

Sunday Collection 10.06.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving Church \$ 1101 Presbytery \$ 540 Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. *Thank You*
Regular collections per Mass.

1st Collection - Church/Stewardship
Will be taken up after Prayer of Faithful
2nd Collection - Presbytery/Priests
Will be taken up after reflection following Communion

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :
1st Reading (JB) (JB) Isaiah 49:1-6
2nd Reading (JB) Acts 13:22-26
Gospel (JB) Luke 1:57-66. 80

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

LOCAL RADIO Catholic Hour: Every Sunday at 8am
Radio Rpp 98.7 fm contact Maureen Federico 9787 6540



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17th June
2018

Eleventh Sunday
(In Ordinary)
Time
Year B

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)

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This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24 and 2nd Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Resp Psalm Ps 91:2-3. 13-16 R. Lord it is good to give thanks to you.

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark*
The mustard seed, the smallest of all the seeds, grows into the biggest shrub of all.

Jesus said to the crowd, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

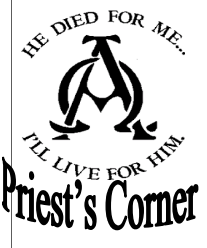
He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'
Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ



HOMILY FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B



Today's Gospel, (Mark 4:26-34), Jesus reflected on the mode of existence of the kingdom of God. He used parables about the planting of seeds and the seed's

germination and growth to illustrate the nature of that kingdom which can also be referred to as the reign of God, because the kingdom of God is not something physical it is mystical.

Jesus stated during his trial before Pontius Pilate that his kingdom was not of this world, (Jon 18:36). The people of Israel during Jesus' time were expecting a messiah who would be a warrior-king like king Saul and David and would help to liberate them from Roman occupation. Jesus, however, through his life, teaching, death and resurrection instructed the people of Israel that God's plan for a messiah was of one who would lead everyone, including the Romans who were the occupying force to a conversion of heart.

The Gospel of Mark, chapter four from which the Gospel of today is taken, contains four parables the parable of the sower, the parable of the lamp, the parable of the seed growing by itself and the parable of the mustard seed. Thus, in three of these parables, Jesus used seeds to illustrate his message. The most known parable about planting seeds is the parable of the sower, however, it is not included in the Gospel reading of today. In the parable about the seed growing by itself after it has been planted by the farmer, Jesus is teaching us that the kingdom of God has 'an already' and 'not yet' aspects. Jesus through his life, preaching, death and resurrection has planted the seed of the kingdom of God which would continue to grow organically. Just as the seed in the parable grew until it yielded a harvest, so would the kingdom of God continue to expound until everyone becomes part of this kingdom.

In the parable of the mustard seed, (which was the smallest seed the Jews in Jesus' time may have known), Jesus wanted us to reflect on how grace can transform nature. Just as the mustard plant which grows to approximately ten to twelve feet high provides shelter to different kinds of birds, so does the kingdom of God provide refuge to everyone. Jesus is inviting everyone to come to him so that his grace will transform them.

The first reading, (Ez 17:22-24), led a foundation for the Gospel of today. It prophesied about God planting a shoot which grew to provide shelter for the birds. The Lord said:

'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it.

The Church which is at the service of the kingdom of God, had a humble origin like the grain sprouting or the shoot growing. She grew from a handful of Jesus' disciples in Palestine to embrace men and women from all walks of life in the world. The Church which is the body of Christ, is always in need of conversion of heart. Though the Church is not synonymous with the kingdom of God, it however, mirrors that kingdom. Jesus said that there are other sheep of his that were not yet part of the fold, those sheep need to be brought into the fold, so that there will be one sheep and one shepherd. Just as everyone is invited to become a member of the Church, so is everyone invited to be part of the kingdom of God. No one should exclude oneself from that kingdom by making wrong choices.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Legion of Mary
Bayside Curia Reflection Day
St Patrick's Mentone
Saturday 23rd June 2018 Mass @9.15 am
RSPV for catering purpose
Frances Mulholland 5971 1924

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB
AN INITIATIVE OF CATALYST FOR RENEWAL
PLENARY COUNCIL 2020

How does this give a voice to the Catholic Community? Fr. Noel Connolly is a Columban missionary Priest. He is the current Director of the Columbans in Australia and New Zealand. Last year he was appointed by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference to the Facilitation team for the Plenary Council 2020. Hear him speak : Sandringham Hotel Wednesday 27th June, 2018 at 7.30 pm Crn Beach Road & Melrose Street, (Melway 76 G9) You are welcome to gather for a meal at your expense or join the group for 7.30-9.00 pm for presentation and conversation. For further details contact Vin 95306004 Or Kathy Lord 0417 649 037 for further detail

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.

The Knitting Group will be holding their next stall on Sunday 1st July . All proceeds will help our church. Inquiries: Yvonne Curnow on 5976 8480.



Childrens Liturgy
We are in need of held of helpers for Childrens liturgy
Your children would be delighted to have a parent helping out. We all need to support the children of the Parish, and help them to grow in faith and community. Please contact the Parish Office. Phone 9783 34894

Open Door is a joint outreach between the caring and communicating communities of St Francis Xavier and St Paul Anglican Church Frankston.

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- Please join the Teach,Preach,Reach (TPR) Group Next Sunday (4th of each Month) for Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
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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
NOT SERVICES DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE

SICK: We pray for, Ivana Barbir, Irene Sinclair, Ross Monterosso, Krzysztof Krol, Helen Harrison, Lee Cuthrie, Michael Grogan, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel, Kevin

Churchill and John Harrison.
RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Bill Pitts, Michael Angelico and Paul Czubryj.



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: _____
Phone: _____

New [] Change of Address []
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