



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

**3rd Sunday of
Easter**

15th April 2018

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



Renew in Christ

Before the crucifixion of Jesus the people in Jerusalem and surrounding areas talked about the miracles Jesus had made; at the crucifixion of Jesus they were disappointed and talked to each other about how the authority had done terrible thing for the good man-death on the cross. We know that everyone knew of the death of Jesus as the apostle of the Emmaus who was surprised and said to the stranger on the road:

' You must be the only one person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days' Luke 24:8

The news of the Risen Christ was on everyone's lips, both believers and non believers alike they all talked about the news that the same Jesus who was crucified by the Temple authority now had come back to life. The believers of Jesus received the good news with great joy and delight and they were very much looking forward to meeting Jesus face to face. The more they heard of Jesus' appearances the more joy they had; while Jesus' opponents, the Temple authority and the government officers, the more they heard about Jesus' appearances the more they worried and they tried to find ways to suppress the news. The authority who turned a blind eye for the Temple authority to carry out the atrocity now shared the same Temple authority's burden. How to suppress the news of the resurrection that broke loose like fire?

The Apostles who were in hiding now came out to talk to the people about the crucified Christ. Peter (Acts 3:13) talked to people that what God had intended to do, no power on earth can stop it. At first the authority thought by killing God's Son they would shatter God's plan of salvation. They were wrong. God raised Jesus to life from death and that was the beginning of a new creation. Through the resurrection of Jesus, God renews everything in the Blood of Christ. Jesus gave glory to God the Father by praising and obeying God. The Father gave glory to Jesus by raising him up from the dead and the Apostles gave glory to Jesus by praising and obeying Jesus. Second, human's errors came from the leaders of the people, the temple authority and the civil government, in condemning The Holy and innocent man to death. Third, the authority claimed they knew what they were doing but their ignorance and arrogance would stop them from the acceptance of their lack of knowledge. Fourth, the resurrection of Jesus renews everything with one single condition and that is repentance. Without repentance in Christ there is no renewal.

In the Second Reading (1 John 2:1-5) St John says the same thing that God's grace is in contrast to sin. God's grace has the power to save, to build and to renew our lives and not just our lives but the whole of creation; while the sting of sin is death and destruction and damnation. God's mercy and grace is life anew and gives pardon. To be renewed in Christ one needs to make the teaching of Jesus relevance to his/her life and the power of God's words which in our hearts become the wellspring from inside, internal power to fight and resist against temptation. When our hearts are burnt with God's love it will destroy all evil thoughts in our minds and hearts.

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. **Only one week till the start of Confirmation instruction, if you want your child to be confirmed this year please contact the office before Friday 20th April, as instruction begins in the Parish Centre at 7-00pm.**

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." (Name withheld) 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.



Save the Date: Tues 22nd May, 2018

Parish lunch in the Parish Centre at 10.30am.

Keep an eye on the Newsletter first weekend in May for more information as this will be an RSVP lunch.

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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 15, 2018 - 3rd Sunday of Easter “Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” – LUKE 24:36-37 Throughout the day we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life. (Accessed on 11th April, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->



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.

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.

Humour

A family had twin boys whose only resemblance to each other was their looks. If one felt it was too hot, the other thought it was too cold. If one said the TV was too loud, the other claimed the volume needed to be turned up. Opposite in every way, one was an eternal optimist, the other a doom and gloom pessimist.

Just to see what would happen, on Christmas day their father loaded the pessimist's room with every imaginable toy and game. The optimist's room he loaded with horse hay.

That night the father passed by the pessimist's room and found him sitting amid his new gifts crying bitterly.

"Why are you crying?" the father asked.

"Because my friends will be jealous, I'll have to read all these instructions before I can do anything with this stuff, I'll constantly need batteries, and my toys will eventually get broken." answered the pessimist twin.

Passing the optimist twin's room, the father found him dancing for joy in the piles of hay. "What are you so happy about?" he asked.

To which his optimist twin replied, "There's got to be a pony in here somewhere!"



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

Mon 16th April Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

Wed 18th Rosary 6.30pm

Sat. 21st Vigil 5.00pm take note of new times

Sun 22nd 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.

15th April. Third Sunday of Easter

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

Psalm Response: Lord, let your face shine on us.

22nd April. Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18



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
Sunday 7.00am & 9.00am

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 20th April, Anna & Madeline

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, Jean Silvester. 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: 15th April-21st April

John McElroy Snr, Peter Bryant, Samuel Zaklan, Sr Jeanniela Spina, Grace Sandford, Frank Vella, Isadora An Kiau, Phyll Mullins, Daniel Perry, Desma Rawsley, Harry Murphy, Brian Mullins.

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.



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