 Madeline & Anna
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: 1-7 October
Patricia Kroschnefski, Francis McCormack, Valerie Solomon, Robert Ives, Linda McVie, Janice Nugent, Frankie Gibilard.

Recently Deceased Vanessa Marsh

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 goodna@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.