

PARISH NOTICES

Dates for your Diary



Sun 22nd Nov. Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe.
Mon 23rd Nov. Senior's Christmas Lunch
Divine Mercy Prayer Group IN ENGLISH 6.00pm
Wed 25th Nov. Rosary Group 6.30pm
Fri 27th Baptism Preparation 7.00pm last one for
the year.
Sun 29th Nov. First Sunday of Advent

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.

22nd Nov Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe.

Dan 7:13-14; Apoc 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37

Response: The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

29th Nov First Sunday of Advent.

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36



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 9.30am Requiem Mass Neal Whaley
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm Mass
Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

Cleaning: 27th Nov. Lavemai Family

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 Tournay, 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: 22nd – 28th November

Bridget Morcus, Kathleen Kohu, Annie Hogan, Maria Diaz, Mary Doyle, Esther Kendall, Johannes Jonker, Frank Breuer, Brian Belcher, Noela Harvey, Lie Jendrzeczyk, Beryl Shambler, Joyce Jorgenson, Donald Moloney, Jane Keane, Maria Giollo, Condy Fryars, Bernadette Oddie, Francisca Grazina, Francis Locke, Elaine Foster, Karen Kennedy, Ian Grayson.

Recently Deceased Neal Whaley

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.



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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

Our Lord
Jesus Christ
King of the
Universe

22nd 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: *What sort of king?*

In the course of the Year of Mark the lectionary occasionally borrowed from John where he offers a more intensive reflection on a theme.

We have noted throughout the year that Mark greatly developed the theme of Jesus as Servant Messiah. Mark portrayed Jesus as avoiding publicity regarding his miracles. At the first whiff of adulation he called for secrecy. But when it was a matter of suffering for the people he spoke quite openly. Furthermore, he repeatedly emphasized that the only true way to follow him is in a life of humble service.

On the last Sunday of the year we again go to John for the final statement of this kingdom of service. The trial of Jesus before Pilate clarifies what the kingship of Jesus is not and describes is as a service to the truth.

Pilate was a solidly turned politician. He homed in straightaway on the question concerning him.

“Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus needed to know where the question came from. ‘Is it your own question, Pilate ...,’ in other words, a political question about sedition ... ‘or is this a Jewish question about a messianic king?’

Pilate disclaimed any interest in the Jewish question. ‘These chief priests have landed you here on my doorstep.’ But he still wanted reassurance on the political threat.

Jesus set him at ease on the matter. ‘My kingdom is not of this world. You have nothing to fear. I have no armies training in the hills.’

‘So you are a king then,’ Pilate picked him up, although the anxiety had gone from his voice. Whatever else Jesus was, he was no threat to the peace.

Jesus then admitted to being a king of another kind. Was he reaching out to Pilate in an invitation to reconsider the values of his Roman career and way of life? He explained himself: ‘I was born for this: I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth. That’s the sort of king I am. One who frees people from falsehood, pretence, sham ... from hollow values and empty glories. One who has no weapon other than the truth to set people free. The people who have heard my word, who know what I stand for and follow me, they are my kingdom.’

What a contrast between these two men facing one another! Picture Pilate with all the external trappings of power, richly dressed, soldiers armed to the hilt to guard him, a powerful army in the barrack square awaiting his command. The soldier he had always been respected the might of weaponry. The politician he was trying to be aspired awkwardly to the art of compromise and the subtleties of wheeling and dealing.

Now picture the itinerant preacher from Galilee, so simply clad, haggard and drawn after a sleepless night in the cold cellar of Caiaphas’ house, hand cuffed with ropes. But which of them is free? And who has the real power? Jesus, as a king ‘not of this world’ represented a system of values alien to Pilate’s world.

The crown he wanted had nothing to do with personal honour but that the Father be glorified through obedience to the commandments.

The throne he sought did not set him apart from or above the ordinary people. His delight was to be among them and his desire was to have his teaching accepted in their hearts.

The Roman governor to colonial master to communist dictator, the kingdoms of this world were established by the unjust use of power and maintained by tyranny, corruption and exploitation. Jesus came with no weapon other than the truth:

the truth of God the Father, loving and merciful; the truth of our brotherhood and sisterhood in the world; the truth which like a sword cuts through all vain glory, injustice and falsehood; the truth that sets people free.

‘I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice..’

Silvester O’Flynn O.F.M. 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.

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

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.

