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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

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

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## Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :

**1st Reading (JB) Ezekiel 2:2-5**  
**2nd Reading (JB) Corinthians 12:7-10**  
**Gospel (JB) Mark 6:1-6**



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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 - 1<sup>st</sup> + 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of month

### Liturgy of Word and Communion Service

Monday - 9.15am  
2<sup>nd</sup> + 4<sup>th</sup> + 5<sup>th</sup> 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

Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass  
during School terms.

### 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,  
then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm  
Mass:

### Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass

4<sup>th</sup> 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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of month during the Masses.  
(Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month at 11.30am (after  
the 10.30am Mass)

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24** and 2nd Reading **2 Corinthians 8:7. 9. 13-15**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13** R. I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

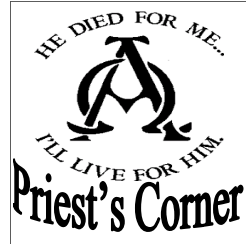
**Gospel (JB) Mark 5:21-43** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch his clothes,' she had told herself 'I will be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out of him, Jesus turned around in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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



## HOMILY FOR THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B THEME: THE LORD SAVES

The first reading from the book of Wisdom, (Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24), stated that God created human beings to be imperishable because he created them in his own image; hence, it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world. Hence, death was not God's doing. Prophet Ezekiel Clarified the nature of 'death' referred to in the first reading.

In Ezekiel 18:23 the Lord declared that He does not take pleasure in the death of a wicked person. So, the death referred to in the book of Wisdom was not merely physiological, but the inability to behold beatific vision. That is, the human person created in God's image being unable to return back to one's creator at the end of one's earthly existence.

God said through the mouth of Prophet Jeremiah that "yes I know what plans I have in mind for you... plans for peace, not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." To ensure that these plans God had for our well being came to fruition, God sent His Son into the world as our redeemer. Jesus Christ though he was rich became poor that we might be enriched (second reading; 2Cor 8:7.9.13-15). Similarly, Jesus emptied himself and became human that we may have the life of God in us (Phil 2:5-8).

This salvation brought to us in Christ was manifested in the Gospel (Mk 5:21-43), when Jesus healed the woman who was suffering from a haemorrhage for 12 years. The poor woman was suffering from a terminal illness. She has spent all her money on medication without getting better. This woman's condition is also being experienced today by considerable number of people in the world who are suffering from debilitating illnesses. Jesus wiped the tears on her cheek when he healed her after she touched his garment. This healing underscored that God's plan for us is for a peaceful and bright future even though we may have some setbacks and disappoints in life.

The healing experienced by this woman in the Gospel story is not only something of the past. Today, people continue to experience God's healing in different ways. Not long ago, A woman in her sixties told me a healing experience she had. She had a chronic pain in her knees which made walking very difficult for her. All those who knew her were aware of her condition. She was on medication while her doctor was considering her prognosis. One time, a priest was processing with a monstrance (used in benediction), and she said to herself that if she touched the cope the priest was wearing, that she would be healed. She did and she felt that healing had taken place in her. She said that her doctor was astonished at her recovery, but she knew that Jesus healed her. She said that prior to that healing experience she could not kneel because of the excruciating pain she was having in her knees, but now she can kneel for considerable period without pain! She narrated her story in the midst of those who knew her condition and they affirmed her story.

We have to acknowledge that at times, some sicknesses do lead to physiological death. Death is as blind as justice. It takes people indiscriminately – young, middle age or senior citizen. Death can be an emotional and difficult time for families. For those who believe in Christ, physical death is not the end of life but a transition through which we return to our heavenly home. However, Jesus in resuscitating Jairus' 12-year-old daughter wanted to teach us that as the Son of God, he shares in the creative power of God. Secondly, it is in anticipation of his resurrection from the dead, and thirdly, it makes vivid to us that God cares about our situations in life. It is because God cares about us that he sent Jesus as our redeemer.

This Sunday, let us pray for the grace of God to enable us to continue to follow the footsteps of Christ.

