



## **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 Vudinh Tuong PP.**

**Parish Secretary: Mrs Marie Hodges**

**(Local Safeguarding Children Representative: Marie Hodges)**

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

**21st Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

**26th August,  
2018**

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



### **Uncomfortable**

Today's Gospel passage is the final dispute about what Jesus told the crowd *“If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you v.53.* This saying was challenging for all who heard it, both the crowd and his disciples. Jesus backed up not what he had said but rather re-confirmed what he had taught and also said you might see something more shocking.

*What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?*

v.62

He made his hearers to make choices. To change or not to change, to accept or not to accept. Jesus wasn't after popularity and the crowd had no influence on him. Jesus challenged the Twelve and asked: *‘What about you, do you want to go away too?’* Both the disciples who left Jesus and the disciples who stayed made choices but they understood what Jesus taught. Apart from grumbling and murmuring we knew nothing else were in their minds but those who chose to stay, Peter on behalf of the Twelve gave an amazing response. *To whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God” vs.68-69*

Peter meant they had found no one who had offered what would quench their hunger and thirst. They followed Jesus even though they vaguely understood his teaching but they loved him and placed their trust in him and intended to remain with him. Peter gave several reasons for them to believe. First they believed that no one had anything better to offer. Second, Jesus had the words of eternal life. Third, Jesus was the Holy One and fourth Jesus came from God. Peter's statement of faith was very much echoed in the challenging address that Joshua gave to his people.

*Decide today whom you will serve,  
the gods your fathers served beyond the River  
or the gods of the Amorites in whose country you are now dwelling.  
As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."Jos. 24:15*

Both the believers and unbelievers were hungry or thirsty for eternal life but when they found the One who offered it, some accepted, others refused. The ones who left Jesus were vocal and unhappy. They refused to adapt to a new way of life but preferred to keep the former way of life. They strictly observed the Mosaic law and continued searching. Those who welcomed Jesus remained with him and continued to be reformed by him and were happy. They were not vocal but asking for clarification to learn more from Jesus and welcomed the radical change with great joy. They respected the traditions of their ancestors but would love to hear from Jesus his new interpretation of the Mosaic law.

To follow Jesus means to allow him to take control of our lives; being led by him and making God's will is the first priority in life. It means to put aside my own will and wants in favouring of God's. It involves worshipping God and caring for the needy. Surrender of one's own will is a great challenge for us all; especially when unpopular events are placed before us to endure. We pray for the wisdom that we are not the master of our lives but God is.

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](mailto: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.

**This week is the last week for dropping off your Sanitary Items.**

Further information can be obtained from their website: [www.sharethedignity.com.au](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> October 2018 @ 10.00am**. Light refreshments in the Hanly Room will follow the Mass.

For catering purposes, please RSVP by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2018

E: [cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au)

T: 3324 3030

### **Memorial Plaques for the Memorial Garden**



Soon we will be placing an order for engraving of more plaques, if you would like one to remember a friend or loved one please contact Marie during Office Hours. Plaques cost \$25 which is payable at time of ordering.

Ordering will take place in the first week of September, if you would like to purchase a plaque please contact the Office this week.

**Monthly Healing Mass** Friday 7th September followed by morning tea in the Church Pergola.

### **Church Cleaning**

We are desperate for more people to volunteer some of their time to clean our Church in preparation for weekend Masses, also someone to take over the roster and coordinating the cleaners.

Cleaning can be done at a time to suit yourself and takes one to two hours. Ideally the roster would allow for an 8 week turn around but at the moment we do not have enough people for that.

Could your family help out? Or you and a friend?

**Fr Tuong and Marie would like to thank Mitch and Pam Dodrill for their time and efforts over the years in regards to the cleaning and keeping the roster going.**



### **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.

## 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.'**

**August 26, 2018 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time** "If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (JOSHUA 24:15) When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

(Accessed on 24th August, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin->



### 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.

### Multicultural Mass Thank you

Firstly thank you to the School for the use of the School Hall and the outside facilities, Veronica Lawson and Natalie Cullen.

Thank you to Peter Aiavao, Joe Masalu for setting up the Altar preparing the gifts and the beautiful Hangi cooked pork, the Youth Group for their great enactment of the Gospel and the beautiful Liturgy dance, Elaine Walters, the men on the BBQ. Everyone who brought food and to Anita who made the delicious cakes for the day. Also thank you to anyone who contributed in any way to the success of the day.

### Congratulations to the children who made their First Holy Communion on the day.



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

### Help our most vulnerable neighbours

Your gift helps Centacare's team of staff and volunteers to provide outreach:

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Less than a month now till registrations close for the Ignite Youth Conference. Registration closes on 7th September.

Grab your tickets for Ignite at [www.igniteconference.com.au/register](http://www.igniteconference.com.au/register). Discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.

This year to cut back on waste the booklets will be 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.

## PARISH NOTICES

**DATES**



### Dates for your Diary

**Mon 27th August Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.**  
**Wed 29th August Rosary 6.30pm**  
**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.

### 26th August 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Psalm: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### 2nd September, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Deut 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23**



### 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: 1st Sept, Nhu & Tien**

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Marie in the Parish Office. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks) The current Roster is available from the Sacristy. If you cannot honour your commitment please let Marie know.

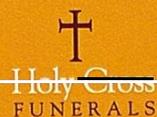
### We Pray for the Sick:

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 (2yrs), Maureen McCallion, Pat McCallion, Jean Silvester, Martin Hindley, George Potter, Christine Walker, Phillip Hoy, David Robinson, Wilhemine Peters, John Appelman. 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: 26th Aug-1st Sept

James Stirling, Bill Catlow, Connell Fryars, Stefan Janczuk, Gus De Glas, Valdas Grigutis, Janina Mvkoluitiene, John (Jack) Neden.

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