



St Francis Xavier Parish

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30th Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

29th 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: *As You Love Yourself*

Jesus asks us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. Too many people cannot even to start on that program, because basically they do not love themselves. You cannot love another if you do not first love yourself: you will project all your own self-hatred and guilt on to the other.

Sad to admit but in many cases religion has contributed greatly to the burden of self-hatred which oppresses them. One person carries the legacy of strict childhood correction which blocked the growth of self-worth. Another is burdened with such unreal perfectionism that he cannot tolerate any spot on the page of life: there is always a pain on his face: if things are going well it is too good to last: and it is doubtful if heaven will please him. Another carries a load of shame and guilt which he cannot cast off, because, to him, God is still a Holy Terror. He has never come to know that Jesus who said to Peter: 'If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me.' (*Jn 13:8*)

And there are many more who concentrate so much on 'thou shalt not' signs on the road of life that they see nothing of God's beautiful scenery all about. They have no problems about loving God: all their problems are about liking God ... and being comfortable with God.

There are three reasons why I should love myself ... the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

God the Father has loved me into being. I was first a thought in the beautiful mind of God before ever I was spoken into life, God, who loved me before I arrived, still loves me and always will. This loving God has gifted me with my unique composition of talents, and God wants to see me grow and develop these talents so that his glory may be reflected in my life. The catechism defined the purpose of life as 'to know, love and serve God here in this life: and to see and enjoy him in the next.' Perhaps it would have been better if it read: 'to know I am loved by God.'

The second reason why I should love myself is that God the Son loves me. 'I came down from heaven to save you,' he says. 'I have lived for you, suffered and died for you. I rose again for you. I submitted myself for you and bore the spits and blows, mocking and rejection for you. Look at my cross and know how much I love you.'

The third reason is the Holy spirit. In the gift of God's Spirit the spark of God's love has been lit in my heart. If I let the wind of the spirit fan this spark it will become a passionate fire of love which will burn away all vestiges of hatred and negativity.

If I love myself for these three divine reasons, it will follow that I will love others for the same reasons.

I will share in the love of the Father for all his children.

I will share in the love of Jesus Christ who deliberately sought out those whom others despised and whose self-esteem was low. His pit was immense, his compassion was wide and his understanding was divine. When I know how much I am loved by Jesus I will want others to know that love in their lives too.

The Spirit's love in me will want to tear down any barriers or blockages which are preventing growth. Whenever my sinful eyes focus on how loveable the other person is, then I must beg the Holy Spirit to overcome my sin and to grant me divine eyes to see with understanding.

Love of God and love of others cannot be separated. They spring from the one source ... God's love for us, known and appreciated.

'Let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.' (*1 Jn 3:7*)

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

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. We will practice the new hymn at all masses this weekend, using a CD.

Special Ministers of the Eucharist– Communion Ministers

It is recommended that each year, the Ministers should meet for a period of reflection. **On Wednesday 8th November, Communion Ministers are invited to meet in the church after the Rosary at 7.00pm.** We will spend a little time reflecting on the Eucharist and who it is that we offer to the communicants. Please make an effort to attend this session. It is open also to anyone wishing to be considered as a communion Minister. This session will be an opportunity to refresh our understanding of the practicalities of this ministry. The session is planned to last no more than one hour.

Fr Richard Leonard SJ On Mission with Christ. Christianity is not a private feel-good collective. We are sent out to live and proclaim our spirituality. What does the world look like to which we are sent? What question is the world posing to us and what responses do we have as we go out?

A lecture by Fr Richard on **Thursday 2nd November** 6.30pm for 7pm at Holy Spirit Church, Harriet Street, Auchenflower. Gold coin entry (for Jesuit Mission) followed by light supper. Richard is a Queenslander and a well-known author, speaker and Jesuit priest. See Notice board for flyer.

Women's Discernment Retreat Vocations Brisbane is running a weekend retreat for young women who are keen to explore more about a vocation to religious life. All young women 18-40yrs old are welcome to come along and discover more about where God is calling them.

Date: Saturday 25th-26th November 2017. Time 9am Saturday—5pm Sunday

Venue Canossian Spirituality Centre, 169 Seventeen Mile Rocks Rd Oxley.

For more information or to RSVP contact Sr Melissa 0484 007 508

Landscape of Prayer A retreat opportunity for women of all ages.

Friday 8 Dec 6pm—Sunday 10 Dec 3pm Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston.

Cost: \$350 (\$320 pensioners and full time students) To register or enquire: Contact Grace on 0409 524 283 or grace@dragonflyministries.net.au. See notice board for flyer.

Irish November Remembrance Mass—Brisbane

The Irish Australian support Association of Qld Inc. invites you to their Annual Irish Remembrance Mass which will take place on Sunday 6 November at 12 noon in St. James' Church, 165 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo. Come and join with other members of the Irish Community in praying for the peaceful repose of our deceased relatives and friends. Tea/coffee will be served afterwards—an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends. For further information please contact Association Co-ordinator on 0432 087 328.

