



St Francis Xavier Parish

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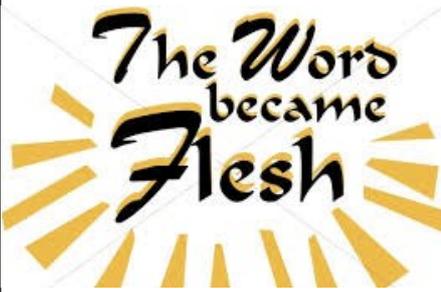
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Meetings: Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**19th August,
2018**

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



The Word became flesh

After hearing that the crowd were asking him for more signs, Jesus response was that they misunderstood the meaning of the miracle. They saw the physical result of the miracle but failed to see the spiritual aspect of the miracle Jesus intended to show them. The crowd expressed their misunderstanding over how Jesus could give his flesh for them to eat. In helping them to understand the sign Jesus tried to explain on several occasions that it was all relating to God's gift to the world and salvation for mankind. First, the sign was about God who gave the world his only Son to save the world.

Yes, it is my Father's will that whoever sees the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and that I shall raise him up on the last day v.40.

Second, the sign was on the person of Jesus who himself is the bread of life.

I am the bread of life. v.47

Third, the sign was explained in verse 51, it was now expanded with the specification of what kind of food and drink that Jesus had talked about when he mentioned about hunger or thirst no more.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day v.54.

Chapter six of John's Gospel is all about God's gift for the world and about salvation for those who accept the teaching of Jesus. Eternal life is possible because "*the word became flesh and dwells amongst us*" 1:14. Eternal life is possible through Jesus and he alone had the power to give eternal life. This is done through his death and resurrection. We are drawing life from the life of Jesus by welcoming his teaching. The Eucharist is life-giving because it is Jesus who gives life. It is Jesus who *gives life to those who eat his flesh and drinks his blood lives in him and he lives in that person v.56.*

The Eucharist draws us deeper into relationship with Jesus. The Eucharist is the centre of our faith. It nurtures our faith. It joins us to Jesus. It is the special food for our soul given to us from the Father. Refusing to accept the Eucharist means refusing to draw life and eternal life from Jesus. The choice is for each individual to response to the call from the Father: *this is my Son, the beloved, listen to him'*. Luke 9:35. Those who welcome Jesus will have life and eternal life; those who refuse Jesus will live a life of spiritual darkness with hunger and thirst. Welcoming Jesus into our lives means to participate into the heavenly wedding banquet- eating and drinking the body and blood Jesus.

Finally the sign Jesus meant explain in the feeding was nothing else but to recognize who Jesus was. Those who failed to see Jesus as the Saviour, the giver of life missed the sign and lived in darkness. We give thanks to God for giving his only Son, Jesus Christ for the world to save us from sins and offered salvation for those who follow his way, the way of love and charity.

Fr Vudinh Tuong



Baptism at St Francis Xavier Goodna

Baptisms are held on the **Third Sunday** of the month during the 9-00am Mass.

Before a Baptism can take place the parents must complete a Baptism Enrolment form which is available from the Sacristy, the Office or download from the Website.

Parents must also register with the office and let the office know what month you would like the Baptism to take place. On the **First Sunday** of the month the child is welcomed at the 9-00am Mass.

On the **Second Sunday** the Parents then attend Baptism preparation which is held in the Church after the 9-00am Mass.

When completed the Baptism Preparation form is returned to the office, Father or Peter Aiavao and is to be accompanied by a copy of the child's **Birth Certificate**.

Once all the above has been completed then the baptism will take place on the **Third Sunday** of the month during the 9-00am Mass.

Remember to register with the Parish Office first.

In September there will be no Baptism Welcome or Preparation the next Welcome and Preparation will be Sunday 14th October due to Fr Tuong being on annual leave.

