



St Francis Xavier Parish

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31st Sunday
in
Ordinary Time
5th November
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: *Hypocrisy and Humility*

Matthew's caricature of the Pharisees was so powerful that ever since then the name Pharisee has become a proverbial catchword for hypocrisy. The word hypocrisy comes from the Greek word for an actor playing a role on stage. Hypocrisy has come to have a special association with acting and exterior role of piety and goodness which one does not match up to interiorly.

Jesus put his finger on the three areas of hypocrisy where the Pharisees in each one of us tries to cover up the hollowness of our deep personal insecurity.

First is the tendency not to practice what we preach. We are very quick to point out the faults of others while we have excuses ready for our own failures. We forget that when the one finger of criticism points at another person, there are three fingers pointing back at ourselves. We criticize the splinter in our brother's eye and fail to notice the plank in our own. But persistent condemnation of others is usually a sign of deep personal insecurity.

Whoever is humbly facing up to his or her own faults will be very slow to preach to others. For those of us who must preach, it is a harrowing but ultimately enriching experience to feel this huge gap between the fine words we use before others and the truth of our own sinful lives. The preacher who comes through this crisis has a new tone of compassion in his voice every time he speaks. People will listen to this voice which speaks with the truth. But an audience is alienated by the hard voice that preaches at them.

The second tendency of hypocrisy is to lay heavy burdens on others while not attempting to lift them ourselves. It is said that every loudmouthed fanatic is deeply insecure: too insecure to negotiate with an opponent, for if one stone of the defensive wall is taken away, all might collapse. The motto of the fanatic is: argument weak, shout for effect. Whoever has not negotiated with his or her own shadow or negative side will be full of deep prejudices. They frequently utter angry, broadside condemnations. They make dishonest demands on others, far in excess of what they themselves produce.

The third weakness of the hypocrite is to depend on marks of honour and people's attention. The person who is hollow within has to bolster up self-esteem by outward pomposity and prestige. If we are very weak in this regard we cannot function for long without constant strokes of affirmation. Self-doubt and fatigue set in if words of praise or tokens of affirmation are not forthcoming. Quite often, situations are so manipulated as to make oneself seem indispensable to others. Being needed is then a tremendous stroke of affirmation.

The basic mistake of all hypocrites is to expect to find their security through their own merits. It is significant that, immediately after speaking about hypocrisy, Jesus went on to talk about humility. Humility is precisely what the hypocrite needs to discover. Humility comes from the Latin word for the earth. As a virtue it means having your feet set honestly in the bedrock of truth. It brings us to admit our own faults. But it does not stop there: it leads us on to cast our cares upon God and trust that he will be our hope and protection.

In that way, as Jesus said: 'Anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Today's responsorial psalm portrays the humble soul which is totally secure in God:

'O Lord, my hearts is not proud
nor haughty my eyes ...
Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul.'

Gospel greatness begins in the humble recognition of our own faults and failures: then it learns that the true source of security is not what we might merit but what God's mercy offers us. The soul then delights in following the example of Jesus Christ who made himself servant of all.

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

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.

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.

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.

Don't forget the teenage girls either if you do a teenage bag tie a yellow ribbon onto the handles so the volunteers who distribute know that is for a teenager.

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

Parish Christmas Party Monday 20th November beginning at 10.30am in the Ron Illidge Centre.

For catering purposes we need numbers by the weekend of 18/19 November, so if you are attending please put your name down as soon as possible as we have only 80 places including our volunteers.

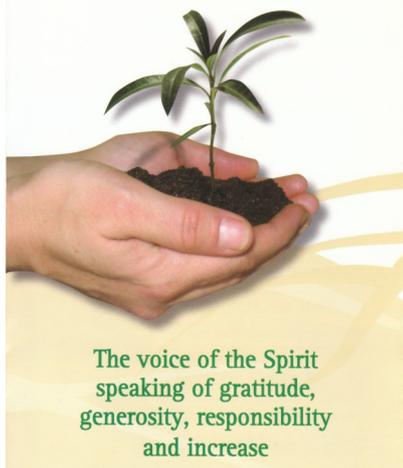
Youth Group The Youth Group require a Laptop. If you have a Laptop that you are no longer using would you consider donating to the Youth Group. The Laptop should be at least 2 years old with USB ports so that they can run programs from it and being able to link to the TV in the Parish Centre. Contact the office if you can help.

Humour Mary was going to the office party but needed a new party dress.

In the clothing store she asked, "May I try on that dress in the window, please?"

"Certainly not, madam," responded the salesgirl, "You'll have to use the fitting room like everyone else."

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)

November 5th - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” - MATTHEW 23:12 Jesus gave His life to serve, not to be served. Putting other’s needs before our own needs is a sign of becoming a mature disciple, of following Jesus’ example. Humility is really a sign of a strength. By putting other’s needs first we declare to the world that we are putting our complete trust in God. When we align our thoughts and actions with God’s plan for us, the result is Joy and Peace. Accessed from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts> on 28th October, 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*

True evangelization can only be achieved if we hold true to the sentiments expressed by Silvester O’Flynn on the front page. Without humility, the evangelizer will never touch the hearts of the listeners, their words will be presented as being self-righteous and judgemental.

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



This Weekend Third Collection for Church Repairs
(Vigil Sat 6.00pm Mass) Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Mon 6th Nov.. Divine Mercy Prayer Group 6.00pm
In English.
Wed 8th Nov. Rosary Group 6.30pm
Sun 12th Nov 32nd 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.



5 November 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Malachi 1:14—2:2, 8-10; 1 Thess 2:7-9 13; Mt 23:1-12
Psalm Response: In you, Lord, I have found my peace.
12 November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13



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

Cleaning: 10.11.17 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, 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, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer. (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: 5— 11 November

Jeanne Hanssens, Catherine Richardson, Florence Beattie, Brenda O'Malley, Maria McHugh, Irene Marsh, Alice Jesburg.

Recently Deceased: Raymond Johnson

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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