



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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**Office Hours: Monday - Wed 9.00am — 4.00pm**

**Friday 9.00am –4.00pm Closed Thursdays**

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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

**3rd Sunday in  
Lent**

**4th March  
2018**

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

### **Ownership**

Market square is a business centre that has different stores selling a variety of things. It is also the place where different personalities are revealed. Each store is owned by a family. When asked they can show the receipt of their annual payment fees to prove of their rights and ownership of the store. It is given to them by the Temple's authority.

Jesus was unhappy about the way the Temple's authority, which set up the Temple in a similar structure of a market square where individuals pay to own a portion of the Temple. They had the rights to sell cattle and sheep and exchanged money in the Holy Temple. These business owners claimed that it was their counter; they paid for it, and they had the full right of ownership of their stores. Jesus, in his rage, drove their cattle and sheep out of the Temple and hurled small stores and money changers counters. His violent action challenged not just the store owners but He actually was aiming at the authority of the Temple who used the Temple for their own benefit. Jesus told them:

*“Take all of this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market”, Jn 2:13*

The saying had revealed that Jesus made claim that the Holy Temple was His Father's house. He was the first and the only One who identified the Temple as His own body; no one had ever made such claim before. Jesus made claim that the Temple's authority had defiled God's house on earth. God is the owner of the Holy Temple, not the governing body, but God himself who alone is the true owner of the Temple. The Temple's authority certainly would not accept such claim but would be united and publicly declared war against Jesus. They would love to see Jesus on his knees begging for pardon. They challenged Jesus' authority.

*“What sign can you show us to justify what you have done? Jesus answered: Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up”. Jn 2:13*

Jesus gave the answer in a figurative language and that confused the Temple's authority. We know Jesus was talking about His own body and the Crucifixion and Resurrection, not the physical Temple they were standing on. By linking the Holy Temple to His own body Jesus had made several claims.

First, 'give to God what belongs to God'. *Mat 22:21*. Jesus answered people who tested Him that should they pay tax to Caesar.

Second, God is the true ownership of the Holy Temple and no one has any right to make that claim.

Third, God is Jesus' Father when He says: *stop turning my Father's house into a market v.17*.

Fourth, Jesus is the Beloved Son who has the full rights to His own body when he says: The Father loves me, because *I lay down my life in order to take it up again. Jn 10:17*

We don't own anything, even our own body. It is God's gift to us to enjoy and to take care of it. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit said Paul in *1Cor 6:19*. It is given to us freely and we need to keep it worthy because when our earthly journey ends we will return to God what belongs to God. Do not let substances and other vices abuse our physical body but take ownership of it.

**Vudinh Tuong.**

## **Sacramental Program**

The Sacramental Policy of the Archdiocese of Brisbane states that *'in the year when the children turn eight (Year Three), they are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation'*. In 2018, St Francis Xavier Parish will be celebrating Confirmation on Thursday 7th June at 6.30pm. If families of children in year 3 feel that their child is ready to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are encouraged to see

Fr Tuong after Mass or visit the parish office to collect an Expression of Interest form.

Fr Toung will be conducting brief parent information interviews on and during the following times:

Tuesday 6 March 10am – 4pm

Wednesday 7 March, Thursday 8 March and Friday 9 March 10am- 4pm and 7pm-9pm

Tuesday 13 March, Wednesday 14 March and Friday 16 March 10am- 4pm and 7pm-9pm

Please contact Marie at the parish office on 3818 0111 to make an appoint to see Fr Toung.

## **Hand up to serve**

Congratulations and thankyou to the girls and boys for leading the way by putting up your hand to serve as Altar Servers. I am grateful for the parents who have encouraged their children to put their faith in action- serving the community of faith. The children who attended the training last Sunday begin serving this weekend.

Names of the children are:

1. Emma Tierney
2. Tanya Simon
3. Sharon Smith
4. Faatoese Auvaa
5. Usoalii Auvaa
6. Esera Esera
7. Etu Lauvao
8. Chris Lauvao
9. John Lauvao
10. Phillip Vaoiva
11. JayJay Fakalago

## **More help 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 one 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.

**Parish Pastoral Council** needs more members as well. They meet the first Thursday of the month at 7.00pm in the meeting room of the Parish Office.

It would be appreciated 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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## Spirituality for Life



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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)**

**March 4, 2018 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent** *“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4* How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

(Accessed on 28th February, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->

inserts)



**During Lent SVdP are holding a canned goods drive so please drop any donations in the green plastic tub that is on the shelf in the Pergola.  
Thank you**

### **Appeal to help the village of Pili in Tonga**

One of our Tongan families in the parish have relatives and friends in the village of Pili which has been extensively damaged by Cyclone Gita.

Tamara has obtained a container which will leave Australia mid May. If you would like to help the villagers recover they are asking for donations of:

Screws, nails, hammers, drills etc.

Beds, bed linen

Towels

Clothes

Non perishable food items i.e. canned and dry goods.

Furniture

You can drop the smaller items into the Parish Office before 11th

April for Tamara to collect and if you have larger items please contact Tamara direct.

Tamara Taione Mob 0421 884 605

**Becoming a Catholic** are you or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic?

If so please see Fr Tuong.

It is hoped that instruction would start just before Easter.

Also if you would like to accompany and help any candidates on their journey please let Fr Tuong know.

### **Chrism Mass**

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to the Annual Chrism Mass to be held in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Thursday 22nd March 2018 commencing at 7.00pm.

This is a celebration for the entire Archdiocese and all are welcome.

### **Dear Members of the St Francis Xavier Community**

Brisbane Catholic Education is seeking expressions of interest for the Community Consultative Group for the new Catholic School, planned to be opened at Redbank Plains in 2020.

Information has been supplied through the parish newsletter for those who may be interested.

We are holding an information meeting in the Parish Centre on

**Tuesday March 6 at 7pm** for anyone interested in gaining some basic information about the process leading to the new school being opened in 2020 and for anyone who may be interested in being part of the Community Consultative Group.

### **Prayers of the Faithful**

Would you like to help prepare the “Prayers of the Faithful”?

The hope is that we have enough people come forward to be able to do a roster of people that will then prepare the “Prayers of the Faithful” for weekend Masses.

Please see Fr Tuong or contact the Office.

## PARISH NOTICES

### DATES



### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 5th Mar Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.**  
**Tues 6th Mar Community Consultative Group 7.00pm**  
**Wed 7th Mar Rosary 6.30pm**  
**(Vigil Sat 6.00pm) Mass**  
**Sun 7.30 & 9.00am Mass**

**Stations of the Cross throughout Lent will be held before Mass each Friday morning and at 6.00pm.**

**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.

### 4th Mar. Third Sunday in Lent

**Ex 20:1-17; Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25**

**Psalm Response: Lord , you have the words of everlasting life.**

### 11th Mar. Fourth Sunday in Lent

**2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21**



### Services times this week:

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

### Weekdays

Monday	Funeral Norman 9.00am
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: 9th Mar. William**

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, Stan & Betty Seymour, Matilda (Tilly) Mahon (18mths) (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: 4 Mar– 10 Mar

James Bridges, Maria Lepeamanu, Joy Auld, Wolston Blundell, Alf Hull, Bernadette Flanagan, Patricia Collins, Jim Medlin, Michael Jack, Sot Sibounheuang.

**Recently Deceased:** Helena Rudak, Moya McCallum, Norman Canada

### **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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