



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

**2nd Sunday of
Easter
Divine Mercy
Sunday**

8th April 2018

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



Doubt no more

Today's Gospel story is of Doubting Thomas. Think of Thomas and think of ourselves we all have something in common- "Doubt". We from time to time do doubt our own ability, our memories, our own feelings and strength. Fortunately we live in hope and hope plays a big part in helping us to commit ourselves to do things. We enjoy the benefit of the doubt because from searching for an answer we embrace new discovery. Through questioning about God's love and mercy we are able to penetrate deeper into the mystery of God's love.

What Thomas saw that took place on Good Friday took control of his mind and heart. What his friends told him about the meeting with the Risen Christ would not be strong enough to replace what he saw with his own eyes. For Thomas images were stronger impact than words and that explained what he longed to touch the wounds of Christ.

Positive doubting is in contrast to negative doubting. Positive doubting is a desire to learn to widen one's view about the significant things engaged in their mind and heart. Negative doubting aims to convince others' approval, to be on their side. The Doubting Thomas believed in the resurrection of Jesus and sought to widen his view on the matter- positive doubting. Deep in his heart he believed what Jesus had told them while he was with them that *he would suffer and after three days will rise again Mk 8:31* but Thomas wanted something more than just what their friends told him. Thomas was standing on the border line and was more on the twilight than darkness and more on the side of faith rather than relying on the power of knowledge. No human being can be satisfied with what Thomas longed to have: "*put his hand in Jesus' side and put his fingers in the nail holes*" *Jn 29:27*. God alone can do that, no others can. Thomas knew his friends couldn't provide what he asked for and yet he asked for it. What he asked for was his love for Jesus - touching his wounds- more than the evidence of faith.

Doubt is necessary and no normal mind can escape doubts because we all want to have knowledge and questions results in information and knowledge. The more knowledge we have; more questions asked and more questions asked our knowledge is wider and deeper. Knowledge gives birth to knowledge. Doubt is a part of life and doubts are spices of life. Knowledge conceals some doubt elements in them. No one can say they have absolute knowledge of a field. If we demand for a certainty before we act then not much will be done. Doubt is the foundation for growth. When John the Baptist was imprisoned he sent his disciples to ask Jesus "*whether Jesus was the Messiah to come or he had to wait for another one*"? Jesus answered not 'yes or no' but told John's disciples go back and tell John what they saw and heard. Get more facts and think more about doubt until we gain a clearer light is a way to learn, never give up because we learnt nothing. A sincere and honest doubt often leads to a triumph faith. Thomas asked to touch the wounds of Christ but when Christ came he wouldn't do what he wished to have but simply confessed '*My Lord and my God*'. Thomas acted not much different from his friends- rejoicing and be with the Lord. Thomas had never touched Jesus' wounds, no concrete evidence and yet his faith in Christ was strong.

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed." *Jn 29:29* said Jesus.

Our faith has its foundation on Jesus' teachings. On Divine Mercy Sunday we thank God for his mercy that compels us to show mercy for others.

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.



A big congratulations to our **Youth Group** for the fantastic performance of **"The Passion"** on Good Friday.

The following is from an email that came to the Parish email.

"Can you pass on my congratulations to the Youth Group. They truly were amazing in their presentation of the Passion. It was the most moving, memorable and thought provoking Good Friday Service I have ever attended in all my years. Their sincerity and devotion was evident to all who witnessed them, you could hear a pin drop in the congregation, and I along with most around me were crying silent tears all the way through, they were inspirational." (I have withheld the name.) This parishioner is one of many who have rung or visited the office to say how moved they were by the Youth Groups performance.

I spoke with some members of the Youth Group and they themselves enjoyed putting on the play.



Centacare's Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care (CPPC) trains pastoral carers to support people with mental illness, through their spiritual and therapeutic ministry. CPPC is seeking Catholics with the ability to relate personally and spiritually to those suffering from mental illness to be trained as pastoral carers.

The volunteer training course runs each Wednesday 9:00am - 3:30pm, from 2 May to 21 November 2018. Upon graduating volunteers commit to eight hours ministry per week across day centres, hospitals and hostels. Applications close Friday 20 April 2018. Written applications can be sent to: Fr Jim Smith, 58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley QLD 4006. For more information contact CPPC on 07 3252 5461.

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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 8, 2018 - 2nd Sunday of Easter “The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” – ACTS 4:32 All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your talents, your abilities and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. (Accessed on 4th April, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



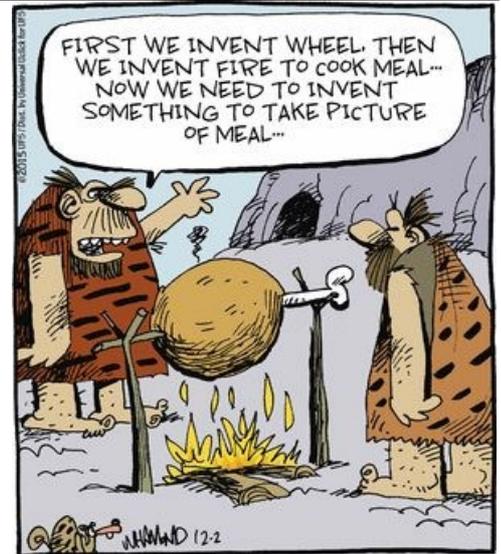
Share The Dignity is a charity that helps homeless women and girls with Sanitary items that they otherwise would be going without.

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

Pentecost Retreat – ‘Moved by the Spirit - Led by the Spirit’

Led by Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap and Steffanie Le
Sunday 20 May 2018
11.00am - 10.00pm
St Francis Hall
47 Dornoch Tce West End
Cost \$50 (Food and refreshment included).

Registration by 8th May to ana.cheng@optusnet.com.au



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.



you are invited to Our Lady of Victories **Memorial Mass**

Remembering those who served as
we mark the centenary of World War I

22nd April 2018
8am Sunday Mass
benediction 7.50am

1 Roche Avenue, Bowen Hills Brisbane, Queensland Morning
tea from 9am–10am

We would love to hear from anyone whose family member may be listed on our honour roll of Qld Catholics who died in WW1.

rsvp: olv.rsvp@gmail.com
or call (07) 3219 2366

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary Holy Week

Mon 9th April Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

Wed 11th Rosary 6.30pm

Sat. 14th Vigil 5.00pm take note of new time

Sun 15th 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.



8th Apr. Second Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

15th April. Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48



Services times this week:

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday 7.00am Mass

9.00am Mass

Monday No 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: 13th April, Lulu Family

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, 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 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: 8th April-14th April

John Bliss, Terry Mahony, Teddoro Boriongan, Mary Sherman, Bronislaw Kucmin, John Hansen, Donald Breen.

Recently Deceased: Patrick McGreevy, Tom Robin

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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