

Next SUNDAY  
A third collection for Propagation of Faith Appeal will be held on 14/15 July

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :  
**1st Reading (JB) Amos 7:12-15**  
**2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 1:3-14**  
**Gospel (JB) Mark 6:7-13**



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8th JULY  
2018

14th 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 - 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)

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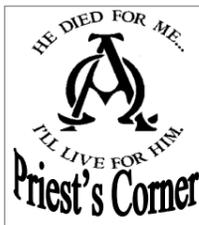
This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Ezekiel 2:2-5** and 2nd Reading **Corinthians 12:7-10**  
**Resp Psalm Ps 122 R.** Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

**Gospel (JB) Mark 6:1-6** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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





## HOMILY FOR THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

The first reading of the book of the Prophet Ezekiel (ez 2:2-5) presented us with the theme of rejection within the context of the call of Ezekiel as a prophet. The people of Israel through their misdeeds had rejected God. The Lord who referred to them as rebels said to Ezekiel, "I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me." The rejection of God also leads to the rejection of God's messenger – the prophet. But the Lord instructed Ezekiel to remain steadfast in proclaiming the terms of the covenant between Him and the people of Israel. The truth needs to be said whether it is convenient or not and, we ought to prudently stand up for what is right whether people agree with us or not.

Proclaiming the Good news among those who are hostile to it can be like a thorn in the flesh (second reading; 2Cor12:7-10). St Paul may have had a health condition that was terminal or a speech impediment which he referred to as a thorn in the flesh. However, in spite of the limitations the 'thorn in the flesh' might have imposed on him, he refused to be defined by his weaknesses. On the contrary, he allowed the grace of Christ to radiate through him as his ambassador. He wrote thus, "So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong." Yes indeed, when we are weak, the grace of Christ makes us strong. Here, we think of inspirational speaker like Nick Vujicic who was born limbless and yet he is living a happy and inspiring life.

In the Gospel, (Mark 6:1-6), Jesus visited his home town of Nazareth with his disciples. As his custom was, he went to the Synagogue to pray and teach on the Sabbath day. This might have been the first time his country people had seen him since he started his public ministry. His country people could not come to terms that one of their own, who grew among them and walked their streets was the Chosen One of God. There is an English adage that familiarity breeds contempt! We read in the Gospel that they "were astonished when they heard him" preach and they said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him."

At times, our prejudices blind us from the truth. Let us ponder a while on the Nazarenes assessment of Jesus; they acknowledged that he was wise and performed miracles. These discernible gifts of Jesus should have led them to a deeper search about who Jesus was, and they would have come to the realisation that he was descended from the line of David, and had been anointed by the Holy Spirit, and hence the promised Messiah. It is worth noting that sometimes people look down on themselves and might take over the talking points others use to denigrate them. For instance, when Nathaniel was informed by Philip that they have found the messiah spoken about by Moses and that he was Jesus from Nazareth, Nathaniel guessed if anything good can come from Nazareth? (Jn 1:45). In the Gospel of today, the Nazarenes themselves are in disbelief that something good like a prophet or messiah could be one of themselves.

Jesus was amazed at their lack of faith and hence, did not perform a lot of miracles among them. Miracles for Jesus was not merely empty shows for self-aggrandizement but living signs that should lift up people's hearts to glorify God and to acknowledge him as the Messiah.

The brothers and sisters of Jesus mentioned in the Gospel of today might be Jesus cousins or relations. Among the Semitic people like people from Asian and African continents, cousins and relations may be referred to as one's brothers and sisters. Mark 15:40 gives us a hint that Mary the mother of James and Joset was different from Mary the mother of Jesus. In the above stated verse, Mark mention Mary the mother of James and Joset as one of the women that watched the death of Jesus on the cross from a distance. If the afore mentioned Mary was the mother of Jesus, then it would have been superfluous for Mark to refer to her as the mother of someone else, rather than the mother of person (Jesus) who was dying on the cross. Hence, those mentioned as siblings of Jesus have their parents.

*Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp*

### New Archbishop Elect

Following the retirement of Archbishop Denis Hart DD, his Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Most Rev. Peter Comensoli as the Archbishop-Elect of Melbourne Archdiocese. His Mass of Welcome will be on August 1st at 7.00 pm in St Patrick's Cathedral. You are all invited to participate in Mass.

Knitting Group stall last Sunday raised \$535 for the church. Big Thank you to Yvonne Curnow, the team of knitters and all who helped at the stall.

**If you would like to make items for future Knitting Stalls, please contact Yvonne on 9498 6741 .**

Many hands make light work and all proceeds go to our church.

Thank you to Paul Stubbs for the amazing work of connecting up a temporary sound system for last Sunday from the bit's and pieces he had at home.



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 Please register by 13th July.

### Other Groups/Activities:

#### St. Vincent de Paul Society

meets 1st & 3rd Mondays at 4.00pm in the Xavier Centre. **Donations/Assistance:** 9769 6060

**Membership:** 0410 569 357, 9781 4761, 9783 3976

**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 0410 524 338



### 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** Len Crowe, Alfredo Fiorenzo, Vangie Phillips, Michael Grogan, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel and Kevin Churchill.

### DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for

Martin Walker, Marie Michele Remy, Colin Read, Henry Surma and Teofilo Ollada,



### For Your Interest and Diaries

- **Mass & Prayer for Healing** - Sunday, 15th July, 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.
- 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.
- 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.goodgriefl.org.au/product/548

### Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6) Natasha - tash.dewhurst@gmail.com  
Next meeting: Friday 3rd Aug -7pm in Xavier Centre  
Theme: Community Awareness

(Ages 15-25 ) Lyzbeth Grenness - 0438 003 967  
Next meeting: Sunday 22 July - 6.30pm after Mass

### Syro Malabar

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

### Sunday Collection 01.07.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 2505 Presbytery \$ 837

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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New  Change of Address

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