

Archbishop's Golden Jubilee of Priestly Ordination

All staff, priests, deacons, religious, seminarians, parishioners and colleagues of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne are warmly invited to join Archbishop Hart in a Mass of Thanksgiving to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of his Priestly Ordination on Saturday, 22 July 2017 at 11.00am in St Patrick's Cathedral followed by light refreshments at the Central Hall, 20 Brunswick Street, Fitzroy.

For more information contact: nicky.kitson@cam.org.au / 9926 5612.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you are interested in attending.

Anti-Euthanasia Campaign Activities in Victoria

Those campaigning against assisted suicide & euthanasia in Victoria need to prevent the Bill even being presented to parliament, by convincing sufficient members that it is not the answer, & is such a thoroughly bad idea that it should be abandoned. Writing letters & signing petitions, both extremely valuable activities, are within the reach of every person. This weekend, anybody who has not yet added their name & address, (no signature necessary), to our petition, can do so in the foyer after each Mass. Anyone wishing to write a letter to our local Victorian parliamentary representatives can collect a simple letter/writing kit at the same time. I will be available to assist in any way I can: 9789 5291. *M. Long, Co-ordinator.*



Upcoming Events

- 2 July St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal
- 29 - 31 July CCR 50 Years - Jubilee Cross
- 20 Aug Confirmation Commitment Day

Mass at other locations:

- **Sunday August 13th at 5pm**
Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall
St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road

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.**

Feast Days: 3 July: St Thomas, apostle
4 July: St Elizabeth of Portugal
5 July: St Anthony Zaccaria
6 July: St Maria Goretti
7 July: Bl Peter To Rot, martyr

Other Groups/Activities:

St. Vincent de Paul Society

meets 1st & 3rd Mondays 4pm in Xavier Centre.

Donations/Assistance: 9769 6060

Membership: 0438 573 694; 9770 5570; 9783 3976

Furniture Donations: 1800 621 349

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

Knitting Group: Contact Yvonne - 5976 8480

Prayer Line: Carolyn Gobel - 5971 3103

Parish Cuppa: 1st Sunday of month after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre.

Other Cuppas: Every Thursday after 9.15am Mass in the Quilter Room and every Sunday after the 10.30am Mass in the Xavier Centre. Contact the Parish Office for information about the following: Catechist Program, Cell Groups,

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection -

14TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading Zechariah 9:9-10

2nd Reading Romans 8:9. 11-13

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

SUNDAY COLLECTION 25.6.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 1788

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 772

Please ensure you write your dollar amounts on each side of the envelopes. **Thank You**
Collection will be taken up after the Prayer of the Faithful.



St Francis Xavier Parish, Frankston

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Sunday Masses

Sunday 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 Mondays of month

Anointing Mass

9.15am First Thursday of month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

& Adoration

Friday after 9.15am Mass

Rosary

Wednesday after 9.15am Mass

Children's Liturgy

Sunday during 10.30am Mass

Charismatic Prayer Group

Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel

Legion of Mary

Friday: 2pm in Quilter Room

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) Mass & Adoration:

4th Sunday of month at 6.45pm

Cell Groups

Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room

Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

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)

AND

4th Sunday of month at 11.30am

(after the 10.30am Mass)

This Sunday's Readings:

1st Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16&

2nd Reading Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ



2nd July 2017

*13 Sunday
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HOMILY FOR THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The theme for our homily today is fundamental option for Christ which includes aiding the work of evangelisation of peoples. In the first reading taken from the book of Second Kings 4:8-11, 13-16, a Shunemite family took it upon themselves without strings attached to take care of the needs of Prophet Elisha while he was passing through their vicinity by providing him with food and building a guest room for him on the roof of their house. The guest room was furnished with a bed, a table, a chair and lamp. On one of his journeys, Elisha had a rest at the guest house and was so overwhelmed by the generosity of the family that he was moved to enquire about what favours the family would like him to do for them, like linking them with the king or with the commander of the army, but they declined to make any request. Gehazi, Elisha's servant intimidated him that they had no child, and Prophet Elisha promised them that God will bless them with a son within the next calendar year. Jesus had said in the Gospel of today that, "anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward."

In today's gospel, Jesus stated among other things that, "Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it." This are challenging statements from Jesus, especially in the post-Christian world of Australia. This injunction of Jesus about not preferring family ties to Jesus helped Christians in the early church not to apostate during persecutions. If these injunctions helped Christians in early church to stand firm in their faith and accept persecution rather than renounce their faith, these injunctions are even more relevant now because the church is under siege.

