



St Francis Xavier Parish

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27th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

8th October
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: Anger or apathy?

In the country and time of when Jesus lived, people took religious claims so seriously that an issue would provoke extreme anger and resort to violence: even the unlimited violence of killing.

The Jewish leaders liked to consider themselves as God's chosen vineyard. Jesus used their own favourite image in an appeal to open their eyes to what they were doing. He could see the inevitable eruption of violence. The story he told them was full of violence.

An important point in the story of the vineyard is the ambition of the tenants to gain control of the ownership of the vineyard. If a landowner died intestate, ownership would pass on to the tenants. That explains why they killed the son of the landowner. Jesus confronted the leaders with the unpleasant news that they were trying to take over God's place rather than work in his service. It will always be a temptation to any strong religious group or individual to become so self-righteous in their calling that eventually they appropriate God's position.

They begin to think and act as if they were God. They claim divine rights over people's minds ... and lives ... eventually claiming the right to kill others. By contrast, Jesus let himself be taken and killed.

If Jesus were to walk the roads and preach the kingdom in our time and culture, would he provoke the same anger and opposition? Would he be criminalized today? Would he suffer the equivalent of crucifixion? In our typical western (or more precisely, northern) culture, I doubt if he would arouse too much opposition. He would meet with far more apathy and indifference from the ranks of post-Christian secularism.

He would be highlighted as a curiosity for a people whose deepest struggle is with boredom. Admired as an idealist, but utterly naïve. He would be invited to the weekend TV chat show, asked questions ranging from the trivial to the most serious, thanked and asked to move over for the next act before the commercial break. The serious business of diversion would continue.

The startling fact is that the Son of God came to earth and was rejected! 'He came unto his own and his own received him not.' (*Jn 1:11*) Once, the rejection was in anger and violence: today, it is in apathy and indifference.

Anger or apathy? Which is worse?

The truth is that either is bad.

Whether in anger or apathy, the terrible truth is that we reject him in so many ways.

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

Apathy seems to be the current means of response to religious matters. The conflict between the world and the kingdom of God is real. Attacks on the teaching of the Church and those who profess it as true are real and frequent. Because people speak out against the minority, they are labelled as being out of touch or even homophobic. Within the Church, a small minority are challenging the Pope and his recent teaching. It is so easy as Silvester has pointed out to take the high-ground and result in violence towards those who do not hold our view. Jesus said 'turn the other cheek', 'pray for your enemies', 'do all in love'.

Prayer is also a great remedy in turning the tables on those who are attacking. Don't try to change them yourselves, ask God to touch their hearts and ask God to change them. He can!

Family Mass On the first Sunday in November, the 9.00am Mass will be celebrated in the School Hall and families of children attending St Francis Xavier School will be invited to take part. The last hymn of the Mass is one that the children know, but we have not used. On the two Sunday leading up to November, we will practice the new hymn at all masses using a CD.

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.

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 from 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 minister'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 roster. 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.

Youth Group Next get together will be Sunday 22nd October at 1.00pm in the Parish Centre.

Australian Christian Meditation Community Qld

Date Claimer: **Retreat Weekend 11-12 November**

Quiet Day 11 November

Stillness of Spirit

Join us for a weekend retreat with talks, periods of meditation and time for quiet reflection, or come for the day on Saturday. Opportunities also exist to stay on Friday night and unwind before the retreat commences.

Where: Santo Teresa Spirituality Centre 267 Wellington St, Ormiston Qld 4160

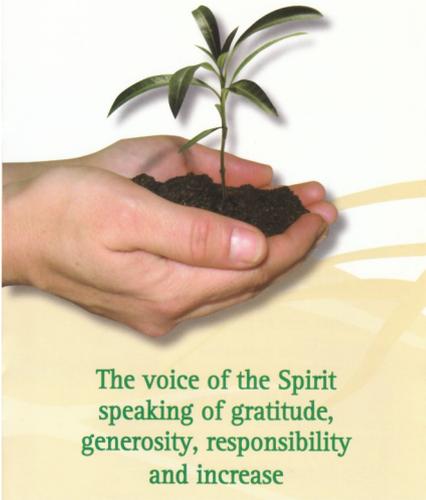
For any queries and to register your interest contact: Gabby Nelson

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Humour Recently I bought a cartridge for my printer. It came in a box mounted on a card and wrapped in plastic. When I took it apart, I found the printer cartridge itself was quite small, but they made the packaging unnecessarily large to make it harder to steal and to make the customer feel better about the high price. I pointed this out to my wife and mentioned how my weight gain over the years of our marriage should have the same effect: I made me seem more valuable and also made me harder for other women to steal. She's still laughing.

Marie will be on 2 weeks leave as of Monday 9th October returning to the office Monday 23rd October.

Spirituality for 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)

October 8th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The stone the builders rejected has become the corner stone...” - MATTHEW 21:42 Jesus was the corner stone and He was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens. Living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be “rejected” by others in today’s society. For example, saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is sign that God is alive and well! Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 29 September,2017)

EVANGELIZATION AND STEWARDSHIP

In various ways, stewardship of the Church leads people to share in the work of evangelization or proclaiming the good news, in the work of catechesis or transmitting and strengthening the faith, and in works of justice and mercy on behalf of persons in need. Stewardship requires support of the Church’s institutions and programs for these purposes. But, according to their opportunities and circumstances, members of the Church also should engage in such activities personally and on their own initiative.

Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship

G*o out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15*

I realized that evangelization is not just something that someone else in a far off land does. It isn’t something that people on television do on Sunday morning. It is something that we do each day! How do we do it? Entirely in how we live our lives. I heard somewhere that many people decide to become Catholic as a result of seeing how their Catholic friends live their lives. And the choices we make in the market place (what we watch on TV, the books and magazines we buy) also determine what images – positive or negative, wholesome or destructive, supportive of a Christian lifestyle or ambivalent - go out to society.

Questions

How am I passing on the faith to my loved ones and friends and neighbors?

How might I do this better?

How do I help and support Church efforts to spread the message of Jesus?

There is an inbred connection between stewardship and evangelization. A connection where, if we have the gift of faith, Stewardship calls us to proclaim it and to share it. Which is what evangelization is all about. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
 Mon 9th Oct. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
 Wed 11h Oct. Rosary 6.30pm
 Sun 15th Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Collections For Last Week

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| First | ☹ | ↓ | |
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| | ☺ | ↑ | = 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.



8th Oct 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

Psalm Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

15th Oct 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10; Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-4



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

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| 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: 13.10.17 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, 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: 8-14 October

Avril Abbott, Brooklyn Reese, John Fryars, Josefina Steflicek, Ron Rice, Pauline Apps, Brenda Thompson, Vincent McKenna, Tom Flannery, Colin Murphy, Peter Kozak, Allan Gallop.

Recently Deceased: Baden Steele.

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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