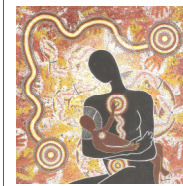
Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

Funeral Requiem Mass Service for Mrs Luba Ognew will be Tuesday  
(3<sup>rd</sup> July) at 1.00pm Viewing FOR 1.30pm Requiem Mass

### Notice from St Francis Xavier Primary School Principal - Colleen McGreal

I wish to personally inform all parents and children of St Francis Xavier School community, that after 11 years as Principal of St Francis Xavier, I have accepted the new Principal position at St Macartan's Parish Primary School in Mornington.

I have mixed feelings - delighted, excited as well as sad and curious about the change ahead of me - actually the news has not really set in. My last day at St Francis Xavier will be Friday September 21 as I begin at St Macs the beginning of term 4 (this year). Please know that Fr. Chinua together with Catholic Education Melbourne is committed to finding an exceptional leader to become the next principal of St Francis Xavier School. Mr Steve Peart our Deputy Principal will be working as Acting Principal until a new principal comes on board.

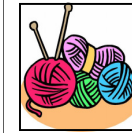


### Sunday 1 July 2018 Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Australian Bishops invite us today to acknowledge that God has been walking with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait

Islander peoples, making his presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years.

We pray in thanksgiving for thee ancient peoples who have enriched and sustained our continent overall that time.



The Knitting Group will be holding their stall **This Sunday**. All proceeds will help our church.

Parish Cuppa in Xavier Centre this Sunday after the 10.30am Mass. All Welcome - bring a plate.



Celebrating Anniversary Mass - Sunday, 29 July @ 11.00am St Patrick's Cathedral -

**Are you celebrating a special anniversary of married life this year.** Register on 9287 5587

**A RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE.** We invite you to retreat at home! To go into your "inner room" for a short time daily to ponder the experiences of your ordinary everyday life – your joys, struggles, unexpected events, work, your relationships, griefs, enjoyment of nature, etc. and to discover God there. Then once a week, on Mondays 1.15 – 2.15 pm, to share your experience with a prayer companion at the Heart of Life Centre. Five weeks, beginning July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please register your interest by July 16<sup>th</sup> - contact Heart of Life, 96 Albion Road, Box Hill, PH: 9890 1101 or email [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com) No cost – a small donation would be welcome.



### 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.**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for** Luba Ognew

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for** Marzio Leone, Kevin McCurdy and Modesta Landirto



### For Your Interest and Diaries

- Anointing of Sick Mass this Thursday at 9.15am.
- Children's Liturgy will now be on holidays until July 22nd.
- READERS & OFFERTORY Roster Volunteers: Liturgy Children's Masses have been moved to 1st Sundays of the month at 10.30am until end of year excluding holiday times. This will effect readers rostered for 1st Sundays. ONE rostered reader will still be necessary please. It will also effect those doing Offertory Processions. Please note dates for Children's Liturgy Masses.: August 5th; Sept. 2nd; Nov.4th; Dec.9th. Thanking you - Maureen Sharpe.
- Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle results are displayed in the Church Foyer.**
- Companion Training - Seasons for Growth - aims to strengthen wellbeing of adults dealing with significant life changes. 18 & 19 July in Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert St, E. Melb. Tel P. Sharp 9287 5505/www.goodgrieffl.org.au/product/548
- A third collection for Propagation of Faith Appeal will be held on 14/15 July

### Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6)Natasha - [tash.dewhirst@gmail.com](mailto:tash.dewhirst@gmail.com)  
Next meeting: 6th July -7pm in Xavier Centre  
Theme: Community Awareness

(Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967  
Next meeting: 1st July Sunday - 6.30pm after Mass  
15th July Sunday - 6.30pm after Mass

### Syro Malabar

Regular services Every Thursday night - 6pm Mass  
First Sunday of month - 4pm Mass

**Sunday Collection 24.06.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving**  
Church \$ 1440 Presbytery \$ 583

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

### 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.

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