



St Francis Xavier Parish

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(Local Safeguarding Children Representative: Marie Hodges)

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

Easter
Sunday

1st April 2018

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



A new wave

The death of Jesus released unnecessarily stress the Jerusalem Temple's authority who had created on themselves. Jesus came with the fresh interpretation of God's love and mercy for all. The Temple's authority was afraid of losing their monopoly in interpretation of the laws and they tried to interfere into Jesus' teaching. Several times they set up traps hoping to catch Jesus off guard. This method failed badly. They alone could not stop Jesus' popularity rising like the sun. In their desperation they had to fabricate evidence to have the government on their side with the excuse that Jesus was a politician disguised as a religious instructor. The crime for inciting people for uprising was the death penalty. In this regard the local authority turned a blind eye allowing the Temple's authority to carry out their hatred plan.

They gave Jesus an unjust sentence with an utmost inhuman cruelty, nailing on the cross waiting in agony for death to take its toll. The judgment happened on the very night they caught Jesus and rushed to the verdict- death sentence. There was to be no time wasted the sentence should be carried out immediately. The temple's authority celebrated their victory but it lasted just for three days and their celebration was interrupted by the news of the resurrection of Jesus. The Temple's agents brought bad news after bad news that they could not swallow. The 'One' that they had crucified on the cross now appeared to his disciples in daylight at more than one location, gathering his followers to celebrate his resurrection . The parable of a wheat grain applied here. It falls on the ground and dies and yields hundred fold.

The resurrection of Jesus gave new life for the apostles. Empowered with the Risen Christ they became the new people. It yielded countless waves of followers to come. The Temple's authority terminated One and now there were thousands more of them, all stood under the banner of the Risen Christ. The Apostles were in hiding no more but came to the open. They spoke loudly praising Jesus in public and had no fear of being arrested or enduring lashes. They power of the Risen Christ was stronger than dead. Dead became a passing time before the new life arrives, everlasting life in God's kingdom where there are no more tears, no more suffering but full of God's love. The disciples recalled what Jesus had promised had become the reality. Jesus promised to be with those who follow Him till the end of time. Wave after wave of followers had experienced the presence of the Risen Christ in their lives. They were not alone in living the Christians values but the Spirit of God who is their guide and empowers them with God's love to share for others.

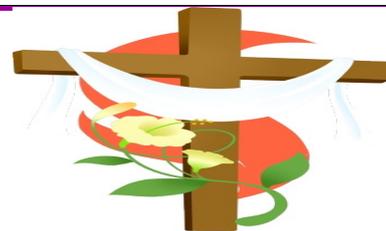
Vudinh Tuong

Easter Greetings

Many thanks for those who have been active taking part in Lent and the preparation for the Holy Week. The preparation of ashes, leading the Station of the Cross, Alter Servers, making new vestment for Alter Servers, coordinators, the florists, liturgy, Palm leaves arrangement, tidy up the Church, musicians and singers, proclamation of the Word, collectors, and the youth group to re-enact the Passion with Peter and his brother Joshua to conduct the play. I am grateful for your generosity both in time and talents and most importantly your love and enthusiasm in serving our community of faith. May the Joy of Easter enlighten your heart and empower you with the Spirit of the Risen Christ.

Happy Easter to all.

Vudinh Tuong



Sacramental Program—Confirmation

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.

Instruction will start on Friday 20th April, at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre and will continue for 7 weeks.

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

NEW MASS TIMES from next weekend the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil will be at 5.00pm.
Sunday morning 7.30am Mass moves back to 7.00am

Prayer Calendar

for our Seminarians and Priests are available on the tables at the back of the church and just inside the door of the Pergola entrance.



Thank you to the volunteers who mowed our grounds during the week. Your help was very much appreciated.

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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)

April 1, 2018 - Easter Sunday “Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” – COLOSSIANS 3:2 On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died and rose for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia.” Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how He is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

