



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

**1st Sunday of
Advent**

**2nd December,
2018**

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



Vigilance and prayer

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. It is the beginning of the new liturgical year. There are four Sundays in advent, prior to the birth of Jesus. Advent is a time for individual personal preparation to welcome Jesus into our life. It is the time for renewal, the time to look deep into our hearts and the time to reflect about our faith journey to see how closely we are on the right path, Jesus once said

I am the way the truth and the life -Jn 14:6.

Each year the Church invites us to give a special time to celebrate the two significant events of the liturgical year: Easter and Christmas. Each event is celebrated apart, at a different time of the year and yet they are related to form a life span of a person. It is the celebration of a new life on earth and a new eternal life in God's kingdom. It is true to say there is no dead without birth or no Easter without Christmas. We celebrate the birth of Jesus with the expectation that by his cross and resurrection he has set us free from the bondage of sin and death. Birth and death are two separate events of a human life and that is the reality of life. Our parents made preparations to welcome us into their lives; Jesus makes the preparations to welcome us into God's kingdom and we are free to take the offer. Advent reminds us to take the offer Jesus made by staying awake and being active welcoming Jesus into our life. To do it effectively we need to set aside time for reflection and personal examination daily. There is no need to live in despair but in hope and look forward into the future to Join Jesus when our earthly journey is ended. The colour for Advent is purple because it associates to penance, fasting, and royalty- the Feast Christ the King of the Universe we celebrated last Sunday.

Christmas and Easter link together and that explains why the First Advent Sunday Gospel reading is taken from the last chapter St. Luke before the passion narrative. Jesus reminded his disciples about the necessity for vigilance and prayer as they waited for his second coming in glory. The destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem and the persecution and tribulations were signs of the time. Jesus told his disciples of time, destruction and fear. It would bring fear and frighten those who have no faith in Jesus. For Jesus' disciples there is no need to live in fear, but rather stand firm in praying for strength, have faith in him and belief that he would never leave us alone in times of distress. If we believe what his prediction of fear and fright were to be correct; we then should have more faith in his message about finding strength and consolation in him. Everyone has already encountered events and circumstances that could lead us to despair. Through prayer and faith in Jesus, we have found strength and consolation in Jesus' words. He has promised to stay with us till the end of time Mat 28:20. Acts of charity and prayer would help us to see the presence of Jesus in our midst. In the midst of chaos and destruction of life Jesus offers hope and peace.

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

1st & 2nd December - Beginning of Advent

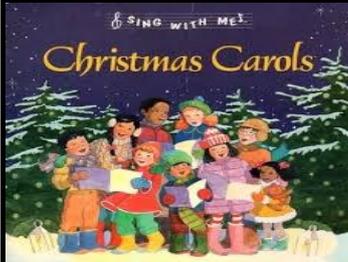
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal all Masses this weekend

7th December - School finishes for the year.

19th December - Rite of Reconciliation 6.00pm, Sausage Sizzle 6.30pm Carols 7.00pm

25th December - Christmas Day Masses: Vigil (24th) 5.00pm Carols Mass 5.30pm

Christmas Day 7.00am & 9.00am



Rite of Reconciliation, BBQ and Christmas Carols Wednesday 19th December 2018

Rite of Reconciliation at 6.00pm followed by Sausage Sizzle BBQ at 6.30pm in front of the Bell.

Then Carols in the Church at 7.00pm. Come along and get into the Christmas Spirit with your fellow parishioners.



Annual Special Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents

Rosary 6.30pm and Mass 7.00pm Friday 28 December 2018.

St Francis Xavier Church, Celebrant Fr Tuong

Arranged by the Knights of the Southern Cross

Especially pertinent due to the horrendous abortion laws in Qld.

St Vincent de Paul No Interest Loan Scheme

Do you know somebody who is receiving a Centrelink payment or low income?

Do they need a new household appliance or medical equipment?

Have they lived at their current address for at least 3 months?

Well, why not tell them about the St Vincent De Paul Society Qld NO Interest Loans Programs.

LOANS can be up to \$1200, with repayments as low as \$30 per fortnight and never pay interest.

If you would like more information on how to apply, please call SVDP Call Centre on 1800 846 643

Kindergarten



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.'

2nd December, 2018 1st Sunday of Advent

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand". Luke 21:28

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the Sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Christmas Concert Invitation



The Children of Redbank State School have been practising very hard for their Concert. They would like all parents, carers and friends to join them on Tuesday 4th December at 1.45pm in the COLA.

Christine Hodgkinson RI Coordinator.

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.

Ipswich Awakening Community Christmas Lunch has now been handed over to **"Glory City Church West"**.

This year's lunch will be held at Tivoli Drive In, 50 Coal Road Chuwar.

They are welcoming families and/or individuals who are isolated or without support on Christmas Day.

This event focuses on bringing together the community, the vulnerable and homeless; we do this by encouraging them to enjoy a free hot Christmas dinner and a celebration.

Glory City Church West, a church that has always been involved with distributing food hampers and providing help to the disadvantaged in our community as well as running the very popular Tivoli Drive in theatre.

For Table Bookings Please Email Us at events@tivolidrivein.com



PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary this week

Mondays Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wednesdays Rosary 6.30pm
Friday Healing Mass 9.00am
This Weekend St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal at all Masses
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.

2nd December First Sunday of Advent

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

Psalm: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

9th December Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

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

Reconciliation Sat 4.00pm-4.30pm

Cleaning: 7th December - Lulu Family

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.

Flowers: A new roster is in the Noticeboard and on the board in the Sacristy.

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: 2nd Dec—8th Dec

Edward Doyle, Audrey McCoy, Josephine Hurray, Anne Everett, Don Stubbs, John McElroy Jnr, Ethel Whiteman, Maria Hoang Thi Hanh, Evelyn Blundell, Bill Lewis, Ula Burke, Patrick Molloy, Vincent Hoang Van Duc, Melchior Gruell.

Recently Deceased: Margaret Missen



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