Could you help Caritas Australia? Caritas is urgently looking for Parish Representatives in our Deanery to help us connect our parish communities here with our sisters and brothers in some of the poorest places in the world. You can help us locally by holding our work in prayer, raising awareness of the causes of poverty and assisting us each year with our Project Compassion appeal and global emergencies. You can also choose what you do depending on what you're comfortable with and the time you have available. Guidance, information and materials are all available and anything you can do would be much appreciated. If you have a passion to build a fairer world please contact Lynda on 07 3324 3134 or Lynda.Mussell@caritas.org.au for more information.

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 **August**. The box for this appeal will be in the Office so you can drop off your donations during Office hours.

Start shopping now also for the "It's in the Bag Appeal which will run from 16th November through to 2nd December. Remember in the bags put the essentials a woman needs and maybe a luxury item as well.

Further information can be obtained from their website: www.sharethedignity.com.au

Couples celebrating their **Golden Wedding Anniversary** together with their family and friends are invited to Mass to be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane on **Saturday 6th October 2018 @ 10.00am**. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28th September 2018

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Memorial Plaques for the Memorial Garden



At the end of August we will be placing an order for engraving of more plaques, if you would like on to remember a friend or loved one please contact Marie during Office Hours. A plaque costs \$25 which is payable at time of ordering.



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If you wear a hearing-aid set the control to the "T" setting to obtain a clear sound.

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Spirituality for Life



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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.’

August 19, 2018 - 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time *“Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise...” EPHESIANS 5:15* A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth. (Accessed on 15th August, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)



Marian Valley Canungra

All are invited to celebrate a special Birthday of Our Lady on Saturday 8th September 2018 at the Shrine of Our Lady Help of Christians, Marian Valley, Canungra. Commencing at 10am with Exposition, Rosary, Confession, Holy Mass (lunch available), Eucharistic Procession to the Grotto of Our Lady of Fatima, Benediction & Divine Mercy Chaplet. Mass Celebrant will be Most Rev Columba Macbeth-Green OSPPE, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilcannia-Forbes. For those not wishing to drive, a bus will leave here at 8-20am and Darra (Polish Club) at 8-30am. Fare is \$20—Bookings and info Ann 3282 0321 or Pam 3288 4594.



Your voice is needed! Form a small group for conversation about your experiences of faith, and the Church. Together, we are responding to the question: “What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?” Visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.



Thankyou to Jim Walsh for repairing and restoring the Paschal Candle Stand and the Tabernacle table. They are looking very nice indeed.



Only one month till registrations close for the Ignite Youth Conference. Registration closes on 7th September. Grab your tickets for Ignite at www.igniteconference.com.au/register. Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

This year to cut back on waste the booklets will available through an app. To help us, we need every delegate to download the conference app. It has all the information you’ll need including; schedule, workshop info, venue map and the conference news feed to interact with and connect with other delegates. Download it today from the Apple App Store or Google Play.



For Sale: Majellan Christmas Cards

I know its early but get organised now for your Christmas Cards this year. We have packs of 10 cards for sale at \$10 a pack. See Marie during Office hours to purchase or ring during Office hours for pick up at Mass on the weekend.

Hurry and get in early as we have a limited number of packs for sale.

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 20th August Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

Wed 22nd August Rosary 6.30pm

Thurs 23rd Finance Council Meeting 5.30pm

Sat Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Sunday Masses 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.

19th August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 9:1-6; Eph 5:15-20; Jn 6:51-58

Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

26th August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18; Eph 5:21-32; Jn 6:60-69



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	7.00 & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 24th August, Madaline & Anna

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, Barbara Wakelin, Jarrod Owens, Michelle Owens, Ellen Spicer, Hope Spicer, Allan Nolan, Stan & Betty Seymour, Matilda (Tilly) Mahon (22mths), Maureen McCallion, Pat McCallion, Jean Silvester, Martin Hindley, George Potter, Christine Walker, Phillip Hoy, David Robinson, Wilhemine Peters. 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: 19th Aug-25th Aug

Valentine Moroney, Sr Mary Theodore Lee, Anthony Folkes, John McGrath, Ralph Hall, Kerry Hayes, Darlene Perkins, Stanislaw Prokuda, Patricia Fitzgerald, Brian Eustace.



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