The reasons the church is besieged are several which include that some people no longer see God or religion as relevant to their lives. Some of the people within this category have become anti-religion and are fighting to expunge Christianity and every Christian symbol from our society. They make a mockery of Christian beliefs and values. If your spouse, or daughter or son have become anti-Christian, how can you relate with him or her? You love Christ, but you still love the members of your family. This is a real dilemma. Here Jesus invites you to bear witness to him in any small way that you can. Sometimes prayer, tears and life witness is all you can give. This was the witness of St Monica for his wayward son St Augustine who later repented, accepted baptism and then lived a holy life.

The church is also under siege due to some self-inflicted wounds that cries to heaven for redress like the preying on children by some church leaders. Jesus had warned his followers on the effects and consequences of scandals when he said, "if anyone causes one of these little ones – those who believe in me to stumble, it will be better for them to have a large millstone hung around their neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt 18:6). We unreservedly and unambiguously apologise for any harm that our actions or in-actions have inflicted on people and on the body of Christ. We pledge like St Paul to work even harder to make Christ known through our words and deeds.

We resolve and re-commit ourselves unreservedly to take up whatever cross that might come our way and follow Jesus. We promise to stand side by side, shoulder to shoulder with other disciples who are making Jesus known in the world. We will continue to make our services available to advance the good news of Christ, because it is the right thing to do and not just because we are hoping for a reward. However, we are always grateful to God, if he pat's our back to say well done, for he said, "If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward." We acknowledge that we are working hard not merely for an earthly laurel but for an eternal place of rest in Christ Jesus.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Paul Czubryj, Vima & Salih Basic, Greg Davine, Maria Barbon, Wolfgang Schlossus, Gloria Resubal, Alish Fitzgibbon, Graeme Purdon, Harry & Donna Arnold, Kevin Churchill and for all our Parishioners, friends and family who are not doing so well at this time, that they will recognize the hand of our Merciful and Loving God in difficult times.

We pray for all who have died recently and for Henry Balderas, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love of God.



Winter Appeal - Over the next few Sundays



Boxes will be in Church foyer for your donations of non-perishable, and not-out-of-date food items. Thank you for your generous support.

OBSERVANCE THIS SUNDAY FOR:

Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Sunday

The first Sunday of July has been mandated by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference as National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY FOR:

Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal



A New Eucharist Minister's Workshop will be conducted on Saturday 15th July after 9.15am Mass in St Francis Xavier's Church. All Welcome

29 - 31 July - JUBILEE CROSS
(Catholic Charismatic Renewal)



The Jubilee Cross is coming to Frankston Parish. To celebrate the great gift of the Holy Spirit the Cross will be carried to 40 parishes in 40 weeks to show God's Love for ALL people.

media release

Date: 29 June 2017

Subject: Cardinal George Pell



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

Archbishop Denis Hart is aware of the significance of the decision to charge Cardinal Pell.

Cardinal Pell has been a friend and brother priest of Archbishop Hart for more than 50 years. The Archbishop is conscious of the Cardinal's many good works which have been acknowledged both nationally and internationally.

It is a matter of public record that Cardinal Pell addressed the evil of sexual abuse in the Church on becoming Archbishop of Melbourne in 1996.

It is important all in society recognise that the presumption of innocence applies and that Cardinal Pell like all Australians is entitled to a fair trial.

In the interests of fairness and due process Archbishop Hart will not be commenting further.

**Media Enquiries: Shane Healy
Director -Media & Communications**

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

• **PARISH CUPPA THIS SUNDAY- 2nd July after the 10.30am Mass All Welcome - bring a plate to share.**



• Knitting Stall raised \$ 487.00. Thank you to all who participated - the creators, the sellers and the buyers.



• Children's Liturgy will be in recess during the school holidays after this Sunday morning. **Resuming Sunday 23rd July 2017.**

Syro Malabar

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



Mass at other locations

• No Parish Mass at St Augustines in July.
The next Mass will be 13th August at 5pm Parish Mass in St Augustine's Hall, St Augustine's School - Golf Links Road

External

♦ LOCAL RADIO: Every Sunday morning at 8am Peninsula Radio Rpp 98.7fm (98.3 fm Frankston) presents THE CATHOLIC HOUR free to air to benefit the community in general, the sick, housebound or people just wanting to know how we think! For further info contact Rpp (03) 5975 1234 (office hrs) or Maureen Federico on 9787 6540.

♦ Women's Retreat: The Dominican Sisters of St Cecelia invite women of all ages for a weekend of prayer, talks, discussion, and fellowship. Friday 14th July - Sunday 16th July - St Anthony of Padua in Melton South. Contact Fr John-Paul Mount on 9747 9692

♦ 2017 Corpus Christi Seminary Fundraising. Raffle tickets will be available from the Parish Office. The raffle will be drawn at the seminary, on Friday 25 August. You are invited to attend this evening during which seminarians present musical, drama and comedy items. Supper will be served. Entry is \$5 per person.

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

I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes