



St Francis Xavier Parish

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St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance and donations Please call 1800 846 643 - Weekdays only .

Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**1st Sunday in
Lent**

**18th February
2018**

Embracing the suburbs of Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira, Carole Park, Collingwood Park, Ellen Grove. Gales, Kruger, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Wacol and beyond.



Reborn in Christ

During Lent we are asked to grow in our understanding of Jesus more and more and that's our final goal for Lent. The more we understand Jesus the better we understand ourselves and the purpose of our pilgrim on earth becomes clearer. Understanding the purpose of life means understanding the riches of God's love hidden in each one of us because we are part of God's love when God creates us out of his love. The key to unlock Christ's riches is through prayers and fasting and act of charity and that is what we are invited to do during Lent. The Church hopes that Lent observance eventually will help us to form a pattern of life, a life time of prayers and of providing service for others. It is the life time commitment we have made at the Baptismal- to love God, deny evils and serve others. Through prayers we are united with God and come to understand the mystery of God's love in us. Through daily prayer we will experience that our heart is calm and our mind is clear and that helps us to see clearer our inner life; through act of penance we take control of our behaviour. We have discipline ourselves better, according to the teaching of Jesus based on Christian love; through act of charity we embrace the humanity which we are part of it and be aware that we are made after the image and likeness of God. Prayer and penance and charity help us to grasp something which is beyond the reasoning realm and see Christ in others.

The Gospel tells us that Jesus journeys into the desert, not alone, but he was being led by the Spirit. The Bible has indicated that the Holy Spirit would not leave Jesus alone but she was his constant companion and guided him during his forty days of fasting. It would make sense because we do fasting to invite the Holy Spirit into our life. We open ourselves to be guided by the Spirit on our way toward God's love and mercy. Without the guidance and help of the Spirit we alone are incapable of making such a move. The Spirit is our strength. She is our guide and the infinite source of our wisdom that helps us to learn more about God's love and mercy and about our weakness. The Gospel of Mathew recorded that at the temptation of Jesus, the evil spirit confessed the presence of God's angels when they say

'He will put you in his angel's charge and they will support you on their hands' Mat 4:6

Wherever Jesus is there would have been the Spirit of God accompanying him, sometime the text made it very clear the role of God's Spirit; other times the text mentioned nothing but I believe Jesus would have never been alone but the Spirit of God was somewhere in the background.

Lent invites us to journey in the desert of life in faith. It invites us to experience what Jesus had experienced. It teaches us to respond to temptations in the same way Jesus did, not fighting the battles alone but relying on the strength of the Scripture to resist against temptations. Our temptations include addiction of substances, greedy habits and self focussed. During Lent, we ask to see the image and likeness of God in others. We ask to be the hands and feet of Jesus for others and we ask God to give us a heart of flesh which shows compassion and love. We ask to do what is right and good and loving and avoid what is wrong and bad and uncaring.

Vudinh Tuong.

Lent

Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In Lent, the Alleluia is omitted at Mass and at the Hours, even in of solemnities and feasts.

Catholics are obliged to receive holy communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence.

The law of fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year.

(CCL 97, 1251-52).



Hand up to serve

Congratulations and thanks 14 girls and boys for leading the way, pup up your hand to serve as Altar Servers. I am grateful for parents who had encouraged your children to put their faith in action- serving the community of faith. The training will take place after 9 am Mass on Sunday 25th of February 2018 and the children will start to serve on the first weekend in March. Names of the children are

1 Phillip Vaoiva,	8 Faatoese Auvao
2 Emma	9 Etuale Lauvao
3 Edward Timu	10 Chris Lauvao
4 Ally Semau	11 John Lauvao
5 Lehanne Fruean	12 Usoali Auvaa
6 Victor Fruean	13 Malachai Lolesio
7 Sharon Fruean	14 Bronson Leituala

More needed

There are other ministries that need more volunteers and support from the community namely Hospitality, Church Cleaners, Liturgical Linen, Counters, Set up for Mass, Set up computer and Lap top, take care of the Public Convenience and Lawn mowing. Most of the ministries require just half an hour per week or a couple hours at most and some of them can be done at your time of choice. Some ministries require expertise such as helping the Sacramental Program, Liturgy, RCIA, Out Reach and Communion for the sick. If you are good at website we need some on to clean up and up load from time to time. Talk to your friends and form a team of two or three persons to help each other to serve our Church Community and also for transportation and support one and other. The commitment is up to you to decide. It depends on your free time and circumstance you can serve for as long as you are able to, say six months weekly or fortnightly or a year or longer or even change to different ministry.

I would be appreciate if you can make some contribution to care for our parish and serve our sisters and brothers in Christ. Please advice the parish office of your contribution or talk to me after Mass.

Thank you

Fr. Vudinh Tuong


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Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”
(1 Peter 4:10)

February 11, 2018 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time “*Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.*” - 1 Corinthians 10:31 Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He’s not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other “gods” (like our pride and ego, money and possessions to name a few) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself I’m I going this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?

(Accessed on 7th February, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



Piety Stall won't be operating whilst the Church Roof is being replaced and the scaffolding is up. If you have an order in or would like something in particular please see Teresa or Cameron. Apologies for any inconvenience.

Position Vacant – Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at Centacare Pastoral Ministries. A person with experience in pastoral and spiritual care and a demonstrated empathy for people affected by the criminal justice system balanced by respect for, and an ability to understand legislation, policies and procedures is required for a part time position of Catholic Prison Chaplaincy Coordinator for 30 hours a week.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Date Claimer Sunday

11th March 2018 Retreat Day “Fire to the Earth: The Heart of the Saints”. and Prayers for Healing with Fr Ken Barker Missionaries of God's Love, **commencing with Mass at 11am**, followed by a book launch of Fr Ken's most recent book on Saints. **Day finishing 3.30pm**; Experience the dynamic words and spiritual wisdom of Order founder and author. Don't miss this unique opportunity to deepen your faith and be inspired by Fr Ken's infectious love of God. **St Thomas' Catholic Church Camp Hill**, car park entrance Stephen St. BYO lunch, drinks provided. All welcome
Info Paul 0417 104 460



A Big Thankyou to Paul Hodgkinson for the wonderful restoration work on our **Sacred Heart Statue**.

Awaken Together in Christ

Every Tuesday at 7pm
St Francis' Hall. 47 Dornoch Tce., West End.

Awaken Together In Christ

A ministry bringing hope and the tangible presence of Christ to the lost and a deeper connection for those who know Him. The Awaken Ministry has been blessed with an amazing gift of healing, powerfully led by the Holy Spirit.
Hosted by St Mary's & Dutton Park Parishes

PARISH NOTICES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 19th Feb. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wed 21st Feb. Rosary 6.30pm (Vigil Sat 6.00pm) Mass
Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass
Stations of the Cross throughout



Dave and Jeremy hard at work on the Church Roof.

Lent will be held before Mass each Friday beginning 2/3

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.

18 Feb. First Sunday of Lent

Gen 9:8-15; 1 Pet 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

Psalm Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

25 Feb. Second Sunday in Lent

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13 15-18; Rom 8:31-34 Mk 9:2-10



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 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 23rd Feb 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.

We Pray for the Sick:

Keith Auld, Allan Peterson, 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, Tom McCarthy, Valerie Chew, Barbara Wakelin, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer, John Hodgkinson, Allan Nolan. (Names that have been on here for sometime will be removed over the next couple of weeks. Please contact the office if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

Anniversaries: 18 Feb-24 Feb

Moya Halls, Michael Redcliffe, Maria Lupeamanu, Arland Grashius.

Recently Deceased: Loiola Nasio



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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