



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

**24th Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

16th Sept, 2018

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

GOOD NEWS: *The Way of the Messiah*

In Mark's gospel the ministry of Jesus falls into two parts. The first builds up to Peter's recognition of Jesus and the Christ or Messiah: the second half is the road to Calvary.

It reminds one of a mountain. In the first half we are climbing higher and the view is clearing all the while. In an exciting moment we reach the top and we can see perfectly in every direction. At last Jesus is known for who he is ... the Christ. Many people had been excited by him: they were ready to believe him to be an Elijah, or John the Baptist, or a prophetic character come as a forerunner of messianic times. But Peter's witness goes the whole way: 'You are the Christ ... you are the promised Messiah.'

The episodes immediately before this witnessing at Caesarea Phillipi were part of the build up to it. After the second miracle of the loaves the disciples still had not grasped who Jesus was. 'Are you still without perception?' he asked them. Then follows the curing of the blind man at Bethsaida, a story told in a most unusual way. At first Jesus partially restored his sight, 'I can see people; they look like trees to me but they are walking about.' So Jesus laid hands on him again: and then he could see plainly and distinctly. It is not as if Jesus was losing his touch, but this gradual healing indicates the slow advance of the perception of the disciples.

Then at last they crest the top of the climb. Peter, spokesman for the disciples can see.

'You are the Christ,' he said, meaning the Messiah. This climatic moment celebrates the end of the first half of the ministry of Jesus.

But Mark, as ever in a hurry, brings the celebration to a hasty ending. Matthew's account lets the disciples bask for some time in the delight of that blessed recognition as Jesus proclaims the blessedness of Simon Peter and gives him the role of foundation rock. But Mark has Jesus straightaway binding them to strict secrecy about his Messiahship. And the climb down from the peak of light to the valley of darkness commences immediately, for he begins to teach them of secrecy. On the contrary, 'he said this quite openly.'

People had their own preconceptions of what the messiah would do for them. They remembered the promises about power and glory, hoping that it would accrue to their own benefit in political and material ways. They conveniently overlooked the prophetic figures of suffering and martyrdom.

Peter took Jesus aside and remonstrated with him. All he could see was the human angle and it did not make sense. But Jesus strongly rebuked Peter, rebuked as in the ceremony of exorcism. "get behind me Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's." Peter's thinking was worse than merely human misjudgment. It was Satanic, diabolical thinking. We have several times come across Mark's awareness of the great war being waged by Jesus on the evil spirits.

Jesus had a vision of life that transcended death and went beyond the grave, the disciples would have to renounce an earth-bound vision of life which sought success, power and gratification only on this side of the grave. They would have to grow in the mind of Christ, learn his good news, and then live out of that vision.

Holding onto earthbound life is the recipe for loss of full life: 'but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel will save it.'

The way of Jesus was in the manner of the Suffering Servant of God. It was the way of the cross. And such too must be the way of anyone who would follow him.

Fr Silvester O'Flynn O.F.M. Cap "The Good News of Mark's Year"



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.

Cleaning Team



Church Cleaning

The Church does not clean itself it takes a band of volunteers to keep it clean. At the moment we only have a very small band of volunteers who clean our Church so we **NEED YOUR HELP**.

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.



The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is the new way of providing support for people with a disability in Australia and is now available for Ipswich and Brisbane residents.

To provide support for local residents who may have questions regarding the NDIS, Milton Dick MP is hosting an information session in partnership with the National Disability Insurance Agency (NDIA) on Friday 28th September 2018 for people with a disability, their families, carers and community members.

Date: Friday 28 September 2018

Time: 10am-1pm

Location The Salvation Army and Sony Foundation Youth and Community Centre, 27 Smiths Road, Goodna.

RSVP: Please RSVP directly to the NDIS by visiting the [Eventbrite page](#).

Please join Milton to find out more about the NDIS and get your questions answered.



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.

YEAR OF YOUTH 2018

"We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion." (GE 82)

– Pope Francis

Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete Et Exsultate *On a Call to Holiness in Today's World*



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.'

September 16, 2018 **24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
(MARK 8:34)

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

(Accessed on 12th Sept, 2018 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>

Our Church, our community. Doing good.

Thank you for your generous support of the Annual Catholic Campaign! Your donation will be carefully spent on the good works of the Church.

Your gift helps educate our future priests, care for elderly priests, ensures children from impoverished families can access Catholic education, and reaches out to our most vulnerable neighbours who live with the heartache of mental illness, domestic violence and social isolation.

Your generosity – great and small – is the answer to someone's prayer.



**2018 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**

The ACU Centre for Liturgy, in partnership with Liturgy Brisbane, is offering a public Short Course "From death to new life: preparing and celebrating Catholic funerals" at the Leadership Centre Brisbane Level 3, Cathedral House, 229 Elizabeth Street, BRISBANE on Saturday, 22 September between 9.15am and 4.45pm. The cost is \$60 and registration is essential, at: http://www.acu.edu.au/acu_centre_for_liturgy/short_courses. For more information phone 02-9701 4751.

Office Hours next week

Monday Office Closed

The rest of the week Office Hours are unchanged.

Whilst Father Tuong is away I will also be taking some time for family events which could not be changed.

Please note the last week of September and first week of October the Office will only be open on Monday 24th September.

Marie

Cover for Father Tuong

15/16 September—Fr Peter Weineke OSA

22/23 September—Fr Stanley Orji

29/30 September—Fr Roger Burns

6/7 October—Fr Peter Weineke OSA

Humour

Jim, Scott and Alex are tired after traveling all day and check into a hotel. When they get to reception, they find out they'll have to walk 75 flights of stairs to get to their room because the elevator is out of order. Jim suggests that they do something interesting to pass time while they walk the 75 flights. Jim will tell jokes, Scott will sing songs, and Alex will tell sad stories. So Jim tells jokes for 25 flights, Scott sings songs for 25 flights and Alex tells sad stories for 24 flights. When they reach the 75th floor, Alex tells his saddest story of all, "Guys, I left our room key at reception."

PARISH NOTICES



Dates for your Diary

Mon 17th Sept, Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.

Wed 19th Sept, Rosary 6.30pm

NO Weekday Masses whilst Fr Tuong is on leave.

Weekend Masses will be as per usual.

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.

16th September, 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9; James 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

Psalm: I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

23rd September, 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37



Services times this week:

Saturday	Vigil Mass 5.00pm
Sunday	7.00am Mass
	9.00am Mass

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	No Mass
Wednesday	No Mass
Thursday	No Mass
Friday	No Mass
Saturday	5.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.00 & 9.00am Mass

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 21st Sept, Kisa Senio

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 Spicker, 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: 16th Sept—22nd Sept

Bernard Carr, Frances Elmore, Roderick Burns, Neil Cansdale.

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