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Queensland Irish Choir Inc. Invite you to attend their Christmas Concert.

The Choir will sing a range of popular Christmas songs. Special Guest Artists are the famous musical Trio

CLOUDSTREET with Musical Director: David O'Keeffe Accompanist: Tim Li

Date: Sunday 29th November 2015 St Andrew's Uniting Church, corner of Creek and Ann Sts. Brisbane

At 2pm-4.30pm. Cost is \$15. Bookings: Pat Deighton 3356 9172 or Mob 0409 497 557.

Email: deightfp@tpg.com.au

Ipswich Awakening are once again hosting their annual **Christmas Day Community Dinner** from 3.00pm – 6.30pm at the North Ipswich Reserve Corporate Centre.

Every year for the past 20 plus years, Ipswich Awakening has hosted a Christmas Day Community Dinner for those in Ipswich who are doing it tough, are alone or have no one special to spend Christmas Day with. We appreciate and welcome the assistance of volunteers from the community both in the lead-up and on the day to help us with this special day. We cannot put on this event without the assistance and generosity of volunteers. Please see Marie in the Parish Office for further information and how to volunteer your services.

SVDP Christmas Appeal. Thanks to all the generous people of our Parish who contributed **\$2023.30** to the St Vinnies Christmas Appeal. We ask God to bless you for your donations, which will help us restore hope to the poor of our area.

People's Climate March On November 30, the leaders of over 190 governments will gather in Paris to thrash out a new global agreement to tackle climate change. The agreement will be critical for putting us on a pathway to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions quickly enough to avoid dangerous climate change.

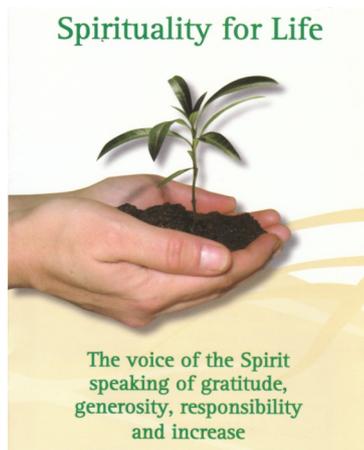
This is a key moment to show our support for strong climate actions. Please join us at 8.45am on Saturday 28th November at The Cathedral of St Stephen. We will proceed from St Stephen's to join other groups for the rally and march starting at 9.30am from Queens Park.

Contact Joe Foley on 3324 3134 for more information.



Children's Liturgy During the month of December there will be no Children's Liturgy due to Makerita having a well earned break. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Makerita for everything she does for the Parish and hope she enjoys her time with her family in W.A.

Thankyou to Christine Freeman for offering to do the flowers in the Church whilst Makerita is away.



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)

November 22, 2015

Feast of Christ the King

“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Accessed on 13th November 2015, from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>).

JESUS WAY – THE IMAGE OF THE STEWARD

All temporal and spiritual goods are created by and come from God.

That is true of everything human beings have:

Spiritual gifts like faith, hope, and love,

Talents of body and brain;

Cherished relationships with family and friends;

Material goods;

The achievements of human genius and skill;

The world itself.

One day God will require an accounting of the use each person has made of the particular portion of these goods entrusted to him or her.

Stewardship – A Disciple’s Response. A Pastoral Letter on Stewardship.

There was a man who was going on a journey, and who left his wealth to be tended by three servants. Two of them responded wisely by investing the money and making a handsome profit. Upon returning, the master commends them warmly and rewards them richly. But the third behaves foolishly, with anxious pettiness, squirreling away the master’s wealth and earning nothing; he is rebuked and punished. (A paraphrase of Matthew 25: 14-30)

Do you ever run into people who tell you they have no talent or no talents in particular? Their disclaimer is as bad as false modesty! Why would God create someone with no talents? Isn’t it hard to believe that God would do that? Instead, people who claim they have no talents need to take the time to discover what their talents are. If they truly want to find a way to serve God, finding out what their talents are seems to be a small price to pay. I also remember the old saying that if only the birds with the most beautiful songs were to sing, the forest would be a very quite place indeed.

Questions:

What talents has God given to you?

How have you used those gifts to further God’s kingdom/make this world better?

How have you helped others recognize the gifts God has given to them?

At the heart of stewardship is the ability to grow in our faith commitment. It is a growth that asks us to recognize the richness of the simplicity of recognizing what is really important in our lives. *Archbishop Thomas Murphy*