

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

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :
1st Reading (JB) Jeremiah 23:1-6
2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 2:13-18
Gospel (JB) Mark 6:30-34



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15th JULY 2018

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday Masses
 Vigil Mass - Saturday Evening 6.00pm
 Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am, 5.30pm

Rosary
 Wednesday after 9.15am Mass
 Before Mass Tuesday and Saturday

Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR), Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
 4th Sunday of month

Weekday Masses
 Tuesday - Saturday 9.15 am
 Monday - 1st + 3rd Mondays of month

Children's Liturgy
 Every Sunday during 10.30am Mass during School terms.

Cell Groups
 Tuesday: 10.00am in Quilter Room
 Thursday: 7.30pm in Quilter Room

Liturgy of Word and Communion Service
 Monday - 9.15am
 2nd + 4th + 5th Mondays of month

Legion of Mary
 Tuesday: 2pm in Quilter Room
Charismatic Prayer Group
 Wednesday: 7.30pm in Chapel.

Eucharistic Adoration of the Holy Spirit prayer group :
 Wednesday: 1.00pm in Chapel
Confessions
 Saturday: 10am - 10.30am,
 Saturday: 5.30pm - 5.50pm

Anointing Mass
 9.15am First Thursday of month

Divine Mercy
 Friday: 3pm in Chapel (private prayer)

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)

Exposition of Blessed Sacrament & Adoration
 Wednesday 8.40am-9.10am
 Friday after 9.15am Mass

Charismatic Prayer for Healing
 3rd Sunday of month: 5.15pm music,
 then Prayer for Healing after 5.30pm Mass:

This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Amos 7:12-15** and 2nd Reading **Ephesians 1:3-14**
Resp Psalm Ps 84:9-14 R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

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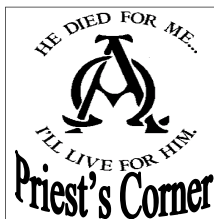
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Gospel (JB) Mark 6:7-13 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.



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



HOMILY FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

The first reading is taken from the book of prophet Amos (Am 7:12-15). Amos who hailed from Southern Israel was an ordinary citizen – a sheep-breeder before he was chosen by God to go and prophesy to the people of Northern Israel. During the time of Amos, Israel was divided into two Kingdoms.

The southern Kingdom of Judah was ruled by King Uzziah, and King Jeroboam reigned over the Northern Kingdom. Amos went to Northern Israel to prophesy against the excessive amassing of wealth by the rich that had led to a huge chasm between the rich and the poor and the exploitation of the poor by the rich. Amos believed that such excessive acquisition of wealth that had pushed the masses to destitution was evident in the palace of the king and in the national temple. Hence, for prophet Amos, if there was to be a redress to this extreme capitalism, that was inimical to integral progress, the change must start from the country's leadership. This conviction led him to go and preach at the national temple which was the king's place of worship.

Amaziah the priest of the Temple (king's sanctuary), who receives his maintenance from the king's treasury was hostile to prophet Amos because he was attacking the source of his sustenance. He accused Amos of not being a true prophet like Isaiah and Elijah who were called by God, but only a seer who earned his living by giving advice to people. He then instructed Amos thus, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. Amaziah had become complacent with the social milieu and had turned blind eye to the exploitation of the poor that was pushing more people to the fringe of the society. Amos insisted to Amaziah that he did not belong to the band of prophets (seers), he was a farmer, breeding sheep before he received a call from God like other Old Testament prophets and was entrusted with a mission to Northern Israel.

The questions that arise from the first reading include; do I compromise my values because of the people I associate with? Do I compromise my values for material gain? Am I materialistic? Do I turn a blind eye to the marginalisation and victimisation of the vulnerable people in our society? Do I take positive steps toward righting a wrong that I have done? Am I accommodative to constructive criticisms?

In the Gospel of today, (Mk 6:7-13), Jesus sent out his apostles in pairs on a missionary journey. His disciples were to follow in the foot steps of the genuine prophets like Amos (first reading). He instructed them, "to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals, but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.'" The staff was needed as a prop because of the long distance the disciples would be travelling and also as a weapon to ward-off dangerous animals. The disciples were not to be encumbered by their possessions as they engaged in missionary activities. They were to trust in providence and rely on people's generosity and hospitality for their upkeep.

Jesus' insistence that his disciples should travel light on their missionary journey is a reminder to the church that she must never rest in her oars. She must resist the temptation of being satisfied with the status quo. She should always look for new avenues to disseminate the Good news. We recall that Jesus during his earthly ministry was always going beyond frontiers. For instance, after healing Simon Peter's mother-in-law of fever and curing other sick people of their ailments, he secretly went to a lonely place to pray. When his disciples finally found where he was and informed him that everyone was looking for him, he said to them that they had to go and minister to other villages and towns that had not yet heard the Good News, (Mk 1:29-39). Everyone is being invited to be a missionary in little or big ways.

The church should be on the watch that she does not become materialistic and that her wealth does not become an obstacle to the spreading of the Good News. She must always be conscious of the criticisms of prophet Amos on the Northern Kingdom of Israel and Jesus' insistence that missionaries should not be bogged down by materialism.

The disciples of Jesus were able to bring the Good News of reconciliation and healing to those who were hungry to hear it. May this Good News of God's reconciliation and healing continue to spread today through our hands, amen.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSP

THIS SUNDAY - A third collection for Propagation of Faith Appeal . This collection will be taken up simultaneously with the Second Collection..

In honour of Archbishop Denis Hart's service to the Archdiocese over 51 years and upon his retirement as Archbishop of Melbourne you are warmly invited to attend a Mass Of Thanksgiving.

To be celebrated in St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 21st July at 11.00am
RSVP: - Please reply using TryBooking link <https://www.trybooking.com/WXJV> by Wednesday 18th July 2018.



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 the Mass.

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



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, Michael Grogan, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel and Kevin Churchill.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Eduardo Manalo, Josie Smith and K.T. Joseph Kozhuppakkalam

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for Marie Robinson, Lynette Sue Thomas, Jaroslav Prib, Dante Cicuttini and Lucia Abraham.



Next Fundraising Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 24th July @ 7pm in Quilter Room. All Welcome.

For Your Interest and Diaries



- Baptism This SUNDAY -** Welcome to Hannah Prabowo, daughter of Arie and Wee Wee who will be baptised in our Church this Sunday. Prayers for this child, parents, grandparents and Godparents.
- Please join the Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR) Group Next Sunday (4th of each Month) for Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
- Children's Liturgy will now be on holidays until July 22nd.

Youth Groups

(Grades 5&6)Natasha - tash.dewhirst@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 08.07.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 1673 Presbytery \$ 708
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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