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Regular collections per Mass.

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Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

1st Reading (JB) (JB) Ezekiel 17:22-24
2nd Reading (JB) 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Gospel (JB) Mark 4:26-34

Other Groups/Activities:

St. Vincent de Paul Society
meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 4.00pm in the Xavier Centre. **Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060
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Furniture Donations: 1800 621 349

Charismatic Prayer Group / Prayer Line / Ministry of Healing : Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103

Friendship Club (Seniors) - 1st Wednesday of month in the Xavier Centre at 10.30am. Bus trips on 3rd Thursday of month. Contact: Marie - 9775 8737

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Sunday Masses
Vigil Mass - Saturday Evening 6.00pm
Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am
Monday - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
Monday - 9.15am
2nd + 4th + 5th Mondays of month

Anointing Mass
9.15am First Thursday of month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am
Friday after 9.15am Mass

Rosary
Wednesday after 9.15am Mass
Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

Children's Liturgy
Sunday during 10.30am Mass

Legion of Mary
Tuesday: 2pm in Quilter Room
Charismatic Prayer Group
Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

Divine Mercy
Friday: 3pm in Chapel (private prayer)

Charismatic Prayer for Healing
3rd Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,
then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm
Mass:

Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
4th Sunday of month

Cell Groups
Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room
Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit prayer group :
Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel

Confessions
Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,
Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

The Sacrament of Baptism
1st Sunday of month during the Masses.
(Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)
4th Sunday of month at 11.30am (after the 10.30am Mass)

10th June
2018

Tenth Sunday of
Ordinary Time
Year B

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This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Genesis 3:9-15** and 2nd Reading **2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1**
Resp Psalm Ps 129 R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel: Mark 3:20-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went home, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind. The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying: 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So Jesus called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom can not last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he can not stand either - it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house. 'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies: but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.' The mother and brothers of Jesus arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ**



HOMILY FOR THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

The first reading from Genesis 3:9-15, presented us with the aftermath of the disobedience of God's command by our first parents - Adam and Eve. In this account, Adam blamed Eve for his misconduct and Eve blamed the evil one, (Satan), represented by the serpent. None of them accepted the responsibility for their actions. Hence, the blame game has continued to our today. However, when one makes a wrong choice or commits a sin, one should acknowledge one's fault and ask for God's mercy by praying, "have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. My offences truly I know them, my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done", (Ps 51:1-4).

In the sentencing the devil, (snake), received after the fall of humanity, the Lord said, I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.

The Fathers of the Church saw the first promise of God for a saviour of the world in the above quotation, (Protoevangelium). The woman in the story is interpreted as Mary and her 'offspring' is interpreted as Jesus Christ. Thus, Jesus Christ is the one who would crush the head of the serpent, (ie the devil), and the devil will hurt his heels. Jesus' defeat of the devil is decisive through his victory on the cross, while the devil's hurting of Jesus, (Jesus' death), is temporal because Jesus rose again from the dead on Easter Sunday!

Today's Gospel is complex. It presented us with different situations and attitudes people had about Jesus' ministry including the members of his family. People are used to things being either black or white and never grey. The religious leaders and the members of Jesus' family expected Jesus as a holy man, a religious teacher, a prophet and the Son of God, to be associating himself with only the good people in society. Hence, they were scandalised by Jesus' mingling with sinners and those at the margin.

John the Baptist had also presented Jesus as an uncompromising redeemer who would impart the Holy Spirit on people through baptism and gather the wheat into his barn while burning the chaff in everlasting fire. That is, Jesus would be a powerful redeemer who would relate with good people only. However, Jesus reminded us that it is the sick who need the doctor, (Mt 9:12), and that he had come to seek and find all those who were lost, (Lk 19:10).

As Jesus was seeking and rehabilitating those who were lost, including those who were held in the clutches of the devil, (Mk 3: 20-35), the scribes accused him of casting out devils through the power of 'Beelzebul' the prince of devils. Jesus reminded them that they were far away from the truth. He was the one prophesied in the book of Genesis who would crush the head of the serpent.

