



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

**32nd Sunday in
Ordinary Time**

**11th November,
2018**

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

Generosity



When we talk about generosity we often think about feeding the poor and helping the needy and being kind to each other. It is a thing most of us would think of when we talk about generosity. Generosity is much more than just giving bread and butter. There are various ways we can give because the needs are enormous and in different fields. We can give time. Some need someone to listen to and make they feel welcome; others need companions to fill their loneliness and emptiness; others again need justice and their voice to be heard; others again need words of encouragement and support to carry out their dreams; others again need words of encouragement to combat their addiction. The readings mentioned the unnamed widow, the poorest in her society, a vulnerable, as an example to show how rich she was in the eyes of God. She was spiritually rich in contrast to the wealthy and the powerful who only thought of self serving and desired for honour and recognition from their own people. Knowledge helps one to accumulate material wealth but that is not the end; the end goal is how to put it to good use to make you spiritually rich by generously sharing what you have got to others. Richness in God's kingdom doesn't count on how much you give but rather how much love you put in giving and the attitude of doing it. The poor widow was praised for she had little and yet she was able to share the little resources she had; while others shared much more but it was the sharing the excess of their wealth. Generosity comes from the heart of a person and that is the way of the poor widow in the Gospel. The poor widow in today's first reading (King 17:10-16) saw the need of the poor man, on her way of collecting wood to cook her last meal, as much as of her own need of food. The widow believed that this was the last meal she and her children would have before dying. Sharing it with the poor man would not make much difference since having a bit more or a bit less was the same since they would soon die of hunger. The stranger demanding her to cook him a meal first before cooking for her own children was a bit much. She knew that, in ancient Israel, the poor of her society as her, was not required to share what little they have with others but she somehow did so because deep in her heart she had compassion for the needy. She believed in the goodness of sharing and more importantly she believed that what she had all belonged to God. Having a meal on his own also indicated that he was not a member of her family and yet she would feed him in times of hardship. Feeding the man the woman thought that it was her last act of hospitality before dying. She didn't know that God showed generosity to her and to each one of us in different ways. She recognized it after she had done good deed for the stranger.

The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah v.16.

The woman in the book of Kings acted in the same manner as the poor woman who offered two coins at the Temple, because *she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on v.44.*

Vu Dinh 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.

Upcoming Events

16th November - Share the Dignity "It's in the Bag" Appeal begins.

26th November - Parish Christmas Lunch 10.30am Parish Centre

1st & 2nd December - St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

19th December - Christmas Carols and BBQ

Parish Christmas Lunch—Monday 26th November, 10.30am—2.00pm



All the funding for the lunch comes from the raffles held on the day. Thank you to the parishioners who have previously donated prizes for the raffles and the lucky door prizes. Previously we have had 15 raffle prizes and 10 lucky door prizes. If you would like to donate to our raffles then please see one of the ladies listed below at the Masses.

We have continued to have the pleasure of watching the children from our School perform for us and this year will be no different. The Children love performing for us as much as we love watching them.

Due to an overwhelming response we are unable to take anymore names as we are at capacity already.

If you would like to donate towards the raffles please see these ladies after the Mass times indicated.

5.00pm Christine Freeman and Veronika Fenech

7.00am Grace Burton

9.00am Agnes Fryars. You can also drop your prize donation into the Parish Office during Office Hours.



For Sale: Majellan Christmas Cards

We have packs of 10 Christmas 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.



The next open day for St Francis Xavier Kindergarten will be Sunday 9th December 9.30am - 11.30 am.

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.



Plenary Council

The agenda for the Plenary Council will be developed from the "sense of faith" amongst the people of God in Australia.

Preparation for the Plenary Council begins with open Listening and Dialogue.

It is the first step to preparing the agenda for the Plenary Council.

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.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.'

November 11, 2018 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”?

A quick guide to your
#ITSINTHE **Bag** donation



CHOOSE A
medium or large
sized bag



FILL IT WITH
new essential
& luxury items



DONATE
at your local
collection point

Make sure you drop your bag off at **your closest collection point** between

16th November & 2nd December 2018

All items included in your bags MUST BE NEW and in sealed packaging for health, safety & hygiene reasons. Medium to large sized handbags or backpacks may be in good to excellent second hand condition or brand new.

PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE THESE ITEMS IN YOUR BAGS:

SHARPS: Including razors, knives and/or scissors. **FOOD:** Including but not limited to chocolate, lollies, nuts or alcohol. **PHARMACEUTICALS:** Including but not limited to panadol, nurofen, condoms and throat lozenges.

For more information visit sharethedignity.com.au/bag-collection-points

Share the Dignity It's in the Bag Appeal

The Appeal begins on November 16 and this year as well as the bag for women and teenagers they are also asking for a Baby Bag.

The Baby bag is for an expectant mother and the mum of a newborn who has nothing so in this bag will be the essentials for a baby, nappies, dummy, lotions, wraps and anything else you can think of that a Mum would need for a baby.

All donations can be left at the Parish Office during Office hours. Any questions please contact Marie or check the Share the Dignity website.

www.sharethedignity.com.au/christmas-charity/

Queensland Irish Choir

Invite you to attend their Christmas Concert called **“It's Beginning to Look A Lot Like Christmas”**

The Choir will sing a range of Christmas and Celtic songs which you are sure to enjoy. As this year commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the ending of World War 1 we will also be singing some wartime favourites.

Place: The Brisbane German Club - Vulture St. East Brisbane.

Date: Sunday 25th November 2018, Time 2pm – 4.00pm. Cost \$15

Bookings through Jennifer Dunbar Mob: 0447 744 788 Email: Jennifer.dunbar@hotmail.com

Tickets can be purchased at the door. Afternoon Tea is included.

Humour: A boy asks his father “Dad are bugs good to eat?” “That’s disgusting. Don’t talk about things like that over dinner,” the dad replies. After dinner the father asks, “Now, son, what did you want to ask me?” “Oh nothing, the boy says. “There was a bug in your soup, in your soup, but now it’s gone.”

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary this week

Mondays Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wednesdays 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.

11th November 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Psalm: Praise the Lord, my soul!

18th November 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 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: 16th Nov 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, John Appelman, Lorna O'Neill, Kathleen Hodges. 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: 11th Nov—17th Nov

Irene Marsh, Alice Jesburg, Kathleen Martin, Zupanc Rosalia, Keith & Cecilia Leek, Doreen Lovell, Sergio Caro, Percival Power, John Gray, Patricia Randle, Malachy Makel, Stan Breuer.

Recently Deceased: Rev Ray Kearney

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