Share the Dignity have a Christmas appeal called **It's in the Bag** which as a Parish we will be participating in.

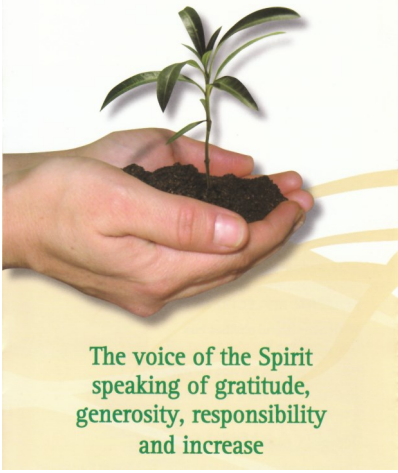
You have the power to make life better for a woman or girl experiencing homelessness or poverty this Christmas. Donate to our Christmas collection "It's in the Bag". Provide Sanitary items, personal hygiene products and everyday luxuries to homeless women, women at risk or women experiencing domestic violence. It's simple. First of all, choose a handbag you no longer use. Then, fill it with items that would make a woman feel special, pop in a thoughtful note or Christmas card and show her someone cares. Show her that she matters because everyone deserves to feel that way.

Next time you're at the shops, collect a few items for your Christmas handbag. Drop your completed bag into the Parish office.

Save the Dates Monday 20th November for the Parish Christmas Party and also Sunday 17th December straight after Mass for Fr Rogers' Retirement Farewell. More information to come for both of these events.

Humour A teenage boy with spiked hair, nose ring and baggy clothes was overheard telling a friend, "I don't really like to dress like this, but it keeps my parents from dragging me everywhere with them."

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 29th - 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind.” - MATTHEW 22:37 Do you put other “gods” before God? Is your love of money, power, status or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you really recognize that everything you have and everything you are is a gift from God? The good news – it’s not too late to put God first in your life in all things. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 20th October, 2017)



November—Month of the Holy Souls November 1st is All Saints Feast Day and 2nd November All Souls Feast Day. In order to celebrate the feast of All Souls there will be an evening **Mass at 6.30pm**. You are able to offer Mass intentions for your deceased relatives and friends. Envelopes are available at the door of the church. Place your contribution in the envelope and list the names on the back of the envelope. In the weeks following the masses for the people will be celebrated. Any masses which are left unsaid at the end of the year will be handed over to Fr Tuong.

• *A priest may celebrate or concelebrate Mass three times on All Souls’ day, as long as the celebrations occur at different times of the day (GIRM 204). Normally, a priest may not celebrate more than once a day, though the bishop may for a good reason allow priests to celebrate twice in a day or if pastoral needs requires it, three times on Sundays or holy days of obligation. (CCL 905)*

- *If a priest celebrates more than one Mass during All Souls Day, the second is to be offered for the souls of all the faithful departed and the third for the intentions of the pope. No offering may be received for either of these Masses*
- *November is a special time to pray for the dead. A plenary indulgence may be gained for the dead, once only, by visiting a church on 2 November and praying the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed, three conditions are required for gaining the indulgence: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, and a prayer for the pope’s intentions. (Norms 15,7)*

During the month of November the Book of Remembrance will be placed before the altar to remind us that in the celebration of the Mass, we are united with the people of God both living and dead who make up the family of God.

- *Communion with the dead. “in full consciousness of this communion of the whole Mystical Body of Jesus Christ, the Church in its pilgrim members, from the very earliest days of Christian religion, has honoured with great respect the memory of the dead; and ‘because it is a holy and a wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins’ she offers her suffrages for them.” (Lumen Gentium 50; cf. 2 Macc 12.45) Our prayer for them is capable not only of helping them, but also of making their intercession for us effective. (CCC 959)*

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 30th Oct. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
 In English.
Wed 1st Nov. All Saints Mass 9.00am & 6.30pm
Thurs 2nd Nov All Souls Mass 9.00am & 6.30pm
Sun 5th Nov 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.
9.00am Mass in School Hall (Family Mass)

Next Weekend Third Collection for Church Repairs

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.



22nd Oct 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 45:1, 4-6; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Mt 22:15-21
Psalm Response: I love you Lord, my strength
5 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9 13; Mt 23:1-12



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 & 6.30pm Mass
 Thursday 9.00am & 6.30pm Mass
 Friday 9.00am Mass
 Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Cleaning: 03.11.17 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, John Appelman. (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: 29 October—4 November

Charles Hicks, Inban Thangavella, Emilia Stelet, John Beston, Algi Malisuskas, Daniel Jones, Martin Gilmartin, Maria Maierhofer, Nellie Anderson, Frank O'Dwyer, Neal Whaley

Recently Deceased: David Marshall, Fr Michael McKeaten Cho Hoang.

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.

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