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

Share The Dignity

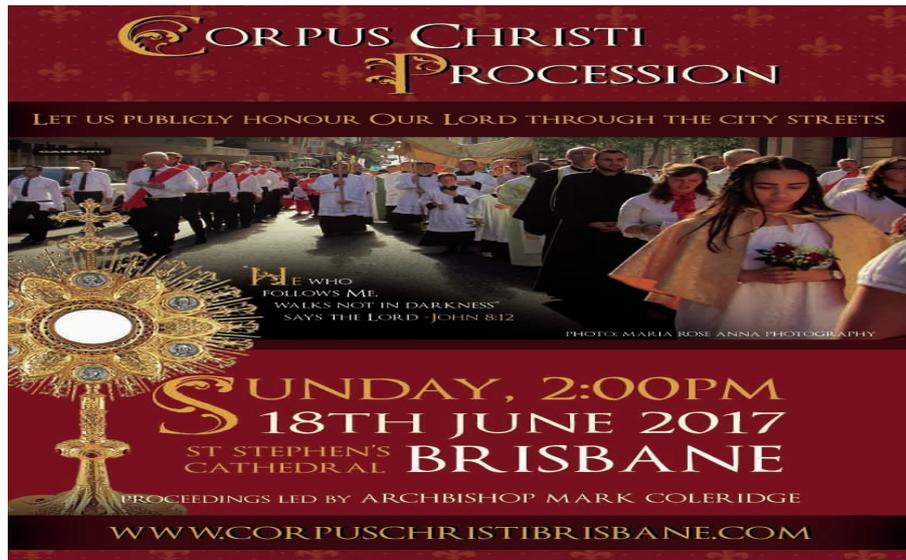
Share the Dignity is a charity that helps homeless women and girls with Sanitary items that they otherwise would be going without.

“No woman should suffer the indignity of choosing between eating or buying sanitary items.” From next weekend and throughout **April** there will be a box at the two main doors of the Church for donations of new Sanitary items.

Following on from the fantastic response I had with the “Its in the Bag Appeal” in November I am hoping you will be as generous with this appeal.

Volunteer with Palms Australia- Get out there and be the Church, “bruised, hurting and dirty”

Communities in Myanmar, PNG, Samoa, Timor Leste, Kiribati and Kenya seek volunteers to mentor locals and build capacity. Palms volunteers don’t do quick fixes, but **immerse themselves in overseas communities** for long-term skill exchange. If you have teaching, medical, business, admin or trade skills, **share them with our global family!** Contact Christine at Palms on 02 9560 5333 or go to www.palms.org.au/volunteer/

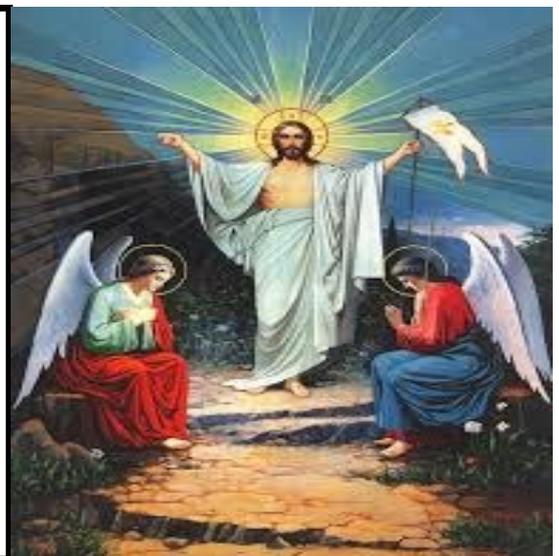


Position Vacant – Holy Cross Funerals- Funeral Administrator – Job Share

Applications are open for a position at the Holy Cross Funerals. A mature *minded, customer-focused person* is required for a part time position of funeral administrator for 22.5 hours a week, 3 days.

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.



PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary Holy Week

Mon 2nd April Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

Wed 4th Rosary 6.30pm

Sat. 7th Vigil 5.00pm take note of new time

Sun 8th 7.00 & 9.00am

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.



1st Apr, Sunday of the Resurrection

Acts 10:34; 37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

Psalm Response: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

8th Apr. Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 1; Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31



Services times this week:

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Sunday 7.30am Mass

9.00am Mass

Holy Week

Monday 9.00am Mass

Tuesday 9.00am Mass

Wednesday 9.00am Mass

Thursday 9.00am Mass

Friday 9.00am Mass

Saturday 5.00pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 6th April Mitch & Pam

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, 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), Maureen McCallion, Pat McCallion. 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: 1st April-7th April

Terrance Hansen, Keith McPherson, Hely Phonsavathady, Amy O'Connell, Matthew Green, Telesia Vatulele, Andreas Schypper, Colin William Larter, Anne Kosciuk, Marie Kowalcznka,

Recently Deceased: Edna Tourney, Patrick McGreevy

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.



If you would like this newsletter sent to you by email each week, simply send an email to good-na@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.