

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

- 29 - 31 July CCR 50 Years - Jubilee Cross
- 3 August Anointing of the Sick Mass -9.15am Mass
- 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 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: 20 July: St Apollinaris
21 July: St Lawrence of Brindisi
22 July: St Mary Magdalene

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 -

16TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

1st Reading Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

2nd Reading Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Matthew 13:24-43

SUNDAY COLLECTION 09.07.2017

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Church \$ 1897

Thanksgiving Offering-Pledged - Presbytery \$ 734

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 + 5th 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

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 Isaiah 55:10-11 &

2nd Reading Romans 8:18-23

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23 A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise be to you Lord Jesus Christ

16th July 2017

*15 Sunday
in
Ordinary
Time
Year A*



15TH SUNDAY IN THE ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A
HOMILY

Isaiah draws our attention to how the rain and snow can soften the soil and thus make it malleable for crops to grow and draw nutrients from it. He then draws a similarity with the word of God that makes the human heart malleable to accept the precepts of God.

St Paul reminds us in the second reading that creation is awaiting redemption. Creation became in need of redemption due to the fall of humanity in Adam and Eve. Creation has been redeemed in Christ, but the fullness of redemption will only take place at the end of time, during the second coming of Christ. Though as Christian we have been grafted into Christ through our baptism, we are still awaiting our final glorification in Christ.

The Gospel presents us with the parable of the sower. This parable is taken from an agricultural background. A farmer after preparing his field for planting rice/wheat scatters the grain all over the field. Though the field has been ploughed, there may still be some weed roots or stems that survived the tilling, or some stones or rocks that are mixed with the soil. When the grains are being scattered, some may fall beyond the protected area. It is within this context that the parable talks about some seeds being food for the birds, some may fall on rocks and hence scoured by the sun since their roots will have no depth, others may germinate but may be choked by weeds or thorns, and respectable number will germinate on good soil and bear fruits.

Jesus compared the above scenarios to different people that are accosted with the Word of God but receive it differently. The proclaimer of this Word of God is Jesus himself. There may be times that we are full of fervour or enthusiasm about our faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and times that we are very lukewarm and uninterested about our faith. There are times that we are faith-filled and times that we are doubtful. There are times we live in accordance to the demands of faith, and there are times we betray the faith by what we do or say or did not do or did not say. The fact that the seeds that fell on good soil yielded differing percentage of fruits is a reminder to us that though all the baptised are Christians, however, we still need to nurture our faith. It is not enough to baptise a child, but we should bring him/her up in the faith.

Similarly, as adults, we need to grow our faith by meditating on the books of the bible which are like letters from home. It is also essential that we read some church documents like the catechism of the catholic church and other spiritual books. Let us also make time to participate in other meditations and spiritual activities. Just participating in mass on Sunday and doing nothing else throughout the week may not be enough. Conversion of heart and manners is also essential for us to yield a bumper harvest.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



The Holy Scriptures
LETTERS
are our letters
FROM HOME
from home.

At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Mercy Pope Francis, in Misericordia et misera, identified some opportunities to further the work of creating a culture of Mercy in parish life. **One of these opportunities was to devote a Sunday of the year to highlighting the Word of God.** In the Archdiocese of Melbourne parishes are invited to mark this occasion this Sunday.



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

Celebrating 50 years

To celebrate 50 years of Renewal within in the Church the Jubilee Cross is travelling around Victoria.

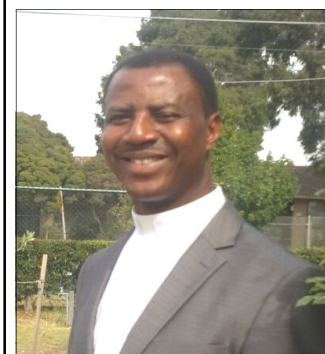
The Renewal brought about a new awareness of the holy Spirit and a reminder of the Love of God the Father for all. This Renewal was called the Charismatic Renewal because of the Holy Spirit gifts (Charisims as they are also called).

We have the Holy Spirit within as it tells us in 1 Corinthians 3:16 and we all believe that Jesus Christ is our Lord and Saviour.

What a great opportunity to celebrate the great Love of our Triune God for all of us. St Frances Xavier Parish has been given the great honor to be one of the 40 hosting Churches.

The Jubilee Cross was blessed by Archbishop Hart 26.02.2017 at St Patricks Cathedral.

We look forward to 29-30-31 July when we can participate in this great celebration.



CONGRATULATIONS
and Blessings for our
PP Fr. Chinua.

This Sunday we celebrate with Father his ordination to the priesthood 23 years ago .

We praise and thank God for his vocation. We are truly blest!

We pray with loving and trustful hearts for Billy Coburn, Ross Monterosso, Paul Czubryj, Vima & Salih Basic, Greg Davine, Wolfgang Schlossus, Gloria Resubal, Alish Fitzgibbon, Graeme Purdon 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 Ruth Roberts and Lindsay Marie who died recently and for Lynette Sue Thomas, Thelma Caspersz, MC John, Anna & Mathew, VM Simon and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May the souls of all departed rest in the peace and love of God.



For Your Interest and Diaries

St Francis Xavier - Frankston

- Please join the Teach, Preach, Reach (TPR) Group next Sunday (4th of each Month) for Adoration & Healing after 5.30pm Mass
- St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Our Parish Conference is pleased to thank you, on behalf of the people we assist in Frankston, for your generous donations of food, clothing and blankets. Your generosity in the Winter Appeal also raised \$1086 in funds to support our work. On behalf of those we assist and our conference members, we offer our sincere thanks for your kindness. May the Lord richly bless you, as we keep you in our prayers. Thank You.!
- 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 resume 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.

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