

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 8th Nov. 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Mon 9th Nov. Divine Mercy Prayer Group
IN ENGLISH 6.00pm
 Wed 11th Nov. Rosary Group 6.30pm
 Sun 15th Nov. 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.
 Sun 15th 9.00am Mass in the School Hall
 Third Collection for SVDP Christmas Appeal

Collections For Last Week

First ☺ ↑
Second ☹ ↓
 ☺ ↑ = Income up on last week.
 ☹ □ = Income steady.
 ☹ ↓ = Income down

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 Nov 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44

Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

15th Nov 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dan 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32



Services times this week:

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

Weekdays

Monday 9.00am Mass
 Tuesday 9.00am Mass
 Wednesday 9.00am Mass
 Thursday 9.00am Mass
 Friday 9.00am Mass
 Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Mass
 Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 13th Nov. Sandra Dorricott.

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks)

We Pray for the Sick:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Sr Helen Stanley, Breda O'Sullivan, Ellen Parker, Rose Logan, Edna May Tourney, Keith Auld, Kathy McMonagle, Kevin Ward, Matthew Berwick, John Ward, Allan Peterson, Kathleen Doherty. Rachel Scriben, Stan Brown, Carmon Z, Nancy McCarrick, Kath McGrath, Maria Vink, Claire Curry, Phil O'Dwyer, John Doherty, William Ryan, Hudson McHardy, Hini Habchi, Jamie Teal, Jaiden Madasferi, Maureen Shackleton, Macey Ingham, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig. (Some names have been removed from this list, so please contact us if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

Anniversaries: 1st –7th November

Lazlo Horvath, Daniel Jones, Trinidad Maglaque, Ignas Stanson, Jamal Pacheco, Teunis Schimmel, Martin Gilmartin, Leisabeth Hartung, Jesse Haines, Nellie Anderson, Frank O'Dwyer, Guiseppe Pastro, Julianne Fenlon, William Ryan, Erika Coogan, Lois Lynam, Daisy Cutler, Rose Moylan, Anthony Nebe, Catherine Richardson.

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 goodna@bne.catholic.net.au title it 'newsletter' and the next week you should receive the email.



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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Parish Clergy: Fr Roger Burns PP. Fr Paul Chanh

Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges

St Vincent De Paul: For Assistance Please call 3010 1096 - Weekdays only . Meetings:
Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

32nd Sunday
in Ordinary
Time
8th November
2015

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

Good News: *Prayer for generosity,*

Which box did she so lavishly enrich with her two tokens of love. The Poor Box, the Mission Box, or perhaps a votive candle to burn out in self-immolation as an expression of her prayer.

Was she self-conscious because her poor little coins would sound so trifling and everybody would know what she gave? My guess is that a person of such a relationship with God is far beyond worrying what people think.

She disappears from the story as unobtrusively as she entered it. We are not told what happened to her or where she got the next meal. Perhaps she had a family to support her.

Today's liturgy links her with the widow of Sidon who shaped her last handful of meal and last drop of cooking oil with the prophet Elijah. God's provident eye noted the unstinted giving. God rewarded her. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied as long as the famine lasted.

God will not be outdone in generosity. That lesson was expressed in his own imagery of a certain farmer when he was being complimented by his parish priest for his generous support to any charitable cause. 'The way it is,' he said, 'whenever I give God a shovel-full of something, he shovels more back in my direction. You see, Father, God has the bigger shovel.'

St Paul said that God loves the cheerful giver. In his eyes the spirit in which we give is of more account than the amount given.

O generous Father, fill us with a sense of your love for all people. Help us to realize that what we have is not really our own but ultimately belongs to you. Help us to see that it has been given to us so that we might share it with all your other children on earth.

Help us to be generous with the gift of time
which you have given us.

May we show on our faces that we do have time for others ...
time to listen, time to share the burden,
time to celebrate their joy.

Help us to leave behind the self-centred routine
which has taken us away from family and neighbours.

Help us to be generous in our emotions.
May all our feelings and actions be warmed by love.

When we feel like reacting in self-importance,
show us how to be humble.

When we are stung with revenge,
help us to reach out in forgiveness.

When we are fired to anger, help us to be patient and gentle.

When we are full of prejudice and intolerance,
show us how we might allow the other person to be different.

O God of all living, overwhelm us with a sense of your love,
so that all we have is for you,
all we do is with you,
and all we are is you.

Silvester O'Flynn OFM Cap—"The Good News of Mark's Year"

Masses for the Dead. You are able to offer a mass for you deceased relatives and friends. Place your offering in an envelope and include the names of the people to be remembered. Place the envelope in the collection labeled Mass Intention, or use the envelopes at the Church door. The masses will be offered throughout the year.

SVDP Christmas Collection. In order to coincide with the Christmas Collection being taken in the School from 26 October(date of Launch of Appeal) to 26 November there will be a collection in Church on **Sunday 15th November at all Masses.** Your donation will help the Saint Vincent De Paul conference to serve the needy in the parish.

Car Boot Sale The Car Boot Sale will be in the Church car park on **Saturday 21st November** starting at 8am. One Car Space will cost \$10 with all profits from your own private stall going to yourself. Parish groups do not pay a fee for the space as any funds raised go to the Parish. Parish Pastoral Council will hold a sausage sizzle on the day with the ladies from our Senior Singers group selling Tea, Coffee and Cake and the parish will have a stall selling what is left from our stall at the School Fete which was held in August. Spaces are filling up fast so if you are thinking about having a stall don't leave it too late to book your space. For more information or to book a space please contact Mr Kim Hodges on 3288 2002 or via email khodges@hotmail.com.au

Seniors Christmas Lunch is on Monday 23rd November, 10.30am—2.00pm please RSVP to Agnes Fryars on 3271 2452 or ring the Parish Office 3818 0111.

Save The Date Wednesday 16th December for an evening of Christmas Carols in the Church. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Liturgy and Blessing of Graves Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery

A Liturgy and the Blessing of Graves will be held on Saturday 21 November at the Glamorgan Vale Catholic Cemetery which is located on the Fernvale road near the junction with the Glamorgan Vale Road outside Ipswich. The ceremony will commence at 10am.

The cemetery was established in 1879 with the first burial in 1880. There are over 140 graves in the cemetery. Visitors are asked to bring chairs and umbrellas for shade. Visitors can then proceed to the nearby Glamorgan Vale Public Hall to have their lunch.

For further details please contact Gabriel Dempster on 3201 7051.

You're invited! To Real Talk Australia's Annual Dinner Tuesday 17th November.

Join us to support Real Talk in bringing a life-giving message on love, relationships and sex to young people across Australia and beyond.

Special guest speaker is **Catholic Archbishop of Brisbane Mark Coleridge**, sharing on matters on relationships and marriage after his participation in the Synod on the Family in Rome.

Pre-dinner drinks start at 6-30pm

Where: Hotel Grand Chancellor—Brisbane

Dress: Semi-formal

Cost: \$100 per person

RSVP and pay via website: <http://www.realtalkaustralia.com/annualdinner> or email

Kristen@realtalkaustralia.com or call 3108 5121.

St Brigid's Parish Rosewood are celebrating the Centenary of the Foundation of the Parish on Sunday 15th November 2015. Celebrations begin with Mass Celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at 10am at St Brigid's Church Cnr Matthew and Railway Sts. Rosewood. Refreshments will follow. Everyone most welcome.

Catholic Church Insurances have once again donated a Christmas Hamper to our Parish for us to raffle with all proceeds raised going directly to our Parish.

Could we please have some volunteers from each of our Masses to sell the tickets at \$2 per ticket or 3 for \$5.

As the Church's own insurance company, CCI provides support to the Catholic Church and its community.

For more information call **1300 655 003** or visit www.catholicinsurance.org.au

Spirituality for Life



The voice of the Spirit speaking of gratitude, generosity, responsibility and increase



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)

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." (Mark 12:43-44)

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith,

just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"? Accessed on 29 October 2015, from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>).

THE CALL – THE CALL OF STEWARDSHIP

Following Jesus is the work of a lifetime. At every step forward, one is challenged to go further in accepting and loving God's will. Being a disciple is not just something else to do . . . it is a total way of life and requires continuing conversion. – *A Disciple's Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship*

As Vatican II remarks, all Christians are "bound to show forth, by the example of their lives and by the witness of their speech," that new life of faith which begins in baptism and is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in confirmation." (Ad Gentes, 11)

There is a woman I know who I see receiving communion at Mass every week. She positively glows! I didn't know who she was, so I asked a fellow parishioner about her. While she has all the 'attributes' of our lives – a family, a job, a mortgage – my fellow parishioner told me she has stripped her life of all unnecessary encumbrances.

Though prosperous, she doesn't work to get rich, she works to make a living and because she has found a job she likes. Though involved in our parish and the community, she doesn't do it for public acclaim, but because she cares about helping others. Though she is a boss at work, a parent and spouse at home, an elder sister in her family, her direction of those for whom she has responsibility is merely to share wisdom, provide guidance, and support others.

She has found happiness in the ultimate paradoxes: that totally giving over control of one's life to God is the truest liberation, that giving up your life brings eternal life!

Questions:

How is stewardship a part of being a disciple?

What does it mean to you to be a steward of the Church?

Do you see your baptism as creating a responsibility to follow Jesus?

Stewardship means I am not in control. It means the gifts I take for granted will not always be mine. It means that when it comes down to the basic gifts of life, love, faith, and relationships, what I possess and who I am makes little or no difference. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy.*

Stewardship calls disciples to cultivate an "Attitude of Gratitude". Since all we have has been given to us by God, we should be giving thanks to him for all that he has given. Then in response to God's generosity we may find ourselves thanking others for what they share with us. Gratitude shared is infectious and frees us from always looking at 'what is in it for me' rather: what can I do for you.