

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

- 15 July New Eucharist Minister's Retreat after 9.15am Mass in Church.
- 29 - 31 July CCR 50 Years - Jubilee Cross
- 3 August Anointing of the Sick Mass
- 15 August The Assumption of the Lord 9.15am & 7 pm Masses
- 20 August 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: 11 July: St Benedict
13 July: St Henry
14 July: St Camillus de Lellis
15 July: St Bonaventure

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, Youth Group and Fundraising activities.

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection -

15TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading **Isaiah 55:10-11**

2nd Reading **Romans 8:18-23**

Gospel **Matthew 13:1-23**

SUNDAY COLLECTION 02.07.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 1785

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 841

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.



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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 Mondays of month

Anointing Mass

9.15am First Thursday of month

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am

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), Adoration & Healing

after 5.30pm Mass
 4th Sunday of month

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 **Zechariah 9:9-10** & 2nd Reading **Romans 8:9. 11-13**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do.

Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ





HOMILY FOR FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

The readings of today present us with the theme of hope. In the first reading taken from the book of Prophet Zechariah (one of the post exilic prophets), Zechariah invited the people of Israel who were becoming despondent that their re-settlement in the land of Israel after their Babylonian captivity was not as smooth sailing as they had expected, to be patient and be hopeful in the Lord. He said, "rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now your King comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble riding on a donkey." Here, Zechariah announced the coming of a humble messiah who would "proclaim peace to the nations." The messiah will bring peace and harmony to people's lives. Prophet Isaiah listed the messiah's names to include, "Wonderful Counsellor, Divine Hero, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Is 9:5).

Sometimes, we may have similar experiences as the Israelites who had elevated expectations about their lives in Israel after their exile in Babylon, only to realise begrudgingly that nation building does not happen overnight. It comes with pains and struggles; successes and failures. There is a cost for freedom or independence, it does not just come on a platter of gold. Young couples too, have grand expectations when they entered marriage; for a respectable number, marriage has been the best thing that has happened to them in their lives. However, for others, it has become a nightmare; a dashed hope. Migrants and refugees leave ravages of war or persecution or economic deprivation in search of a 'new home land', where they hope to experience peace, welcome and financial stability. A respectable number of migrants and refugees have found a 'new home land', like the hundreds of thousands of migrants and refugees that have been resettled in Australia. A sizeable number of these migrants and refugees have integrated well into the wilder Australian society and have contributed immensely to the advancement of Australian fair. Here, worthy of mentioning is Ms Julia Gillard who came with her parents as migrant from Scotland and later became Australian prime minister and Bishop Vincent Long of Parramatta Diocese, who came on boat from Vietnam as a young adult. Some migrants and refugees have find it difficult to blossom in their 'new homeland', and a fraction of them end up in incarceration.

Jesus in the gospel of today (Matt 11:25-30), invited us to come to him with everything that weigh us down. He said, "Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light." With Jesus on our side, we will see our burden and sorrows in a new light. There may be situations that does not have an immediate solution, but the realisation that Jesus is walking with us and crying with us will bring new hope into our lives. Jesus invited us to shoulder his yoke! Yoke is log placed on the back of two bulls so that they can pull the plough. Animals are still used in farming in parts of Vietnam and Cambodia. Yoke is like a burden. Jesus is saying that if we consider our problem in the light of his suffering and death for us, then we can manage them until a solution is found.

Joys and sorrows, health and sickness are part and parcel of life, let us never give up hope. Sometimes in our life journey we may feel an eclipse of God because of the difficulties we are facing. Jesus even cried out on the cross that, "my God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" However, he later added, "into your hands Lord I commit my spirit". We should place our hope and trust in God's promises and allow him to act in his own time and pace.

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 Cosette Pijoe who died recently and for Martin Walker, Marie Michelle Remy, Anna, Maria, Teressa, Domnic, Antony & Lucia Abraham, Lombardo & Eletra Di Federico, Aurelio Carridedo and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love of God.



SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY FOR:

Catholic Mission - Propagation of the Faith Appeal
Please give generously to support women and children's health through Jesus' life-giving mission today.



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.



A New Eucharist Minister's Retreat 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.



INCENSE AND THE HOLY MASS

Incense is used not only at funeral and benediction but also in the mass. Incense is an optional constituent part of the mass. One of the gifts that was given to Jesus by the Magi was frankincense (incense). Psalm 141:2 states that "let my prayer arise before you like incense. In Revelation 8:3-4, we read, "... and the cloud of incense rose with the prayers of the holy ones from the hands of the angel to the presence of God". Hence, when incense is used at mass it symbolises our prayer rising to God.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) number 276 States:

Thurification or incensation is an expression of reverence and of prayer, as is signified in Sacred Scripture (cf. Ps 140 [141]:2, Rev 8:3). Incense may be used if desired in any form of Mass:

- a. during the Entrance procession;
- b. at the beginning of Mass, to incense the cross and the altar;
- c. at the Gospel procession and the proclamation of the Gospel itself;
- d. after the bread and the chalice have been placed upon the altar, to incense the offerings, the cross, and the altar, as well as the priest and the people; eg. at the showing of the host and the chalice after the consecration.

Source: Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp

If you would like to support/donate to Cardinal George Pell's legal costs, the Parish Office can give you the details. Please phone 9783 3484 during the working week.

For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- IN RECESS: Third Sunday of each Month's Prayer for Healing until the third Sunday in September- (17th) at 5.30pm. Praise and Worship will begin at 5.15pm.
- Children's Liturgy will be in recess during the school holidays **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

- ♦ John Paul College Open Day - Thursday 10th August . Please register at www.jpc.vic.edu.au
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ 2017 Fundraising Dinner for The Mary MacKillop Foundation - supporting small life changing projects. Friday, 25 August, 7pm with appetisers at Mount St Joseph Girls' College, Altona. Cost: \$40pp (3 course meal, BYO drinks). Booking contact: 9926 9300.

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