

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

Next Sunday's Readings for Reflection :
1st Reading (JB) 2 Kings 4:42-44
2nd Reading (JB) Ephesians 4:1-6
Gospel (JB) John 6:1-15



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22nd JULY
 2018

16th 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 - 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
 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

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

**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

1st Sunday of month during the Masses.
 (Saturday Evening Mass inclusive)
 4th Sunday of month at 11.30am (after
 the 10.30am Mass)

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This Sunday's Readings: 1st Reading **Jeremiah 23:1-6** and 2nd Reading **Ephesians 2:13-18**
Resp Psalm Ps 22 R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Gospel (JB) Mark 6:30-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.



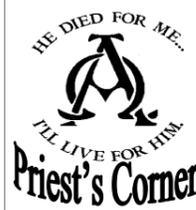
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Legion of Mary Lady of All Nations Prasesidium

The Legion of Mary would like to invite you to have the statue of Our Lady of Fatima visit your home for a week to pray for world peace and the conversion of sinners. Please register your interest at the Piety Shop after Sunday Masses or contact Frances - 5971 1924



HOMILY, SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Theme - Jesus Christ the True Shepherd

One of the titles of a king of Israel was Shepherd. This was taken from agricultural background. Some of the great patriarchs and leaders of the Jews were actual shepherds like Abraham, (Gen 21:28), Moses (Ex 3:1), and King David, (1Sam 16:11). Just as shepherds combine the gift of strength and tenderness in taking care of their flock so are kings expected to pasture their people, both the strong and the vulnerable. They are to take special care of the widows and the orphans.

Just as shepherds protect and lead their flock to greener pastures, so are kings expected to provide security for the people of Israel and lead them to God who is their grand protector and provider. During the prophecy of Jeremiah which lasted from 628 BC to about 586 BC, there were good and bad kings in Israel. King Josiah who reigned from 640 - 609 BC was a good King. He implemented religious reform during his reign which included calling the Israelites to repentance by renewing the covenant God made with their ancestors at Mount Sinai. The Jews had abandoned this covenant by worshipping Baals. Josiah destroyed the altars of Baals and renovated and refurbished the temple in Jerusalem. It was during the renovation of the Temple in Jerusalem that the Priest Hilkiah discovered the book of Law that was given to Moses, (probably the book of Deuteronomy). Josiah then based his reform on the book of Law. After the death of Josiah, his son Jehoiakim took the Israelites back to idolatry by worshipping Baals and other false gods. He turned deaf ears to the word of God as prophesied by Jeremiah, (Jer 23:1-6). He even tore and burnt the scroll that was written to him by Jeremiah warning him of the catastrophe that was going to befall Israel unless he led the Israelites to repentance.

It was within the context of Jehoiakim's idolatry that the Lord said in the first reading "Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be scattered." The Lord also promised a remedy. He said in the first reading that "see the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David who will reign as true king and be wise".

That shepherd - king as prophesied by prophet Jeremiah is Jesus Christ. In the gospel, (Mk 6:30-34), Jesus took care of the needs of his disciples and the crowd. He realised that his disciples who had returned from evangelising the people of Israel by preaching repentance, healing the sick and casting out demons needed some rest. In our 24-hour news cycle world, and seven days a week work cycle, (some people do two to three shifts a day to make ends meet), coupled with our other commitments which include house chores, we may not have time to rest. We need to find time to rest so that we may renew ourselves and work better. Only God who is our creator and provider should work non-stop. Jesus as God made man for our sake took pity on the crowd and taught them at length for the crowd was like sheep without a shepherd. Just as God goes on working so does the Son (Jon 5:17).

Jesus as the true shepherd takes care of us whether we are awake or asleep and he leads us to God the Father unlike the bad Israelite kings like Jehoiakim who led the Jews away from God. The preying on children by some of those who ought to have been shepherds and the cover up of those heinous crimes had given the body of Christ, (the Church), a cancerous wound. These actions have led some members of the flock to become disillusioned with the church and have also created a platform for all those who are anti religion to attack the church. As a church, we acknowledge and apologise for the evil perpetuated by some members of the church leadership, (shepherds). We have learnt from our mistakes and in all Australian dioceses and Archdioceses concrete steps are being undertaken to ensure that these abuses do not happen again. On the same note, we also wish to acknowledge and thank God for the good work of many shepherds in the church. May Christ who is our Good and Eternal Shepherd always lead us to the Truth and may he also heal us of the hurt and the brokenness in our lives. Amen.

Fr Chinua Okeke CSSp



Funeral: Requiem Mass for Michael Grogan will be held at St Francis Xavier Church next Thursday 26 July at 1.00pm

WELCOME TO
MADISON TURNER, DAUGHTER OF HARRY & THERESA,
MAX BOYD, SON OF MARC AND VIRGINIA,
OSCAR SHEPPARD, SON OF NATHAN AND REBECCA,
SOPHIE AND ABBEY GRIGG, DAUGHTRS OF
BENJAMIN AND ANNA



BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND
PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE CHILDREN, THEIR
PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS
AND GODPARENTS ON THIS
HOLY DAY.



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. There is a Sign up sheet in the Church Foyer.**



Fr Jude Agorchukwu CSSp will be celebrating the Silver Jubilee of his priestly Ordination at the 10.30am Mass next Sunday 29.07.18. Please bring a plate to share with him in the Xavier Centre after the Mass

**Hearts in Action (young adults aged 25 to 49) is hosting a talk by Father Elio Capra Sdb on Personal Identity and Self Esteem in The Light of Spirituality'.
Venue: St Francis' Pastoral Centre, cnr of Lonsdale and Elizabeth St. Melbourne CBD.
Date: Saturday 11th August (2pm to 4.45pm)
Cost: \$10 donation
Contact: Cathy Gill (Mob: 0408 013 397)**

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

SICK: We pray for Margaret Humphries, Len Crowe, Alfredo Fiorenzo, Jan Buckner, Adrian Gobel and Kevin Churchill.

RECENTLY DECEASED: We pray for Elizabeth Kenney and Michael Grogan.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: We pray for Lombardo dl Federico, V.M.Simon, M.C.John, Elsa Cicuttini, Francisco Omo, Joan Dwyer, Joseph Micallef, Ivette How Loong Cheong and Thelma Caspersz.



For Your Interest and Diaries



- Children's Liturgy resumes this Sunday.

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

Sunday Collection 15.07.2018 Pledged Thanksgiving

Church \$ 1254 Presbytery \$ 700
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

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

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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Address: _____

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New Change of Address
I would like Thanksgiving Envelopes