In Jesus saying that, "no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first", he presented himself as the one who is stronger than Satan and therefore, he is able to dispossess the devil of his spoils. He can free those held under bondage by the devil. Jesus is our redeemer and, in his name, "every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father, (Phil2:10-11). While it is true that some of those regarded as being possessed by the devil in Jesus' time may have been having psychiatric problems, through the discoveries of modern medicine, evil is real and there are people possessed by the evil one.

Jesus also said in the Gospel of today, that all human sins will be forgiven except sin against the Holy Spirit. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that, "There are no limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who deliberately refuses to accept his mercy by repenting, rejects the forgiveness of his sins and the salvation offered by the Holy Spirit. Such hardness of heart can lead to final impenitence and eternal loss", (CCC 1864). The Church expounds the sins against the Holy Spirit to include despair, presumption of God's mercy, resisting divine truths known as such, envying the spiritual goods of others, obstinacy in sin and final impenitence.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



St Francis Xavier & St John the Evangelist Parishes Combined Dinner Dance 16 June 2018 7.00pm to 11.00pm

St John's School Hall, Jayne Street, Frankston East Good music and great entertainment! Two Course meal - BYO refreshments - \$40 per head - **Make up your own tables, If you cannot attend - please consider a donation towards our fundraiser.**

We are please to advise that all tickets are sold.

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Annual Anniversary Mass Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year? The Life, Marriage & Family Office invite you and your families to join us at the Annual Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 29 July at 11am. Couples who register will receive commemorative certificates and packs. To register visit: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on: lmf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587. Registrations close Friday 13 July.

Resources for parish-based celebrations We have also developed resources to assist parishes in holding their own Anniversary Mass. These include prayer cards, prayers of the faithful and commemorative certificates for wedding anniversaries. We also have the text for a renewal of wedding vows. If you would like to receive these resources or have any queries about the Mass, please contact the office.

Childrens Liturgy e are in need of held of helpers for Childrens liturgy.

SVdP Society Thank you for your support for the Winter appeal. Collection boxes are in the church foyer for donations of non-perishable food items, clothing and blankets. Cash donations can also be made. Thank you on behalf of the many people we assist.



For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- **Mass & Prayer for Healing** - Sunday, 17 June at 5.30pm. The Lord Jesus offers us healing just as we are. That's how he wants us. Personal prayer ministry for healing will be available at the conclusion of the Mass. Praise and Worship begins at 5.15pm.

Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6) Natasha - tash.dewhirst@gmail.com
Next meeting: 1st June -7pm in Xavier Centre
(Ages 15-25) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967
Next meeting: 3rd June Sunday -6.30pm after Mass

Syro Malabar

Regular services Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass
There will be no services for the remainder of June.

SICK: We pray for Gerard Carra, Margaret Mackey, , Ivana Barbir, Irene Sinclair, Ross Monterosso, Krzysztof Krol Helen Harrison, Lee Cuthrie, Paul Czubyri, Michael Grogan, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel, Kevin Churchill and John Harrison.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Bill Pitts, Peter Freese

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for George, Rosa Fr Peter Cross, Josephine Clarke(King) Maria Bucca, Norman Spalding, Danilo Salvador, Aldo Nassuato, Margaret Butland.



St Francis Xavier Parish Prayer

O God, eternal Lord of all things: You created humanity in your image and likeness and so loved the world that you gave your only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him might have life and have it to the fullest.

Grant that, in imitation of the servant of Christ, Saint Francis Xavier, who carried the good news of salvation to many people we may courageously proclaim your Word and be the salt of the earth and light of the world.

Amen.

New comers / notification

Welcome and thanks for worshipping with us at St Francis Xavier. If you are new to the parish or have changed your home address or need Thanksgiving Envelopes, please fill in your details and drop it in the collection bag or give to the priest.

Name: _____
Address: _____
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New Change of Address
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