



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

**2nd Sunday of
Advent**

**9th December,
2018**

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



Cries for joy

Some believe that a wilderness is a deadly place, a place of desolation and scarcity. For John the Baptist wilderness was a place for physical maturity and spiritual growth in the Lord. His childhood life was in the wilderness and he actually grew up in the wilderness. Lk 1:80. His physical growth and spiritual strength were developed within the contact of personal scarcity, isolation, hunger, and cruelty in the wilderness. The pain of loneliness and injustice and mistreatment and other forms of abuses of oneself or to other people in our

modern society are considered as some forms of cruelty in the wilderness. For John the Baptist, the wilderness experience was a positive one because there he found his own vocation and made home with God. John was not alone in this personal growth; his Master, Jesus himself was very much regularly preferred to enter wilderness. He prepared his public ministry by spending days and nights in the wilderness Jn. 4:1. Later on in life, Jesus often escaped into the wilderness when people wanted him to be their leader. When his disciples could not find him in a crowd they found him alone in solitude, talking to God.

Prophet Isaiah prophesised that '*a voice cries in the wilderness*'. Is 40:3

Shedding tears is a way we express our inner emotion. We sometimes shed tears of joy and that is normal, a good thing to do. Our appearance seems to be at odd with our feelings because tears often associate to sadness and bad feelings. Shed tears for joy is a positive feeling. It increases our happiness. People cry because they're sad and after crying they feel better; when we are overjoyed we shed tears and we feel our happiness is increasing many folds. The word of God that came to John was in the wilderness Lk 3, and the word of God moved John to come into the open calling people to repent and proclaim the baptism for the forgiveness of sin. By renouncing sin that person welcomed the Messiah into his/her live. John served as the bridge between the Old and the New Testament. He was the last prophet of the Old Testament and the first person who paved the way for the Lord who was the establishing the new era, the era of Redemption. John's public ministry was well received by the public and also received opposition from the political and religious authority who refused to repent. His message of repentance threatened those who were active in the present order and they would fight back. John would end up in dead as we knew.

The voice crying in the wilderness must be a happy voice. There is no reason for John to be unhappy. He was happy because he was chosen to serve the Messiah, paving the way for others to welcome the Messiah. He was looking forward to begin his public ministry and cried out with joy when the time arrived for him to start. He cried out with joy when people came to him in abundance to listen to him and to receive the baptism for the forgiveness of sin. He was happy when soldiers and officers came to him for free consultation asking how to change their lives towards the Messiah. He was happy when he saw the Messiah and pointed him out to his own disciples. He was happy to learn that his message of repentance had reached the authority. He was happy to hear and see what others would love to hear and love to see but they could not *Mat 13:17*. Finally he was happy to bear witness for the Messiah with his own blood.

John's message shed light to those who were in darkness and come to welcome the Light. We pray to open the darkest corners of our heart to welcome the Light of Christ shining at Christmas.

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

8/9th December - Second Sunday of Advent.

12th December - Last Rosary of the year 6.30pm

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.



Vocation View Second Sunday of Advent Year C

Today, God's Voice rings out "Go, prepare the way for the Lord".

Is this call for you?

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.'

9th December, 2nd Sunday of Advent

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (PHILIPPIANS 1:9-10)

Glittery holiday ads can blind us to our stewardship values and distort our needs and wants. It is important that during this season of endless buying we remember that each of us also has the need to give back to God and to those that are in need.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you to everyone who gave generously to our Appeal this year, we raised \$1782 last weekend. Also a big thank you to the School for all the goods they collected for us.

St Vincent de Paul Goodna Conference



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 years 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

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

This Christmas St Stephen's Cathedral will host a spectacular sound, light and projection show to celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. From the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk, the Lights of Christmas will illuminate the side of the Cathedral with an enchanting 12-minute show, which will run continuously from 7:30pm until midnight every evening from 12 to 24 December.

We are thrilled to invite all parishioners to join us on the lawn at St Stephen's for this magnificent event.

Humour Daniel aged 4, returned from Sunday school with a new perspective on the Christmas story. He had learned all about the wise men from the east who brought gifts to the baby Jesus.

Daniel was so excited he just had to tell his parents, 'I learned in Sunday School today all about the very first Christmas. There wasn't a Santa Claus way back then, so these three blokes on camels had to deliver all the toys. And Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer with his nose so bright wasn't there yet, so they had to have this big light in the sky to find their way around'.

PARISH NOTICES

DATES



Dates for your Diary this week

Mondays Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm In English.
Wednesday 12th December, 6.30pm last Rosary of the Year.
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.

9th December Second Sunday of Advent

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

Psalm: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

16th December Third Sunday of Advent

Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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: 14th December Madaline & Caroline

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, Oliver Liddy. 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: 9th Dec-15th Dec

Margaret Watson, Allan Booth, Dulcie Neden, Doreen Toothill, Irene Fenelon, Edna Stewart.

Recently Deceased: Amalia Landaverde & Kathleen Hodges

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